



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
September 4, 2013
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Absent:

Also in Attendance: David Nixon (Town Administrator); Peg Jekanowski, (Admin. Assistant); Richard Trueswell, (TV-5); Dennis Hukowicz (Police Chief); Laura Simon, (Umass Rowing); Daniel Waskiewicz, Michael Romano, William Andrades, David Isakson, Chris Roeder (Hadley Police); Jeff Squire (Western Mass Climbers Coalition); Joe Pelis, Judy Pelis, Louise Olbris (HA 350th Committee); Andrea Stanley (Kestrel Trust); Joseph Fitzgibbon (Hadley CPA Committee Chair)

Approval of Minutes: August 14, 2013

Motion: Chunglo Second: Mooring Vote 4-0-1 (West Abstaining)

Approval of Warrants: Payroll and Vendor Warrant 12 and 12S:

Motion: Chunglo Second: West Vote 5-0-0

Other Business: Chair Dudkiewicz read a request received from the First Congregational Church of Hadley to place a sign on Russell School Fence advertising their fall festival. Sign will go up immediately and come down immediately following the event. ***Motion made and seconded to allow First Congregational Church of Hadley to place a sign on Russell School Fence. Vote: 5-0-0***

Appointments:

7:05 pm - Jeffrey Squire, Western MA Climbers' Coalition: Application for one day Special License to serve wine and malt beverages on September 28, 2013 at 165 Russell Street Mr. Squire appeared before the Board requesting the above referenced special permit to sell beer and wine at a fund raising event. There is plenty of parking, and Police Chief Hukowicz has no objections. ***Motion to grant one day Special License to Western MA Climbers' Association to serve wine and malt beverages on September 28, 2013 at 165 Russell Street: Chunglo Second: West: Vote: 5-0-0***

7:10 PM - Laura Simon, Umass Athletics/Women's Rowing: Application for one day Special License to serve wine and malt beverage on September 8, 2013 at 1 Russell Street Ms. Simon appeared before the Board requesting the above referenced special permit. Chief Hukowicz has no objection to the application. ***Motion to grant one day Special License to UMass Women's Rowing Team to serve wine and malt beverages on September 8, 2013 at 1 Russell Street: West Second: Chunglo: Vote: 5-0-0***

7:20 PM Joseph Pelis: Hopkins Academy 350th Committee: Committee Update Mr. Pelis reviewed the current status of planning, fundraising and events that are in the works to Celebrate the 350th Anniversary of Hopkins Academy. Events include a dinner/dance, essay contest, parade, and golf tournament. They are also working on a display that will house a bell from the original Hopkins Academy. The committee has a website (www.hopkinsacademy350.org) that will be linked to the Town Website, and information will also be shown on Hadley TV-5.

Motion for the Town to pursue temporarily renaming Russell Street "Academy Lane" from Russell School to West Street on May 24 and 25th: Dudkiewicz Second: West Vote: 5-0-0. The Town Administrator will check with Massachusetts DOT to see if this is possible and the procedure for doing so.

7:15 PM Andrea Stanley, Kestrel Trust: Application for one day Special License to serve all alcohol (wine, malt and cider on October 20, 2013 on Hadley Town Common at Kestrel Land Trust 5K Run Event, benefitting Kestrel Land Trust Chief Hukowicz has no objection to the application. Alcohol will be served from 12:00 pm till 2:00 pm. ***Motion to grant one day Special License to Kestrel Trust to serve all alcohol (wine, malt and cider) beverages on September 8, 2013 at 1 Russell Street: West Second: Mooring: Vote: 5-0-0***



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7:30 pm Police Chief Dennis Hukowicz: Appointments of Special Officers, Full Time Officers, and K-9 Member of the Hadley Police Department. Police Chief Hukowicz recommended the appointments of the following individuals to the position of Special Police Officer for the Town of Hadley: Christopher M. Roeder, William Andrades, Daniel Waskiewicz, Michael A. Romano, and Ryan K. Johnson. These candidates were selected from a pool of 30 applicants. Chief Hukowicz reviewed the qualifications of each candidate with the Board. Chair Dudkiewicz recognized and thanked Mr. Waskiewicz & Mr. Roeder for their military service. The Chief of Police and Sergeants of the Hadley Police Department were involved in the screening process.
Motion to appoint Christopher M. Roeder, William Andrades, Daniel Waskiewicz, Michael A. Romano, and Ryan K. Johnson as Special Police Officers to the Hadley Police Department: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 5-0-0

Police Chief Hukowicz recommended the appointment of David F. Isakson to the position of Full Time Police Officer for the Town of Hadley Police Department. The appointment will fill a vacancy that currently exists within the department. Mr. Isakson has been working as a Special Police Officer then Part Time Officer for the Town since 2008. ***Motion to appoint David F. Isakson as Full Time Officer to the Hadley Police Department: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 5-0-0***

Police Chief Hukowicz recommended the appointment of Nomar as a K-9 member of the Town of Hadley Police Department to be partnered with Officer Costa. All of Nomar's expenses including training are covered by a grant from the Stanton Foundation. He will be trained in tracking and drug detection. ***Motion to appoint Nomar as a K-9 member of the Hadley Police Department: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 5-0-0***

