



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
January 16, 2013
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), Richard Trueswell (TV-5); Gary Girouard, (DPW Director), Michael Pequignot, (DPW), John Waskiewicz (DPW); Edward J. Dudkiewicz, (Assistant Fire Chief), Dennis Hukowicz (Police Chief), Thomas Couture & Chris Bone (Tighe and Bond); Wilfred Danylieko, (Electrical Inspector); Dylan Peers McCoy, (Daily Hampshire Gazette)

Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Brian West, to approve the minutes of 12/19/2012, motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0. (David Moskin not present at time of vote.)

Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion, seconded by Brian West, to approve warrants, motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0. (David Moskin not present at time of vote.)

Old Business

1. Authorization to post Fire Chief Job Position: Brian West made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to post the Fire Chief job announcement, motion seconded by Joyce Chunglo. The posting will include language that the position is contingent on funding, to be determined at Annual Town Meeting, and no decision will be made until after May 2, 2013. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0-1. (Dan Dudkiewicz recused from deliberation and vote.)

Appointment

7:05 pm Tighe and Bond: Waste Water Pump Station #1 & #4: Tom Couture and Chris Bone from Tighe and Bond gave a presentation regarding pump stations # 1 & #4. Pump station #1 is on the corner of Middle Street and Bay Road, #4 is on West Street and Bay Road. The Main Pumping Station (#1) is at critical risk in terms of reliability due to age and condition of existing pumps, safety concerns with confined space entry, and risk of catastrophic dry well flooding (complete loss of the pump station.) Proposed improvements include constructing a brick extension to the existing pump station, installing a self-priming suction lift pumping system in the building extension, Installs new variable frequency drives to automatically control pump speed, and installing a tapping sleeve and valve for a new bypass pump connection. Proposed improvements for Pumping station # 4 are: install a 6-foot diameter pre-cast concrete wet well manhole, install gravity sewer pipe to the wet well manhole, install two submersible pumps in the wet well, install pump discharge piping and convert existing dry well to a valve vault. Opinion of probable construction cost was at \$826,000.00. Discussion ensued regarding the needs and risks of current state of the pumping stations. Funding source for upgrades would be through waste water dollars. David Moskin made a motion to place an article on Annual Town Meeting warrant for upgrades to pump stations # 1 & 4, motion seconded by Brian West and passed with a vote of 4-0-0. DPW will look at existing budget to see if there are funds for pre-engineering.

Old Business

2. Community Preservation Act Grant Funds: David Nixon reviewed an announcement from the CPA committee that an information meeting is being held on January 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM at Golden Court. CPA rules and regulations will be reviewed, and Mr. Nixon will write a letter regarding current projects.



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3. MMA Annual Meeting: Voting Authorization: Town Administrator David Nixon will be attending the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Annual meeting and the Board authorized him to vote on their behalf.
4. Budget: January 18, 2013 Deadline: The Board reminded all Town Departments that budgets are due by January 18th, 2013.
5. Annual Town Report: The Board discussed dedication of the Annual Town Report along with other recognition to be published. David Moskin made a motion, seconded by Brian West, for the following areas of recognition:
 - a. Dedication of Town Report: Edward Foreman
 - b. In Memoriam: Stuart Russell and Marion Zuhowski
 - c. Fred Oakley Volunteer Recognition Award: Hadley Young Men's ClubMotion passed with a vote of 4-0-0.
6. Chapter 61A Land: Waskiewicz, Chmura Road: Brian West made a motion, seconded by David Moskin, to transfer the Select Board's right of first of refusal to Kestrel Trust. Motion passed by a vote of 3-1-0. (Joyce Chunglo dissenting.)

New Business

1. PVPC: Regional Gaming Compact: David Nixon reviewed a letter from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission regarding a regional approach to participating in casino discussion as relates to revenue sharing. Discussion ensued as to whether there would be any impact (of casinos) on the town of Hadley, such as transportation and whether it is worth it for the Town to be "at the table." Brian West made a motion to support PVPC regional approach to the negotiation and mitigation process, motion seconded by David Moskin, and passed by a vote of 3-1-0. (Dan Dudkiewicz dissenting.)
2. Select Board Member David Moskin: Response to Letter from Town Employees: David Moskin stated that he wanted to thank the Town Employees who wrote a letter in response to his performance evaluation of the Town Administrator. He stated that in his performance evaluation of the Town Administrator he spoke to some Town Department Heads but he did not speak to departments at Town Hall. He stated that at the next full Board meeting he would like to talk about how the Select Board can work smarter with the Town Administrator.
3. Annual Town Election: April 9, 2013: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.: Acting Chair Chunglo stated that the Annual Town Election will be held on April 9, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Deadline for pulling papers is February 14, 2013, deadline for submitting papers to Board of Registrars for certification is February 19, 2013; deadline for filing nomination papers with the Town Clerk is March 5, 2013; March 7, 2013 is the last day to withdraw nomination papers. March 20, 2013 is the last day to register to vote for Annual Town Election. David Moskin read a list of all positions that are up for election. Brian West made a motion, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz, to sign the election warrant for Annual Town Election, motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.
4. Town Website: David Nixon reminded people that they can sign up to receive Town News and alerts via the Town website. He stated it is an easy way to be notified of things that are happening in the town, such as important meetings, elections, hazards, weather issues, and other items of general importance.



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Announcements:

Dan Dudkiewicz congratulated Nick Grabbe of the Daily Hampshire Gazette on his retirement. He also announced that the Most Holy Redeemer CYO Basketball program is having a chicken dinner fundraiser on February 9, 2013, see anyone involved with CYO basketball to buy tickets.

He also asked the Board to consider discussing the water lien on the property at 89 Hockanum Road property at a later meeting. The Board will place this on the next agenda.

Joyce Chunglo offered condolences to the family of Teresa Banas who recently passed away.

Ted Mieczkowski made a request to the Board to appear at their next meeting to discuss the Town plowing a private road.

Executive Session: At 8:25 pm Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion that the Board move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel issues, and labor negotiations, and not to reconvene in open session, motion seconded by Brian West. 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; Moskin – Yes; West - Yes**

I. A discussion was held in regard to a personnel issue. No action was taken.

II. A discussion was held regarding the litigation of Damon v. Town of Hadley. A motion was made and seconded and a vote taken. (**Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz – No; Chunglo – yes; Moskin – Yes; West – Yes**)

III. A discussion was held in regard to labor negotiations with dispatch. A motion was made and seconded and a vote taken. **Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz – Yes; Chunglo – yes; Moskin – Yes; West – Yes.** A discussion was held in regard to police negotiations. No action was taken.

Adjournment

At 10:15 pm Brian West made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Moskin. **Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz – Yes; Chunglo – yes; Moskin – Yes; West - Yes**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant