



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
May 3, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 6:05 p.m., Room 106, Town Hall.

Present: Joyce Chunglo, Gloria DiFulvio, Daniel Dudkiewicz, David Moskin and Brian West

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: David Nixon (Town Administrator); Peg Jekanowski (Administrative Assistant); Howard Koski, John Allen, Linda Sanderson, Glenn Clark, Frank Aquadro, (Finance Committee), Gerry Devine, Town Moderator; Attorney Joel Bard, Town Counsel

Old Business

1. Final Preparation for Town Meeting

The Board reviewed two budget formats to present for Town Meeting. Discussion ensued as to which version to present at Town Meeting, the Finance Committee's version or the Select Board's version. Discussion ensued as there were differences between the budget that the Finance Committee presented at the April 25th meeting with the Select Board members and the current version. ***Joyce Chunglo made a motion to present the Select Board version of the budget as prepared by the Select Board. Motion was seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz.***

Mr. Nixon stated that at a meeting held on April 25, 2012, the Select Board and the Finance Committee had come to an agreement to present the a VADAR version of the budget for information but that the Select Board would present their budget format for voting. After the meeting the Finance Committee came up with a different budget. He recommended that the Select Board bring the Finance Committee in for a discussion before Town Meeting.

Chair DiFulvio called for a vote on the motion, motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0. (Mr. Moskin and Mr. West absent at time of the vote.

Attorney Bard stated that in most towns the Finance Committee's role is advisory, and further stated that the Budget is under the Select Board. Joyce Chunglo stated that the DOR stated it is the Select Board budget. Prior to inviting members of the Finance Committee in to the discussion, the Board finished other business on the agenda:

New Business:

The Board reviewed a request from the Department of Agricultural Resources – Requesting consideration of waiving the 120 day notice to 60 days on the Thayer APR application. ***Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to waive the 120 day notice to 60 days, seconded by Joyce Chunglo. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.***

Mr. Dudkiewicz read the following announcement: “The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources is considering acquiring an interest in approximately 37 acres of land within the municipality of Hadley for inclusion in the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) Program as an Agricultural Preservation Restriction as follows: Assessor Map 2, Parcels 4 & 19 – Hockanum Road

Ms. Chunglo read the certification stating that this announcement was made at the May 3rd, 2012 meeting and appeared on the notice of this meeting that was posted on April 30, 2012.

Old Business

1. Final Preparation for Town Meeting (discussion continued)

The Finance Committee joined the Select Board to discuss the budget presentation at Town Meeting. The Select Board told the Finance Committee Members that the Select Board budget format was going to be



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presented at Town Meeting, as there were changes made from the budget presentation on April 25th and due to the fact that they had not agreed to separating out salary and expenses on the budget. The Finance Committee stated that they had they made changes based on the information they had, and they had right to present their own budget at Town Meeting. Select Board members stated that they were not in agreement with separating out salary and expenses and had expressed that as part of the agreement, but the items were still separate in the Finance Committee budget. There were also changes to the snow and ice budget that the Select Board did not agree with, and so they were going to present their own budget. Further discussion ensued, and the Boards were in agreement that they had left the April 25th meeting with differing perceptions. Brian West stated that the Select Board had agreed to the Finance Committee budget at the April 25th meeting with the understanding that some of the numbers would change based on state budget factors, and that some of the items would have to be addressed at Fall Town Meeting. ***Brian West made a motion to rescind the vote taken earlier in the meeting and present the Finance Committee version of the Budget at Town Meeting. Motion was seconded by David Moskin and passed with a vote of 3-2-0. (Dan Dudkiewicz and Gloria DiFulvio dissenting.)***

At 6:55pm Select Board meeting adjourned to join Annual Town Meeting at Hopkins Academy.

Town Meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant

Approved 06/06/2012