

Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
April 7, 2011
4:00 PM – Room A

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

Others Present: Avis Spalding, Reva Seybolt, Ani Colt, Carolyn Derrico and Shaina Smith (WINY Radio)

1. Call to Order

Walker called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

PAQUETTE MOVED to add the following as Item 5a: Consider a Resolution to endorse the Natchaug River Basin Conservation Compact. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve minutes of the March 17, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting

Approve minutes of the March 24, 2011 Special Board of Selectmen meeting

Approve minutes of the April 04, 2011 Special Board of Selectmen meeting

EAFFY MOVED to approve the minutes of the March 17th, March 24th and April 04 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider the appointment of members to the Agriculture Committee

EAFFY MOVED to amend the membership from seven to eight members and to appoint the following to the Agriculture Committee for the term 4/7/2011 until 11/22/2011: Linda Auger, Stewart Morse, Reva Seybolt, Lynn Weaver, and Doug Young as Full Members; Glenn Boies, Paul Miller and Richard Norman as Alternate Members. Motion carried unanimously.

PAQUETTE MOVED to adopt the AGvocate's charge as stated in their March 21, 2011 draft. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider the appointment of Edie Pearce to the Arboretum Committee for the term 4/7/2011 until 11/22/2011

EAFFY MOVED to appoint Edie Pearce to the Arboretum Committee for the term 4/7/2011 until 11/22/2011. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider the resignation of Beverly Brazeal from the Beautification Committee

PAQUETTE MOVED to accept, with regret, the resignation of Beverly Brazeal from the Beautification Committee.

5a. Consider a Resolution to endorse the Natchaug River Basin Conservation Compact

PAQUETTE MOVED to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION – WOODSTOCK BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NATCHAUG RIVER BASIN CONSERVATION COMPACT**

THE WOODSTOCK BOARD OF SELECTMEN VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO ENDORSE THE FOLLOWING REGIONAL WATERSHED COMPACT:

1. The sparkling rivers and expansive forests of the Natchaug River Basin are a treasure in The Last Green Valley, respected and valued by people within the basin and beyond. Towns in the watershed share a common

interest in working to preserve the quality of the streams, their interconnected corridors and natural areas, and the basin that encompasses them;

2. The Fenton, Mount Hope and Natchaug Rivers and their tributaries are officially designated state greenways of Connecticut, identified by the watershed communities for their natural, historic and cultural importance;
3. The basin contains a rich diversity of plants and animals in its forests and streams and supplies drinking water to over 65,000 people. The Natchaug River is recognized for its outstanding water quality and the basin contributes remarkably clean water downstream through the Shetucket and Thames Rivers to Long Island Sound; and
4. The ecological health of the watershed is vital to the economic livelihood, physical and social well-being of those who live in, work in and visit our communities. It determines the quality of our drinking water, enhances property values, provides protection from storms and floods, offers recreation and education opportunities, and is integral to sustaining our quality of life.

Furthermore, we understand that:

1. Management of land and water uses throughout the basin is key to sustaining watershed health. Therefore, municipal policies that support wise land use decisions and best management practices are essential;
2. Clean air and water, flood security and ample recreational opportunities provided by a well managed watershed are essential for maintaining public health and welfare; and
3. A healthy watershed ecosystem is consistent with each municipality's goals of promoting a vibrant community, preserving town character, fostering ecological integrity, maintaining public health and safety and nurturing sustainable economic growth.

Therefore, the towns of the Natchaug River Basin enter into this voluntary compact that acknowledges their commitment to work cooperatively to balance conservation and growth by:

1. Protecting and restoring the natural resources of the watershed;
2. Reviewing land use regulations and municipal practices and adapting them to be compatible with the goals of this conservation compact;
3. Supporting efforts to link and maintain ecologically viable habitats and rural landscapes; and
4. Ensuring the long-term environmental health, vitality and security of the watershed to enhance the social and economic strength of our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Woodstock Board of Selectmen to hereby support the concept of working regionally and endorse the Natchaug River Basin Conservation Compact.

6. Tax Rebates

PAQUETTE MOVED to accept the following motor vehicle and tax refunds. Motion carried unanimously.

- Corelogic in the amount of \$2,206.85
- Corelogic in the amount of \$2,369.92
- Onsite Maintenance in the amount of \$76.88
- Cab East LLC in the amount of \$80.64

7. Correspondence and Announcements

First Selectman Walker encouraged those Agricultural Committee applicants who were not appointed to consider joining the Conservation Commission in their goals of promoting agriculture. Currently there are four vacancies on the commission that need to be filled.

8. Citizen's Comments

- Avis Spalding encouraged fellow residents to attend the Board of Finance hearing on April 12th due to the Board of Education's budget increase.

- Paquette announced that former Selectman, Cy Syriac, recently passed away.
- Reva Seybolt inquired as to how the Selectmen put the Agricultural Committee together, to which Walker responded that the Board was looking for a cross-section of residents and farmers. J. Kaufman informed the Board that the committee would like to schedule their first meeting for Monday, April 11th at 1:00 pm, at which time they will discuss establishing a Woodstock Agricultural Commission by Town Ordinance.

Selectman Eaffy stated that he had a few concerns over forming another commission by Town Ordinance because of redundancies with other boards and commissions and that larger government can become cumbersome.

- Jennifer Kaufman, AGvocate Program Coordinator, thanked the Board for their support. Kaufman stated that she hopes the Selectmen join her in encouraging those not officially appointed to the committee to actively participate in discussions.

9. Adjournment

EAFFY MOVED to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Derrico
Clerk, Selectmen's Office