



TOWN OF HADLEY  
SELECT BOARD  
October 10, 2012  
Meeting Minutes

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

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

**Absent:** Gloria DiFulvio

**Also in Attendance:** David Nixon (Town Administrator), Peg Jekanowski (Administrative Assistant); John S. Mieczkowski, Sr., Sheri Szawlowski, Theodore Schiff

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

**Appointment**

**7:05 pm Hadley Young Men's Club: application for change in manager**

Theodore Schiff, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Hadley Young Men's Club presented Sheri Szawlowski as a candidate for manager of the Young Men's Club. The club is seeking approval to appoint Ms. Szawlowski as their manager under MGL Chapter 138 Sec. 12. Brian West made a motion to approve the Young Men's Club's petition for change of manager to Sheri Szawlowski; motion seconded by David Moskin and passed by a vote of 3-0-1. (Dan Dudkiewicz abstaining.)

**Old Business:**

**1. Special Town Meeting**

In terms of budget, the Board reviewed the following: \$526,353.00 was certified for Free Cash for General Fund, with \$244,000.00 for Capital Stabilization, leaving a balance of \$282,000.00 of Free Cash. Also, Water Enterprise was approved at \$789,074.00 Sewer Enterprise at \$724,774.00.

The Board reviewed the draft warrant for Special Town Meeting. Discussion included Article #5-that the vehicle in question is a van, not a bus, per discussion Mr. Nixon had with Ms. Dunlavy of the School Committee. RE: Motion #7 (Capital Expenditure #4) - Joyce Chunglo made a motion to keep this on the warrant, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed by a vote of 4-0-1 (Gloria DiFulvio absent). Article 8 (Capital Expenditure #5 is deferred until Annual Town Meeting. Article 9 (Capital Expenditure #6) is out of Water Reserves and remains on.

Regarding Article 10: David Moskin made a motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz to bring forward Article 10 to Town Meeting: motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1. (Gloria DiFulvio absent.) Regarding Article 13: Motion to accept was made by West, Seconded by Moskin, and passed with a vote of 4-0-1 (Gloria DiFulvio absent.) Article 14 is gone per Town Council. Article 15 remains but voted 0-4-1 (Gloria DiFulvio absent.) not to recommend, due to liability. Article 16 comes off as collective bargaining is still in process. Article 20 and Article 21 remain on. Article 22 is deleted as it is talking points not the actual article.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Town should borrow rather than use Free Cash if the Town approves the purchase of two vehicles, as they are capital items. (School Van and DPW Tractor.) David Nixon stated that if the Board defers Article 8 and borrows for Article 5 & 7, there is a balanced budget. The next question is whether the borrowing is within the levy limit or debt exclusion. Brian West made a motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz to sign the warrant, and passed with a vote of 4-0-1 (Gloria DiFulvio absent.)

**New Business**



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**1. DPW Personnel: Completion of Probationary Period-David Sutter**

The Board reviewed a letter from DPW Director Gary Girouard recommending David Sutter be removed from probationary period and hired as a full time employee (highway). Brian West made a motion to approve Mr. Girouard's recommendation, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz, and passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

**2. November Election Warrant**

Brian West made a motion to sign the November Election warrant, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

**Announcements**

David Moskin explained that ballot question # 4 in the November Election is regarding cleaning up Charter language for Hampshire Council of Government. The changes are regarding old programs that are no longer part of the charter.

David Nixon announced there has been a leak in the roof at the Russell School, the problem is being addressed.

**Adjournment**

At 8:15 pm Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian West, and passed 4-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski  
Administrative Assistant