



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
February 15, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:00p.m., Room 203, Town Hall.

Present: Joyce Chunglo, Gloria DiFulvio, Daniel Dudkiewicz, and Brian West (Chair).

Absent: David Moskin

Also in Attendance: David Nixon (Town Administrator); Peg Jekanowski (Administrative Assistant); Richard Trueswell (TV-5); John Allen, Linda Sanderson, Glenn Clark, Frank Aquadro, Howard Koski (Finance Committee Members); Molly Keegan, Robie Grant, Tom Waskiewicz (School Committee); Nick Young (Superintendent of Schools) Willy Danylieko, (Electrical Inspector); Kevin Michaelson, Leonard Buck; Terri Earle, Humera Fasihuddin, Ben Storrow (Daily Hampshire Gazette)

Approval of Minutes: A motion made by Dan Dudkiewicz, seconded by Joyce Chunglo to approve the Select Board minutes from February 1, 2012 passed unan. with a vote of 4-0-0.

Approval of Warrants: A motion made by Joyce Chunglo, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz to approve the Payroll Warrant # 65 passed unan. with a vote of 4-0-0.

7:05 PM Appointment – Hearing: “Save a Buck Auto Sales” Class 2 License (cont’d from 02/01/2012)

Kevin Michaelson was before the Board stating he had met with the Planning Board and gained approval for display of one vehicle (or two pieces of equipment) at property on 8 Pine Hill Road. He also discussed an ongoing issue with the Conservation Commission regarding Certificate of Compliance for Order of Conditions DEP file #170-184. Mr. Michaelson stated he had no objection to the Board approving the class 2 License contingent upon the Certificate of Compliance being issued. Joyce Chunglo stated that her concern was that the corporation “Save A Buck Auto Sales, Inc.” was not a registered corporation with the Secretary of State’s Corporate Division. Mr. Michaelson stated that he and his business partner, Mr. Leonard Buck, had reserved the name and would register as soon as they knew the outcome of the hearing. Ms. Chunglo further stated that once the corporation was properly registered, Mr. Buck must sign the bond complete any other outstanding paperwork.

Joyce Chunglo made a motion to grant a Class 2 license to Save A Buck Auto Sales, Inc., limited to one automobile, contingent upon the corporation being registered with the Secretary of State, signature of the bond, and obtaining Certificate of Compliance from the Conservation Committee. Dan Dudkiewicz seconded the motion; motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

7:15 PM Appointment – School Committee Budget

Members of the School Committee and School Superintendent Nicholas Young were present to discuss the School Budget and their request for Town funds. Robie Grant stated that they are reducing their request for the Town from \$6.2 million to \$5.8 million. This figure was reached by taking out COLA’s for staff, \$144,000.00 in pre-purchases for instructional supplies, and not funding for staffing requests.

Dr. Young passed out a draft of the FY13 School Budget for review and a list of items not included in the budget. Dr. Young stated the draft was a level service budget. Dr. Young addressed why more funds are being taken from school choice over the past few years. The explanation was increase cost in special education and vocational school, increase in bottom line COLA’s, loss of federal stimulus



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payout, and an additional teacher in Kindergarten due to spike in enrollment. Additionally, there was a need for long term substitutes for medical reasons, and stated that there were a number of “routine issues that were piled on” all at once.

Brian West confirmed that for FY 12, the current grant offset was in the amount of \$316,018.00. He mentioned this due to the concern that grant money is not available at the level it used to be.

Molly Keegan clarified that regarding school choice funds, the money that is being referenced is the incoming school choice revenue that is generated. She stated that in terms of planning there has to be caution in opening more seats, and the committee has to be mindful of how enrollment is going to move forward. Given the restraints in school choice funds and available grant money possibly shrinking, the schools need to ask the Town for larger contribution. She added that they will also continue to look for other funding sources as well as a 3-5 year plan. Tom Waskiewicz stated that the school is pretty much at the max of 10%. Dan Dudkiewicz asked about the balance of school choice funds; Dr. Young stated that the estimate is \$650,000.00/\$700,000.00.

Ms. Keegan stated that over the Town has always given above the minimum contribution as determined by the state, but due to increased budget needs, the actual percentage of the Town’s funding has gone down.

Brian West asked where the funds for the buyout of Dr. Young’s contract falls, as he has accepted a position with the Town of South Hadley as Superintendent. Dr. Young stated that it is in the school choice funds.

Howard Koski asked what the state calculation for minimum contribution from the Town is: The answer was \$5,356,386.00...which is a preliminary estimate. (Insurance is a large variable in this number and needs to be determined.)

David Nixon stated that the State Budget did not give the Town of Hadley any additional funding for education and is charging the Town an additional \$85, 000.00 so the Town is not in a good position to fund an increase in the school budget. He further stated that this will be an ongoing issue as state funding to municipalities changes. Dr. Young stated the environment is more competitive than ever and the Hadley school system must remain competitive and continue to attract and retain students.

