



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
September 26, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:00p.m., Room 203, Town Hall. Joint Meeting with School Committee and Finance Committee:

Present: Joyce Chunglo, David Moskin, Brian West, Dan Dudkiewicz **Absent:** Gloria DiFulvio
Also in Attendance: David G. Nixon (Town Administrator); Daniel H. Zdonek, Jr., Assistant Assessor; Robie Grant, Molly Keegan, Humera Fasihuddin, Linda Dunlavy (School Committee); Donna Moyer (Superintendent); Frank Aquadro, Linda Sanderson, Glenn Clark (Finance Committee); Richard Kingsley, (DOR/DLS); Peg Jekanowski (Administrative Assistant); Richard Trueswell (TV-5); John Mieczkowski, SR., Tim Neyhart (Building Inspector), Gary Berg (Building Maintenance Supervisor); Wilfred Danylieko

Meeting was called to order by acting Chair Joyce Chunglo.

Condolences were offered to Select Board Member Gloria DiFulvio on her family's recent loss.

Donna Moyer, Acting Superintendent of Schools for Hadley, was introduced.

Joyce Chunglo approved a request by the School Department to hang a banner on the Russell School Fence announcing a college fair.

Discussion of Financial Plan (5-10 Year) for the Town of Hadley

Rick Kingsley, of the Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, presented the Boards information on Financial Forecasting and Long Term Planning for the Town. (Presentation attached here for review.) He stressed that this is not a budget-it is a management tool. Within the attachment is also a list of property tax policy options outlined by Mr. Kingsley. He demonstrated the forecasting tool for the Boards to review; this tool is located on the www.mass.gov/dls website

Dan Zdonek from the Hadley Assessor's office reviewed a handout* attached to these minutes outlining tax implications for various scenarios. Commercial growth will be approx. \$100,000.00 this year and he doesn't think future growth will be much different.

Regarding Split Tax Rate: Dan cited studies and examples of other communities, and went on to state that splitting the tax rate does not bring in additional revenue. Discussion ensued about impact of a split tax rate, including the impact on existing farms, and what the process would be for these properties.

Linda Dunlavy stated that the project of this committee is to project a five year forecast, then discuss how the town will afford it. At this time the Town does not have a five year forecast. It was decided to go through the forecasting application then open dialog about where the town wants to go. Mr. Nixon will speak with the Town Accountant and Treasurer regarding the ability to complete the 5 year forecast.

The next meeting will for this group will be October 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Select Board meeting room.

7:00 PM: Select Board Priorities:

- Buildings
 - Senior Center Roof
 - East & West Portico Russell School
 - Follow up on Public Meeting

Discussion ensued regarding repair of the Senior Center Roof and how to move forward, including whether the current building design can support a second story. Per Building Inspector Tim Neyhart it is possible to support a second floor. For the immediate future, a good patch will meet the needs as long as we are going to put double stack it in the future. There was also discussion regarding the fact that Town Meeting had supported and funded a new roof. Brian West stated that some of the projects funded at Town Meeting may be put on hold due to new information. He further stated that Capital Committee is requested hiring an architect/ engineering firm to evaluate every building in town and as the amount of



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available space, the structural condition and current future functional space needs. Under the direction of the Capital Committee, Mr. Nixon has asked an engineering firm to put together what a plan would cost. David Moskin asked if department heads were asked about what their future needs might be. Further discussion was regarding the fact that any work done is going to trigger codes, and the Senior Center will be the easiest building to bring to code. **Joyce Chunglo made a motion, seconded by David Moskin, to patch the Senior Center roof and delay rebuild of the West Portico of the Russell School, blocking off the West Portico with shoring; motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.** Joyce Chunglo asked Mr. Nixon to send a memo to Town Department Heads about space needs. Also, Mr. Nixon will meet with Gary Berg regarding issues with North Hadley Hall.

New Business:

1. Application for Entertainment License & Sunday Entertainment:
Berkshire Brewing Co. Octoberfest 10/06 & 10/07/2012
272 Russell Street, Hadley, MA 01035

The Board reviewed an Entertainment & Sunday Entertainment License Application for Berkshire Brewing Company's Octoberfest. **Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Brian West, to grant a license subject to any conditions brought by Police, Fire, Inspection or other Town Departments. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant

Approved 10.17.2012