



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
October 3, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Room 203, Hadley Town Hall

Present: Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Daniel Dudkiewicz, David Moskin, Brian West

Absent: Gloria DiFulvio

Also in Attendance: David Nixon (Town Administrator); Richard Trueswell (TV-5); Gerry Devine, John S. Mieczkowski, SR.; Wilfred Danylieko (Electrical Inspector); Gary Girouard, (DPW); Dennis Hukowicz (Chief of Police); Caryn Perley, (Library Trustee); Ginger Goldsbury (Hadley Historical Commission)

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Acting Chair Joyce Chunglo.

Appointment

7:05: Chief of Police, Dennis Hukowicz

- **Narrow Band Communications:** There is a federal mandate regarding police radios being in line with Narrow Band. Chief Hukowicz stated that they are all set and ready to go, there is nothing left to do. He also mentioned that there is some money left in the warrant.
- **Staffing:** Currently the department is operating with 4 part time officers and 4 specials. He is currently reviewing special as he has received- he is looking for experienced officers. The Board stated that they would like to expedite the process of hiring in order to cut down on overtime expense.
- **Community Policing:** Chief Hukowicz stated that there have been break ins in Town and the Chief encouraged citizens to lock their doors, call the police if they see anything suspicious in their neighborhood, and know that unoccupied houses are prey as the burglars are looking for metal (piping) in homes. Discussion ensued regarding community policing/neighborhood watch. It takes strong involvement on the part of the citizens to have this type of program.

7:25: TV-5 On demand video broadcast

Richard Trueswell, TV – Access Coordinator, stated that he would like to provide Select Board and other Town meetings “on demand” on the Town website...the vehicle would be via Internet Site “YouTube.” This would benefit citizens who don’t get the local access channel. Discussion ensued regarding putting the entire meeting or just certain meeting segments. ***Brian West made a motion, seconded by David Moskin, to approve a 3 month pilot program featuring unedited meetings, and revisiting the matter after the first of the year. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.***

Old Business (Taken out of order)

2. Veterans’ Officer Position

The Board reviewed proposals/applications for Veterans’ Service Officer to cover legal obligations of the Town for its Veterans. Discussion ensued regarding whether to go with a district wide program versus an individual, and how to recruit an appropriate candidate from Hadley. Brian West suggested tabling this matter, publicizing the position as a part time position, and then make a decision in two weeks. Joyce Chunglo stressed that a job description is needed to define the qualifications necessary for the job.

7:35: Todd Ford: Hampshire Council of Government – Annual Visit

Todd Ford, Executive Director and Mike Sarsynski from Hampshire Council of Government discussed the services that the organization provides. Some of the programs include a purchasing co-op, IT



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services, Regional Accounting, Hampshire County Mass in Motion grant, Electricity through Hampshire Power, Municipal Solar RFP, Hampshire Group Insurance Trust, and the RSVP (retired senior volunteer program.) New Programs include Assessment Services and Comprehensive Municipal Efficiency Consulting & Long Term Financial Planning.

Old Business

3. Special Town Meeting – Warrant

Budget Discussion:

Article 1 Budget

Article 2 Capital Stabilization: Motion to Accept-West, Second-Dudkiewicz Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 3 Capital Expenditures # 1: \$6,000.00 update to 2007 Open Space and Recreation Plan: Motion to Accept-Dudkiewicz, Second:-West Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 4 Capital Expenditures #2: Borrow \$75,000.00 for school wheel chair van: Hold for more information.

Article 5 Capital Expenditures #3: Transfer from Water Reserves \$35000.00 for remote water readers: Motion to Accept-West, Second-Dudkiewicz Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 6 Capital Expenditure #4: \$55,000.00 to purchase John Deere Tractor for DPW (Deferred)

Article 7 Capital Expenditure #5: \$87,000.00 for new Ford 550 2 ½ ton for DPW and sell or trade #9 Ford 1 ton vehicle (Deferred)

Article 8 Capital Expenditure #6: transfer from Water Reserves \$60,000.00 to purchase a new Ford 350 – (Deferred)

Article 9-withdrawn by library trustees

Article 10 (Capital Expenditure #8): transfer of land within Selva's Swamp: (Hold for Town Council's advice)