Old Business #1 Senior Center Drainage: Mr. Nixon prepared bid documents for this project although we are still waiting for specifications on the project. Paul Styspeck is the engineer who is drawing up the plans. The estimated cost as of now is \$70,000.00, due to the scope of work that is necessary on Route 47. ***Motion to accept the IFB for Senior Center Drainage to be incorporated with stamped plans once they are available: Chunglo: Second: West Vote: 5-0-0***

Old Business #2 Transportation Bond: Chair Dudkiewicz read a letter that was sent to Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick in August 2012 by then Chair of the Select Board Gloria DiFulvio. The letter asked the Governor to release transportation bond funds to Hadley for the repair of the culvert on Route 47. According to Mr. Nixon, no money was released. Mr. Nixon asked the Select Board to send another letter. Mr. Nixon has been in touch with State Senator Stanley Rosenberg and Representative John Scibak. Mr. Rosenberg will support the letter with a phone call to the Governor. ***Motion to have Select Board Chair sign a letter requesting the State release transportation bond funds for Hadley: West: Second: Mooring Vote: 5-0-0***

Old Business #3 Union Pay Authorization: Mr. Nixon explained that both parties have signed the MOA Union Contract. In order to get the pay raises to the workers there are two courses of action:

1. Wait until the Town Meeting to ratify and fund the contract
2. Authorize the change in pay and address the pay issue through Town Meeting Vote later

Motion to Authorize pay increases as per the union negotiation Chunglo: Second: Dudkiewicz
Mr. West asked what would happen if the vote failed at Town Meeting; Mr. Nixon stated the Town would have to return to the negotiating table or bring it back to Town Meeting vote at next town meeting. ***Vote: 4-0-1 (Waskiewicz abstaining)***

New Business #1 Mass DOT: Route 9 @ North and South Maple Streets - Revised Pavement Markings
Mr. Nixon explained that both DPW and Police would like more information and have asked to meet with Mass DOT. Mr. Dudkiewicz asked that the Planning Department also be brought into the process as they are involved in the planning of the road. Mr. Mooring stated he agrees with the concept but disagrees with the plan. He stated the concrete island would need to be taken out and shift of traffic needs to be addressed. Mr. Waskiewicz stated he would like to see a bikeway similar to the one on University Drive in Amherst.



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New Business #2 APR: Notice of Proposed Acquisition and Consent to Reduction of 120 day Notice Period:

- a) **Allard's Farms Inc. (Wayne Goulet), Project ID #13D03** Chair Dudkiewicz made a public announcement of the notice of proposed acquisition of an agricultural preservation restriction for said property, and stated that said notice was also stated on a posted agenda. *Motion to consent to reduction of the 120 day notice period for the announcement at a public meeting on the Commonwealth's proposed acquisition of an APR: West*
Second: Chunglo Vote: 5-0-0
- b) **Niedbala Trusts, Project ID #13D08** Chair Dudkiewicz made a public announcement of the notice of proposed acquisition of an agricultural preservation restriction for said property, and stated that said notice was also stated on a posted agenda. *Motion to consent to reduction of the 120 day notice period for the announcement at a public meeting on the Commonwealth's proposed acquisition of an APR: West*
Second: Chunglo Vote 5-0-0
- c) **Fred Pirog, Project ID #13D04** Chair Dudkiewicz made a public announcement of the notice of proposed acquisition of an agricultural preservation restriction for said property, and stated that said notice was also stated on a posted agenda. *Motion to consent to reduction of the 120 day notice period for the announcement at a public meeting on the Commonwealth's proposed acquisition of an APR: West* *Second: Dudkiewicz*
Vote 5-0-0

New Business # 3: Use of Woodchuck Funds for Planning: Mr. Nixon explained that there is \$25,000.00 set aside in the Woodchuck Fund for bills from the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for local planning assistance. *Motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$414.08 from the Woodchuck Fund for payment of bills for local long range planning assistance: West* *Second: Chunglo* *Vote: 5-0-0.*

New Business #4: Fence Viewer / Sealer of Weight and Measures: Chair Dudkiewicz discussed the need for the Town to have a "fence viewer," stating that Town Council has stated in recent correspondence that the Town actually needs two fence viewers. He stated that in the past the Town appointed the Building Inspector as fence viewer, and suggested appointing Tim Neyhart as fence viewer and his alternate Steve Reno as the second, as it is required under Mass General Law and if there are hostilities, the fence viewer's word is final. Mr. Dudkiewicz stated that since the building inspector gives permits for the fence, he should be the fence viewer. *Motion that "fence viewer" become part of the job description of the Building Inspector and appoint Tim Neyhart as fence viewer and Steve Reno as second fence viewer: Dudkiewicz* *Second: West* *Vote: 5-0-0*

New Business #5: Special Town Meeting

Motion to close the Warrant for Fall Special Town Meeting: West *Second: Chunglo* *Vote: 5-0-0*

There is a petitioned article brought forth by Joseph Fitzgibbon. *Motion to send petitioned article(s) to the Board of Registrars for certification: West* *Second: Dudkiewicz*

Discussion: Mr. Mooring asked if Mr. Fitzgibbon would be willing to present at public informational sessions regarding the petitioned articles, as they contain a lot of information that needs to be understood by the voter prior to Town Meeting, and that the numbers on the petitioned article differ than those on the Historical Building Preservation plan. Discussion ensued regarding how to move forward with plans for Town Buildings. Mr. Mooring restated the need to educate before Town Meeting. Chair Dudkiewicz asked if Mr. Fitzgibbon would agree to moving the petitioned article to a separate Special Town Meeting regarding buildings, Mr. Fitzgibbon stated that he would not be willing, that he wants it on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant. He stated he would be willing to speak at any meeting that is set up for educating people prior to October Fall Meeting. Mr. West stated that the petitioned articles give too many choices and may confuse people. Mr. Mooring stated that as long as there are 100 certified signatures the article will go on the warrant, and that he will coordinate informational meeting with Mr. Fitzgibbon prior to Town Meeting. *Vote on motion: 5-0-0*



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Mr. Nixon stated that Draft 7 is the latest version of the warrant to be reviewed by the Select Board. Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of Article #10 - Mr. Nixon stated that there is \$140,000.00 available from the dike project (from the legal settlement) that can be used toward costs of the route 47 Culvert.

New Business #6: Report from 08/26/2013 Meeting with CPA Committee: Chair Dudkiewicz stated that he and Mr. Mooring attended the CPA meeting for the purpose of getting funding for three projects: Russell School, North Hadley Hall and \$23,100.00 for foundation work on Town Hall. He stated that due to the fact that the Town is waiting for more information from the DRA report about the status of Russell School and North Hadley Hall, it was decided to only ask for funding for Town Hall. However, at the time of the presentation he was unaware of a petition that was being circulated for a warrant article for Town Meeting regarding the status of Town Buildings. He stated that the CPA committee decided to have the Town Hall project as a place holder on the Town Meeting Warrant, meaning that it is possible that CPA will fund it if the application is redone pertaining to historic preservation of the building.

Mr. Fitzgibbon stated that CPA agreed to a special meeting to review a revised application on October 7, 2013.

Mr. Nixon stated that his presentation to CPA was based on the Olde Mohawk report for historic preservation work on three town buildings for a cost of \$1.7 Million. He stated that his funding proposal would be to fully fund the preservation using CPA Funds without drawing down the current CPA balance of \$1.4 Million. The funding proposal was taken under advisement by CPA.

Mr. Fitzgibbon stated that his understanding was that Mr. Nixon was looking for control of 70% of all CPA money. Mr. Nixon stated this understanding was wrong, that the CPA balance would grow from \$1.4 million to over \$2 million within a five year period. Mr. West stated that the only work on Town Building that could be funded by CPA is that for Historic Preservation of the buildings, and Mr. Nixon stated this is the CPA's position. Mr. Nixon stated that his interpretation of preservation of an historical asset is broader than the Olde Mohawk report. Mr. Nixon stated that his proposal provides information on fully funding a preservation plan without impacting taxes or drawing on CPA balance. Mr. Fitzgibbon stated that this is still up for discussion at the upcoming CPA meeting.

Announcements

Chair Dudkiewicz read two letters of appreciation from Denise and Joe Madenski to the Hadley Police Department and Fire Department for their help, expertise and professionalism during a fire event at their home.

Mr. Waskiewicz asked if Route 9 Crossings could be reviewed from East Street to the Coolidge Bridge; that safety for pedestrians is at issue. He would like to contact the state to see if they could make improvements. Mr. Nixon reminded the Board that the State will be putting in an "on demand" pedestrian crossing near the Holy Redeemer church crosswalk when they widen roads.

Ms. Chunglo stated that there will be a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Hadley residents can preregister with forms located at the Hadley Collectors Office, DPW, and there is a link on the Hadley website.

Executive Session:

8:47 pm: Move to Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiation and an employee grievance and Fire Chief Contract and not to reconvene in open session: Mooring Second: ___ Chair Dudkiewicz 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: Waskiewicz – Yes: Mooring – Yes: Dudkiewicz – Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes

A discussion was held regarding an employee grievance. A motion was made and seconded and roll call vote taken:
Roll Call Vote: Waskiewicz – Yes: Mooring – Yes: Dudkiewicz – Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes



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A discussion was held regarding the Police Chief's Contract. A motion was made and seconded and roll call vote taken: **Roll Call Vote: Waskiewicz – Yes: Mooring – Yes: Dudkiewicz – Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes**

A discussion was held regarding the hourly rate for Special Police Officers. A motion was made and seconded and roll call vote taken: **Roll Call Vote: Waskiewicz – Yes: Mooring – Yes: Dudkiewicz – Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes**

Adjournment

9:30 pm Motion to adjourn: West Second: Waskiewicz Roll Call Vote: Waskiewicz – Yes: Mooring – Yes: Dudkiewicz – Yes: Chunglo – Yes: West – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant

Approved 09/18/2013