Budget discussion continued with the Finance Committee asking when they will have a balance budget to review. Mr. Nixon stated that as of this time there is a shortfall of \$344,621.00, and the Town is not likely to see any funds from the State to offset this amount. Discussion ensued and it was decided for the Select Board to meet again in the next couple of weeks to complete the budget and get the numbers out to the Finance Committee. A date of February 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm was selected.

Old Business

1. Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Joyce Chunglo made a motion to close the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Gloria DiFulvio. Motion passed unan. by a vote of 4-0-0.



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2. Manny's TV & Appliance – Water & Sewer Abatement

Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to approve a water abatement in the amount of \$276.95 to Manny's TV & Appliance, seconded by Joyce Chunglo. Motion passed unan. by a vote of 4-0-0.

Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to approve a sewer abatement in the amount of \$244.26 to Manny's TV & Appliance, seconded by Joyce Chunglo. Motion passed unan. by a vote of 4-0-0.

Mr. West noted that citizens should check their meter from time to time against the number of the water bill and make sure that the numbers are correct.

New Business

1. Workers Compensation MEGA BILL

Mr. West stated that this is a bill from the Town's former workers compensation insurer -. *Brian West made a motion not to pay a new bill for past years expense, seconded by Joyce Chunglo. Motion passed unan. by a vote of 4-0-0.*

2. Landfill and Transfer Station Agreements

These are standard agreements which have been reviewed and approved by council. *Joyce Chunglo made a motion to accept the agreements, seconded by Gloria DiFulvio. Motion passed unan. by a vote of 4-0-0.*

3. Craft Fair at North Star

Joyce Chunglo made a motion to allow the craft fair at North Star, seconded by Brian West. Motion passed unan. by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. Charity Wine Tasting License – Fundraiser for Girl Scout Service Unit 143

The Girl Scouts are celebrating their 100th Anniversary and are having an event at the Mullins Center. The wine tasting is a fundraiser to be held at Carmelina's and will raise money to offset the costs of the celebration.

Motion was made and seconded to approve a Charity Wine Tasting License for a fundraiser for Hadley Service Unit 143. Motion passed unan. by a vote of 4-0-0.

5. Annual Town Report – Dedication and Cover Selection

Mr. Nixon stated that there are no issues with establishing an volunteer recognition award in the name of Fred Oakley. Joyce Chunglo made a motion, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz, to dedicate the Town Report to Tom Waskiewicz to recognize his service to the Town:, from his work with establishing a Town flag, raising money for the fire department, and all his work on the school committee. Dan Dudkiewicz also mentioned Mr. Waskiewicz's work on the 4-H throughout the years. Motion passed unan. with a vote of 4-0-0.

Joyce Chunglo made a motion, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz, to recognize David Farnham with the Fred Oakley Volunteer of the Year award. Mr. Farnham has served the Town on the Board of Health and the School Committee. Motion passed unan. by a vote of 4-0-0.



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The Select Board reviewed three possible covers for the Annual Town report that were presented, and chose option number 3.

6. Other:

Mr. Danylieko provided the Board with an update of the status of the Senior Center steps. The stairs in front of the building have been taken out and equipment needs to be brought in to flatten one section of the foundation. Mr. West asked that Gary Berg get a quote for this and get it to Mr. Nixon. Funding for this will come out of the Article (from Spring Town Meeting). Work on the roof should begin in early March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brian West announced there is a position available on the Zoning Board of Appeals for an alternate member.

Joyce Chunglo offered condolences to the family of Barbara Weagle.

Joyce Chunglo also read an invitation to “Entrusting the Commons” which is a photography exhibit that explores Hadley’s heritage, March 2, 2012 through April 28th at the Goodwin Memorial Library.

Executive Session:

At 8:20 PM Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation, and not to reconvene in open session. Motion was seconded by Joyce Chunglo. Chair West read the following statement: “As Chair of the Hadley Select Board I state that the Board has moved and seconded to enter into Executive Session and I state that the discussion of the matter in open session would have an adverse effect to the Town of Hadley.”

Roll Call Vote: DiFulvio=yes; Chunglo=yes; West=yes; Dudkiewicz=yes;

A discussion was held in regard to personnel: A motion was made and seconded, and passed by roll call vote: DiFulvio=No; Chunglo=yes; Dudkiewicz=yes; West=yes;

A discussion was held in regard to litigation matters.

At 8:35 PM Gloria DiFulvio made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by Joyce Chunglo; Motion passed unan. by a Roll Call Vote: DiFulvio=yes; Chunglo=yes; West=yes; Dudkiewicz=yes

Executive Session adjourned at 8:35 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant