

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2017
7:00 PM – Room A**

MINUTES

PRESENT: D. Mitchell Eaffy, Chandler Paquette, Allan D. Walker, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jonathan Audette, Denise Coffey, Joni Cullan, Lisa Davidson, Grace Jacobson, James Kaeding, Stewart Morse, Lee Wesler

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2017 Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Paquette moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2017 regular Board of Selectmen's meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Consider the Appointment of Lisa Davidson As A Full Member to the Conservation Commission for the Term of January 19, 2017 through March 31, 2018

First Selectman Walker thanked Lisa Davidson for attending the meeting so the Selectmen could meet her. They told her they were pleased that she is willing to volunteer her time to be a member of the Conservation Commission.

Eaffy moved to appoint Lisa Davidson as a Full Member to the Conservation Commission for the term of January 19, 2017 through March 31, 2018. **Motion carried unanimously.**

4. Discussion with Conservation Commission Members Regarding the Forest Management Plan

Conservation Commission members were present to review and answer questions about the Perrin Road/Quarry Road Forest Management Plan, written by Forester Julius Pasay, that they submitted to the Selectmen. This plan concentrates on ridding invasive plants to enhancing growth in the forest. The Commission asked independent foresters to review the plan and received positive feedback from them. Eaffy expressed his frustration that this plan is similar to the one that was used to get the property ready to be cut a few years ago. It was suggested to the Commission that they talk to the abutting land owner to get approval to access the property promising at that time that the road and his property would be fixed when the project is done. Mr. Morse stated that forest land is agriculture land and the Agriculture

Committee is interested in agriculture land being productive land. Discussion turned to the Conservation Commission handling town-owned open space, such as land that subdivisions give to the town as required by Planning and Zoning. Commission members responded by saying that knowing when and where these properties are has become difficult. Town Clerk Judy Walberg and Bet Zimmerman have been researching the deeds for these properties and the Conservation Commission has talked about appointing a stewardship program to oversee those properties.

It was agreed that the next steps for the Conservation Commission regarding the Quarry Road property is to get permission from the abutting land owner to access the property for the purpose of logging it. After that, they were asked to come back to the Board to figure out a budget.

The Board thanked the Commission for their efforts.

5. Tax Rebates

None.

6. Correspondence and Announcements

There was no correspondence but Mr. Eaffy informed the Board that Bill Brower asked if he could be added to the Board's next agenda to talk to them about the Arboretum. He will be added to the agenda of the February 2nd meeting.

7. Citizen's Comments

None.

8. Adjournment

Paquette moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Cullan, Clerk