



TOWN OF HADLEY  
SELECT BOARD  
January 02, 2013  
Meeting Minutes

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

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

**Absent:**

**Also in Attendance:** David Nixon (Town Administrator); Peg Jekanowski, (Administrative Assistant), Richard Trueswell (TV-5); Gary Girouard, (DPW Director), Michael Spanknebel, (Hadley Fire Department), Steven Barstow II, Robert H. Adair, Michael Ohl (Comprehensive Environmental)

**Old Business**

**#1 Facilities Plan proposals evaluation process:**

The Board discussed the process for evaluating proposals for the Facilities plan that are due in on January 4, 2013. It was decided that a committee of Brian West, Frank Aquadro, and David Nixon would evaluate the proposals and bring significant information back to the Board for review.

**#2 Fire Extinguisher Bid:** The Board reviewed bids received for Fire Extinguisher Service for the Town this includes inspection and service of all fire extinguishers. This process was formerly performed through Hampshire Council of Governments but there were quality concerns with their vendor. *Joyce Chunglo made a motion seconded by David Moskin to accept the bid for Fire Extinguisher service of Simplex Grinnell out of Berlin, Connecticut for FY2013, with the possibility of a one year renewal. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.*

Other discussion included the need for all departments to have operational up to date fire extinguishers and that departments are trained in the use them. Also, Ms. Chunglo stated at the next Select Board meeting (01/16/2013) there will be discussion about fire department appointments.

**Appointment:**

Michal Ohl, Comprehensive Environmental: RE: Route 47 culvert. Mr. Ohl discussed his findings with the Board regarding the replacement of an existing culvert on Route 47 in North Hadley. The Board had decided in previous discussions that it would be more cost effective to replace rather than rehab the existing culvert. The Board reviewed a letter from CEI regarding the conceptual design options of three bridge types (1) an in-kind replacement, (2) Concrete structure and (3) Traditional bridge. The services proposed include survey, and commented that the span of the bridge (16 feet) triggers MASS DOT review. The proposal further includes initial hydraulic evaluation for the structures ability to handle storm events, and takes into consideration Mass DEP standards for aquatic life.

Discussion ensued about the need the shut down the road/bridge for approximately one month and the need to consider options at the time of construction

*Brian West made a motion, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz, to accept the cost proposal from CEI, motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.*

(NOTE: Farm Lane drainage will be reviewed at a later date.)

**New Business:**

**#5 Water Meter: 89 Hockanum Road:** DPW Director Gary Girouard reviewed a water meter on the property of 89 Hockanum Road that was placed in 2001 but never read. Discussion ensued and the existing water bill or portion of will be attached to the estate of the property – David Nixon will notify the estate of the outstanding liability. Mr. West asked that the DPW department go back and look at all records of original permits and make sure water is being billed properly. Mr. Girouard stated that the DPW has already started this process.

**#1 Lake Warner Dam: Certificate of Non-Compliance and Dam Safety Order:** The Town was copied on a letter from the Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation to the Lake Warner LLC regarding a “Certificate of non-compliance and dam safety orders stating that “the Lake Warner Dam does not meet accepted dam safety standards and is a potential threat to public safety.” Although the Town does not own the dam, there is significant



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threat to public safety in terms of roads, residences, and the environment, so the Town needs to be concerned. The Town needs to encourage and support the Lake Warner LLC in application for state funds to fix the problems with the dam. Captain Mike Spanknebel also stated that he will work on contingency emergency plans for the area.

**Old Business:**

**#3 January 8, 2013 debt exclusion vote:** The Board announced the special election to be held on January 8, 2013 from 12:00 PM until 8:00 PM regarding the debt exclusion for two questions:

QUESTION 1: Shall the Town of Hadley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a wheel chair van for the School Department?

QUESTION 2:

Shall of Town of Hadley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to purchase a tractor for the Department of Public Works?

The Capital Planning Committee, Select Board and Finance Committee support both pieces of equipment.

**New Business**

**#2 Open Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

*Brian West made a motion, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz, to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.*

**#3 Mass Municipal Association Annual Meeting:** The MMA is holding their annual meeting January 25 & 26, 2013. There are professional development funds in the Select Board budget for those Select Board members who want to attend.

**#4 Annual Town Report:** The Town is beginning work on its Town Report and the Select Board needs to draft their yearly report for the Town. They will also choose people for special recognition in the report, such as dedication, memorials, and the Fred Oakley Volunteer Award. The Board discussed dedicating the 2012 Report to Mr. Edward Foreman, and asked the citizens for suggestions for memorial and volunteer recognition.

**Executive Session:** At 7:55 pm Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion that the Board move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, and not to reconvene in open session, motion seconded by Brian West. Chair DiFulvio 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: Moskin – Yes: Dudkiewicz – Yes: DiFulvio – Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West - Yes**

A discussion was held in regard to litigation having to do with the Michelson v. Town of Hadley.

A discussion was held regarding a presentment letter received by the Town.

**Adjournment**

At 8:45 pm D. Dudkiewicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by J. Chunglo and passed by roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote: Moskin – Yes: Dudkiewicz – Yes: DiFulvio – Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West - Yes**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski  
Administrative Assistant