



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
March 12, 2014
Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Joyce Chunglo, Guilford Mooring, John Waskiewicz, Brian West

Absent: Daniel Dudkiewicz

Also in Attendance: David Nixon (Town Administrator); Peg Jekanowski, (Admin. Assistant); Richard Trueswell, (TV-5); Frank Aquadro, Howard Koski, Linda Sanderson, Lynn McKenna (Finance Committee); Molly Keegan, (School Committee); Damion Shanley (Police Department); Edwin Matuszko (Long Range Plan Implementation Committee); David Moskin

Approval of Minutes: February 26, 2014 *Motion: Mooring Second: West Vote: 4-0-0*

Approval of Warrants: Payroll # 73 *Motion: Mooring Second: West Vote: 4-0-0*

Business:

1. FY 2015 Budget

The Select Board recapped last week's discussion that as of this time there is deficit of revenue versus expenses in the amount of \$658,000.00. This number may change with some new information on unemployment but the result will not have a high impact either way on the current situation.

Mr. West stated that in going through the budget he had to look at departments that have increased expenses. There were several areas he would like to focus on:

- Police (2 new positions and a second cruiser)
- The use of certified Free Cash for OPEB
- The Reserve Fund Account
- School budget
- Fire Department (New position and fee schedule)
- Council on Aging (Increased hours)

He further stated that even with looking at these areas he still cannot come up with \$240,000.00. Mr. Mooring stated he came up with similar conclusions, and would want to know more specifics from the Police department on hiring time frames and overtime. He also wanted to explore computer requests, and if these can go to capital. Mr. Waskiewicz stated that the Town needs to have a hiring freeze and pay increase freeze. However there is still need to fund contractual obligations. Mr. Mooring further stated he would like to look at the possibility of funding some of the highway workers who cover waste water from those funds, and wondered if patch could be moved to capital.

The Board decided to bring departments back in for detailed discussion of their numbers. The departments are: Police, DPW, COA, School and Fire. The Board decided to meet on March 19th and 26th in order to address budget concerns timely.

Edwin Matuszko asked the Board if the budget of \$2,500.00 for the Long Range Plan Implementation was intact. There was some discussion as to whether this was funded from taxation or the Woodchuck Fund. Mr. Nixon stated LRPIC is funded from taxation but he would check further to clarify.

Mr. Matuszko also announced that the Conservation Commission is planning a "sidewalk tour" from on Route 9 from South Maple Street in Hadley to Amherst after hearing a proposal of a new sidewalk by the Mass DOT.

2. Annual Town Meeting – Review Warrant

The Board reviewed the current draft of the warrant for Town Meeting. There are currently 31 Articles. The Board will review these in detail at upcoming meeting as the budget progresses.



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Announcements:

1. Chief Shanley announced there will be community awareness meetings at the Safety Complex on Sunday, March 23, 2014 from 3:00-5:00 pm and Monday, March 31, 2014 from 6:00-8:00pm The topic is College Parties and their Impact on neighborhoods.
2. John Waskiewicz asked the Board to consider allowing the North Hadley Sugar Shack to hang a sign regarding the Sugar House on the Russell Street fence. ***Motion to allow: West Second: Mooring Vote: 4-0-0.***
3. The Board asked for more information regarding a Planning Board conversation to place a Verizon cell tower on property with Pump Station 7, rather than the proposed Montgomery Rose site. Mr. Nixon stated that engineers are looking in to it and will bring information back to the Board.

Adjournment: 8:30 PM *Motion to adjourn: Mooring Second: Waskiewicz Vote: 4-0-0*

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant

Approved 03.26.2014