



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
July 24, 2013
Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Chair Daniel Dudkiewicz, Joyce Chunglo, John Waskiewicz, Brian West

Absent: Guilford Mooring

Also in Attendance: David Nixon (Town Administrator); Peg Jekanowski, (Admin. Assistant); Richard Trueswell, (TV-5); Wilfred Danylieko (Electrical Inspector); Joseph Fitzgibbon (CPA & Housing Authority); Suzanne Travisano (Senior Service Director) David Moskin

Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2013:

Motion: West **Second:** Chunglo **Vote 3-0-0 (Waskiewicz absent at time of vote.)**

Approval of Warrants: Payroll # 7 & Vendor Warrant 6

Motion: Chunglo **Second:** West **Vote 3-0-0 (Waskiewicz absent at time of vote.)**

Appointments:

7:05 pm: Attorney Benjamin Coyle representing Parmar Beverages LLC, Application for Pledge of License:

Attorney Coyle appeared before the Board representing Parmar Beverage's petition for change of license. He explained that Parmar Beverage is looking to pledge their license in order to finance a loan with Westfield Savings Bank. Discussion ensued and Attorney Coyle explained that the license becomes collateral for the loan, but that the license cannot be transferred to any other business without proper process which includes an entire application process in front of the Select Board, acting as the Local Licensing Authority. **Motion to approve Parmar Beverage LLC petition for change of license: pledge of license to Westfield Savings Bank: Chunglo Second: West: Vote 3-0-0 (Waskiewicz absent at time of vote.)**

7:15 pm: Hampshire Power: H-Cog (Passed Over)

Old Business #1 Capital Projects: Senior Center

The Board discussed the possibility of some rehab and repairs to various areas of the Senior Center, especially interior walls on the third floor. These would not be along the lines of major renovations but basic repairs and restoration. Mr. Nixon explained that Town Meeting had previously approved \$240,000.00 from Capital Stabilization for repairs to Senior Center and Town Hall; that the Select Board needed to give him permission to proceed with these projects. The projects that were approved at Town Meeting were Senior Center Roof Replacement, Senior Center Exterior Drainage, Senior Center Interior Walls Repair, Senior Center Interior/Exterior Painting, Town Hall Window and Door replacement. The Select Board agreed to have the Town Administrator proceed with the interior wall repair. The other projects remain on hold pending the results of the facilities plan. Mr. Berg will get a list of projects to Mr. Nixon and projects will be presented to the Board. Mr. Dudkiewicz also asked if the DPW could look into the drainage problem.

New Business #1 Special Town Meeting: Open Warrant

Mr. Nixon stated that Special Town Meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2013 and asked the Board to open the warrant. **Motion to open the warrant for FY20104 Special Town Meeting, with a close date of September 4, 2013 for a deadline for articles: West Second: Chunglo Vote: 4-0-0.** Chair Dudkiewicz reviewed proposed articles which include budget adjustment, capital stabilization, capital expenditures, benefit stabilization fund, CPA Historical Building Preservation requests, town-owned buildings, River Road culvert repair, Sewer Pump #1 & 4, Route 9 Water Lines, Shattuck Road Water Line Extension, Water Tank Mixers, Private Hydrant Maintenance fees, Bylaws and Liquor License Quota Expansion. Proposals for articles can be submitted to David Nixon by September 4, 2013. All articles will go in front of the Select Board for review.

Discussion ensued regarding Town Buildings. Mr. Dudkiewicz stated that there will be an additional special town meeting to discuss buildings once the DRA study is in.



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New Business #2 Personnel Action: Fire Chief

(Chair Dudkiewicz recused himself from deliberation of this item.)

Mr. Nixon explained that the Fire Chief is usually paid by stipend, but due to increased work load Chief Kicza has asked to be paid an additional 16 hours per week at \$15.25 per hour. This raises issues: first, this needs Select Board approval to change number of hours, and second, it sets up an employee to receive both a salary and an hourly wage. The Board decided that they need more information as to the reason for the extra hours. Ms. Chunglo will contact Chief Kicza and bring information back to the Board.

