

Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
February 17, 2011
7:00 PM – Room A

Present: Allan D. Walker, Jr., D. Mitchell Eaffy

Others Present: Reva Seybolt, Erick Taylor, Kevin Withers, Brian Sheldon, Everett Cowley, Dotti Durst, Delia Fey, Jeff Gordon, Richard and Linda Auger, Carolyn Derrico, and Jack Meltzer (Woodstock Villager)

1. Call to Order

Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Eaffy moved to add the following to the Agenda: Approve minutes of the February 16, 2011 Special Board of Selectmen meeting as Item 2, and Consider RFP bid for a Health Benefits Insurance Consultant as Item 7a. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve minutes of the January 20, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting

Approve minutes of the February 11, 2011 Special Board of Selectmen meeting

Approve minutes of the February 16, 2011 Special Board of Selectmen meeting

Eaffy moved to accept the minutes as presented, noting the following correction to the January 20, 2011 minutes: Item 6 should reflect that Dan Atwood's Historic District Commission term will be until 12/31/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider appointing Travis Sirrine to fill the Republican Alternate seat on the Planning & Zoning Commission

Eaffy moved to appoint Travis Sirrine to fill the Republican Alternate seat on the Planning and Zoning Commission for the term 2/17/2011 until 11/22/2011. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider appointing Ed Higgins to the Open Space Funding Study Committee for the term 2/17/2011 until 11/22/2011

Eaffy moved to appoint Ed Higgins to the Open Space Funding Study Committee for the term 2/17/2011 until 11/22/2011. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider appointing Schuyler Bridgman to the Historic Properties Commission for the term 2/17/2011 until 12/31/2015

Eaffy moved to appoint Schuyler Bridgman to the Historic Properties Commission for the term 2/17/2011 until 12/31/2015. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider forming an Agricultural Committee to represent the farming community

Eaffy moved that the Board of Selectmen form an Agricultural Committee with the following charge: The mission of the Woodstock Agricultural Committee is to encourage

*the pursuit of agriculture, promote agricultural-based economic opportunities and to preserve, revitalize, and sustain the community's agricultural businesses in town. The seven member committee would be representative of the agricultural community in Woodstock. The Board of Selectmen will review the viability of the Committee once a year. **Motion carried unanimously.***

7. Address the Planning & Zoning Commission's proposed draft revisions for an Ordinance Establishing Individual Cost-Based Fees for Municipal Land Use Applications

Eaffy stated that the proposed ordinance looked fine with the exception of the language in Sections 3.2 – Pre-Approval, Fees and Reimbursements and 3.4 – Fees and Technical Assistance. Eaffy questioned why the Board of Selectmen would need to approve additional fees that may be assessed by the Planning & Zoning Commission. D. Fey will inquire with the Town Attorney and report back to the First Selectman.

7a. Consider RFP bid for a Health Benefits Insurance Consultant

*Eaffy moved to have the First Selectman advertise the RFP once the bid has been approved by the Town Attorney. **Motion carried unanimously.***

8. Tax Rebates

*Eaffy moved to approve the following tax rebates. **Motion carried unanimously.***

- Paul Horniak in the amount of \$31.75 for a motor vehicle adjustment
- Edward Charland in the amount of \$107.52 for a real estate adjustment
- Evans Development in the amount of \$2,407.55 for a real estate overpayment

9. Correspondence and Announcements

There was no correspondence or announcements.

10. Citizen's Comments

Residents inquired about the timeline and the required steps to officially establish an Agricultural Commission. Erick Taylor informed the Board that there are a number of farmers and supportive residents who would like to see a commission formed rather than a committee. Reva Seybolt stated that she supports establishing a committee initially because it will make it easier for members to convey their message as a group to the community. Eaffy stated that as a board they are in favor of the agricultural movement and the charge of the newly-formed committee.

11. Adjournment

*Eaffy moved to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Derrico