
Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman OJ Robinson and Jack Daly

Woodstock Board of Selectmen Present: Gil Rand and Charyl Reardon

Excused: Woodstock Selectman, Scott Rice

Staff Present: Town Manager, Carina Park and Executive Assistant Jane Leslie

Public Present via Zoom Video Conferencing: Vice Chair, Tamra Ham

Public Present: Wayne Baltzer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robinson called the joint meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

II. JULY 4th FIREWORKS DISCUSSION

Lincoln and Woodstock have contracted with North Star Fireworks for the past couple of years for the 4th of July fireworks display. At the end of November, North Star informed the town(s) that they would not be doing any out-of-state shows (they are a Vermont based company) for the July 4th holiday, however, they could do either Wednesday, July 3rd or Friday, July 5th for the same price as the previous year (\$15k – Lincoln/Woodstock share the cost). North Star explained that when they hire new technicians, it takes approximately 2-3 years for the technicians to complete their apprenticeship program before they can go do firework display shoots on their own. Since Covid started, it has created significant setbacks with their apprenticeship program and they do not have the staffing to accommodate the demand for the 4th of July holiday.

The Selectmen discussed the pros and cons of spending additional money to hire another company to hold the fireworks display on July 4th. Carina explained that after doing some research with other municipalities, a majority of towns use Atlas Fireworks, and was told that the chances were slim to none that they would be able to get Atlas for the 4th. JPI Pyrotechnics (out of Allentown, NH) would be able to do the 4th, however, quoted a price of \$20,500 for a low-tier show; \$26,500 for a 2nd tier show.

The Selectmen also discussed the pros and cons of holding the fireworks on July 3rd or July 5th as there are other activities that will be taking place (parade, cookout at Soldier's Park, N. Woodstock, concert of patriotic music, N. Woodstock). Tammy commented that the 4th of July festivities should be held on the 4th of July as they always have, which is also what the residents are expecting. OJ noted he would be fine with either the 3rd or the 5th with the caveat that they return to the July 4th schedule for the following year, as North Star always put on a great show at a great price. Upon completion of the discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: "To secure July 3rd with North Star Fireworks in hopes of returning to July 4th the following year

Motion: Charyl Reardon

Second: Jack Daly

All in favor

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to attend to, the Board(s) made the following motion:

MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: OJ Robinson

Second: Jack Daly

All in favor.

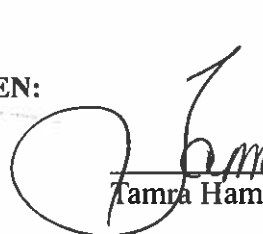
The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

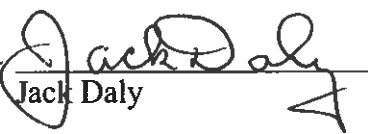

Respectfully Submitted,
Jane Leslie

Approval Date: December 18, 2023

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Chairman O.J. Robinson


Tamra Ham


Jack Daly

WOODSTOCK BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

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