New Business #3 Cherry Sheet FY2014

Mr. Nixon reviewed the most current cherry sheet that is still in process. He stated that the Governor vetoed what is known as lottery money which was a significant blow to cities and towns. Representative Scibak has told Mr. Nixon that the legislature has overridden the veto and is getting ready to vote on Chapter 70. He noted that on this current cherry sheet School Choice income is lower than school choice sending, but by a very small margin. Overall the Town will come out about even, as what we gained in income we lost in assessments.

New Business #4 CPA Application: \$40,000.00 for projects 1 through 3 of Historical Preservation Plan

Chair Dudkiewicz stated that the CPA Committee will meet on Monday August 26th and he will attend to present applications for three projects:

- North Hadley Village Hall (\$6,600.00): Immediate issue is a probe of possible foundation structural issues with a task of removing and re-installing foundation capstones for review and consult with a structural engineer.
- Russell School (\$10,518 .00): Immediate issues are installation of tell-tale gauges at locations identified on the drawings to check for foundation movement, installation of temporary supports for West Porch roof and repair storm windows to protect woodwork from further damage. Tasks include replacing missing glass of the storms, as needed, installation of tell-tale gauges, and installation of two temporary support columns at West Porch.
- Hadley Town Hall (\$23,100.00): Non –routine maintenance – To prevent more expensive repairs and improve energy efficiency; tasks include repoint foundation, parge coat foundation, weatherstrip windows and doors, replace cellar windows, miscellaneous (welding, concrete and mortar repairs, windows.)

Mr. Fitzgibbon of the CPA committee advised that each project be applied for separately, not as one article. He also stated that DOR is auditing very thoroughly. Mr. Waskiewicz asked about the same work being done twice. Mr. Nixon stated the difference is one project is for Historic Preservation, the other is repair and maintenance. The work will not be done at the same time.

New Business #5 Shattuck Road MassWorks Infrastructure: Program Grant Application

This is a grant application for installation of water lines and paving of a road. This is under the Small Town Rural Assist Program which Hadley now qualifies for, but the STRAP program is now in with what is known as MassWorks Infrastructure Program. The Town is looking at paving part of Shattuck Road to Sunderland line and installing a water line for future connection with Sunderland water supply. This would complete Shattuck Road and provide a viable emergency detour for Route 47. The Town of Sunderland is willing to write a letter of support. The Town will pay for the water line extension in the amount of \$60,400 and applying for \$57,415.00 for paving work. The next step in the process is to hold a public hearing, which could be scheduled for August 7th, 2013, and also meet with the Town of Sunderland Select Board. ***Motion to set a public hearing for August 7, 2013 for Shattuck Road Extension: Waskiewicz Second: West Vote 4-0-0***

Other Business: Joe Fitzgibbon informed the Board of a state bill that is attempting to regionalize Low Income/Elderly/Disabled Housing Projects into 6 regional districts, essentially dissolving Hadley's Housing Authority. The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) is also attempting to merge smaller housing projects into larger ones, so Hadley could potentially be absorbed into a larger system such as Northampton or Amherst. He suggested that Hadley will need a housing committee in order to maintain representation at these levels; otherwise the Town will have no control over their housing. Mr. Nixon stated that the



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MMA does not support the proposed consolidation and he will investigate what the Town needs to do moving forward.

Announcements

The Board offered condolences to the family of Mary Grandonico who recently passed away.

The Hadley Council on Aging is sponsoring the annual polka concert with The Eddie Foreman Orchestra at the Hadley Senior Center at the Hooker School on Wednesday August 7, 2013 from 5:30 pm until -8:00 pm. This is a free event. Rain date is Friday August 21st.

The Hadley Young Men's Club holds a free car show on Mondays from 5:30 till dusk. All types of cars are on display and refreshments are available.

Department of Revenue has asked for a date of September 25th to attend a Select Board meeting and present their review. A TriBoard meeting is scheduled for the 25th so it is a good time for DOR to make their presentation.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Select Board meeting at 8:05 pm: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant

Approved 07/31/2013