Article 11 (Unemployment): \$22,000.00 for unemployment expenses: Motion to Accept-West, Second:-Dudkiewicz Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 12 (350th Financial Transfer) Motion to Accept-Dudkiewicz, Second:-West Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 13 (Rescission of Borrowing Authorization): Motion to Accept- West, Second-Moskin Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 14 (Zatyрка Park Special Account): (Hold for Town Council's advice)

Article 15 (Zatyрка Park – authorize sale): (Hold for Town Council's advice)

Article 16 (Benefits Stabilization Fund): Comes off
(Need to renumber before finalizing)

Article 19 Union Contract Ratification – Place holder

Article 20 (CPA Reserved Russell School) – withdrawn

Article 21(CPA Land Preservation): \$51,000.00 or \$51,500 for APR of S & J Realty: Motion to Accept-West, Second-Dudkiewicz Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 22 (CPA Artifact Case) \$2,500.00 from CPA for display case: Motion to Accept-Dudkiewicz, Second-Moskin Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 23 (CPA Library Furnace) Motion to Accept-West, Second-Moskin Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Article 24 (Hopkins Academy Green Roof Transfer of Old Bond Proceeds) (Hold)

Article 25 (Hopkins Academy Green Roof Debt Authorization) (Hold)



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Article 26 (Fire Chief) (Dan Dudkiewicz abstaining from discussion.) (Hold)

Article 27 (Zoning – Unkempt Property) Motion to Remove-West, Second-Dan Dudkiewicz Vote: 4-0-1.

Article 28 (Open Space Preservation (OSP) Bylaw Town of Hadley: Motion to Accept-Dudkiewicz, Second-West Vote: 4-0-1

Article to make Gooseberry Lane a town road: Motion to Table-Dudkiewicz, Second-West Vote: 4-0-1.

Amendment to Solar Bylaw: Accept-Dudkiewicz, Second:-West Vote: 4-0-1 (DiFulvio Absent)

Capital Planning Committee Facilities Plan (\$30,000.00) Motion to Accept-West, Second-Dudkiewicz Vote: 3-0-1.

The amended warrant will be sent to Town Council for review.

Old Business #3

Joyce Chunglo read a letter from the Board to the chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission requesting the Massachusetts Historical Commission approve the proposed renovation of the cell tower located at the Public Safety Complex. Brian West made a motion to approve sending the letter, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed by a vote of 3-0-0.

New Business

1. Chapter 61A – Waskiewicz – Release of lien

Brian West made a motion to take this under advisement, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a vote of 3-0-0. The Board would like to investigate all options regarding this land.

2. Capital Plan proposal

Mr. Nixon presented the Board with two borrowing proposals for capital upgrades, one at 0.5% and one for 2.5%. Both plans are within the Town's threshold and can address many capital needs. This information is for review and can be discussed at a separate meeting. Dan Dudkiewicz suggested having a meeting dedicated solely to this item.

3. United Nations Association of Greater Boston – request to have Select Board recognize October 24, 2012 as United Nations Day: The Board decided to take no action.

4. Hadley Mothers' Club – permission to hang sign on Russell Street School fence.

Brian West made a motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

5. Kitchen Garden, LLC – 81 Rocky Hill Road

Request for Special One Day Permit to serve Wine/Beer

10/07/2012: 5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Brian West made a motion to allow a one day license, seconded by Joyce Chunglo. Chief Hukowicz stated that he had no problem with the event/license. Dan Dudkiewicz stated that he was opposed due to the farm location being in a residential area. Motion passed by a vote of 2-1-0.

Announcements

Brian West reiterated that Frank Aquadro wanted to have a chance to talk to the Board regarding potential savings in line items in the budget. Joyce Chunglo stated that anything having to do with negotiations is a "no."

There is a Boys Varsity Soccer game on Saturday.



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Sugar Shack Fall Festival is October 13th at 2:00pm

Special Town Meeting is October 25, 2012, 7:00pm at Hopkins Academy.

Executive Session

At 9:15 pm Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargain negotiations and litigation. Brian West seconded the motion. Acting Chair Chunglo stated "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 discussing the matter in open session will have an adverse effect on the Town of Hadley."

Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz-Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes

A discussion was held regarding a collective bargaining.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed by roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz-Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – No

A discussion was held regarding litigation regarding MEGA insurance.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed by roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz-Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes

A discussion was held regarding litigation regarding litigation involving the dike.

A motion was made and seconded, and passed by roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz-Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes

At 10:00 pm Brian West made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz.

Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz-Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant