



Select Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2014
Hadley Town Hall – Room 203
7:00 pm

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 7:00 pm in Room 203, Hadley Town Hall.

Present were: Guilford Mooring, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; John Waskiewicz, Molly Keegan, and Brian West.

Also present was David Nixon, Town Administrator.

Mr. Mooring called the meeting to order and announced that it is being recorded.

Approval of Minutes: October 29, 2014 and November 5, 2014

Motion to approve both sets of minutes: Keegan Second: Chunglo Vote: 4-0-1
(West abstained)

Approval of Warrants: 22, 22A, and 39

Motion to approve all warrants: Chunglo Second: Keegan Vote: 5-0-0

Appointments:

7:30 pm – Valley 1 Vodka – property access. Valley 1 Vodka did not show up for this appointment.

St. John's church was purchased by Valley 1 Vodka to be the new location of their offices and there was never any discussion about holding functions at this property. Planning Board approved a site plan for six small parking spots on back grass but access to these spots would have to be through Town property. Waskiewicz is concerned that holding functions here could pose a safety issue depending on the number of people attending. The Town would have to grant an easement and can be very specific regarding this easement. Keegan raises a concern about the permanence of an easement. In order to approve an easement, this issue would have to be raised at Town Meeting. Guilford states that in order to serve alcohol he would have to apply for a license for this location and we could be more restrictive on the license.

Jo-Ann Konieczny, Library Trustee, states the library is concerned with people using their parking spots for Valley 1 Vodka functions. They do not have a problem with his accessing the parking spots, but feel that functions should be held after library hours.

Suzanne Travisano is also concerned about the Senior Center parking lot being used. She states that there are a lot of events at the Senior Center at all hours of the day. If Valley 1 Vodka would like to hold an event, it would need to check with Senior Center and the Library to see if there are any conflicts. Select Board would like to reschedule this appointment for a time when Paul from Valley 1 Vodka can be in attendance.



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Old Business:

1. W.M. Schultz Change Order #1 for Pump Station 1 & 4 Upgrades. DPW has reviewed the change order and recommends acceptance. Amendment of handrails within the building structure resulting in an increase of \$6,925.25

***Motion to approved the change order: Chunglo Second: Keegan Vote: 4-0-1
(Waskiewicz abstained)***

2. Tighe & Bond Amendment No. 1 – Laurana Lane Sewer Project. Amendment of engineering services scope of work.

Tighe and Bond submits a revised scope of services based on an accelerated Laurana Lane sewer replacement project. They are asking for an additional \$26,500. These funds can come from the emergency authorization granted by the Department of Revenue. This can then rebuild at a rate of \$50,000 per year (Mr. Nixon's estimate).

Motion to approve: Chunglo Second: Keegan Vote: 4-0-1 (Waskiewicz abstained)

New Business:

1. Deana Prest – HR Consulting Contract signing for human resources project. Funding is from a grant. The Town applied for a risk management grant and was approved to review and revise the Town's job descriptions. The Town received three bids, and would like to award Ms. Prest this contract. Her bill will be paid in full by this grant. Keegan questioned references of Ms. Prest and Mr. Nixon states she does lots of municipal work and has all the necessary skill sets. He feels she will do well with this project.

***Motion to award the HR Contract to Ms. Prest: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 4-0-1
(Waskiewicz abstained, he wants to view her references).***

2. St John's Water. Determination of starting billing for Valley 1 Vodka. Reset the meter to zero.

***Motion to reset meter and start the billing cycle: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 4-0-1
(Waskiewicz abstained).***

3. Route 9 Water Upgrades – Bayside Engineering is requesting an additional \$9,500 for design. Bayside Engineering is requesting additional money to provide additional engineering services associated with the extension of the Route 9 water line project. Due to the Town has asking for the pipe to be placed in the roadway on Middle Street instead of along the sides, the engineering service budget has increased by \$9,500. We are borrowing for this project, so this cost will be added into the borrowing amount. DPW recommends approving this funding request so the project can proceed.

Motion to approve payment: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 4-0-1 (Waskiewicz abstained).



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4. MRF Contract renewal for the next 10 years to handle recyclables.
Prices for recycling are going down. This renewal would be for 10 years.

**Motion to approve MRF Contract renewal: West Second: Keegan Vote: 4-0-1
(Waskiewicz abstained).**

5. W.M. Schultz Requisition for payment #4, Sewer Pump Stations 1 & 4.
DPW reviewed bill and recommends payment for \$231,800.

**Motion to approve requisition #4 as presented: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 4-0-1
(Waskiewicz abstained).**

6. Waiver form to allow DCR to shorten the time to purchase land from the Barstow family on Mountain Road.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation is planning on acquiring 1.7 acres of land on the Hadley-South Hadley border off Mountain Road and Hockanum Road as part of a trail relocation project. The Town made an announcement of the state's interest in this land at their meeting of September 10, 2014. At that time, and at the request of abutters, the Town did not waive the 120 day period in which it may exercise the right of first refusal. The sale of the land is delayed as a result, and DCR and the property owner, Mr. Barstow, ask the Board to reconsider their decision not to waive the 120 day waiting period. Kestral Land Trust and Jennifer Soper present to answer any questions/concerns with this acquisition. This land acquisition is to benefit the trail network in the area and is not necessary for parking. On another note, Guilford speaks about the need for better communication between the State and Town departments. Joyce also brought up concern with DCR posting signs on Town property. Would like DCR to come back and look into this.

Motion to waive the 120 day waiting period: Waskiewicz Second: West Vote: 5-0-0

7. Non-binding ballot question for January 6, 2015. Discussion of possible ballot questions.

The Board established January 6, 2015 as a date for the ballot question to settle the debt exclusion on \$405,000 of building related projects. The Town Clerk asks if the Board wishes to also place any non-binding questions before the voters at the election time. Board would like to check with the Municipal Building Committee to see if they have any possible questions. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.



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Other:

Water quality on Bay Road and Middle Street – Crew was called in last night to look at the water quality. There are no health concerns. The problem was due to a blockage that allowed the permanganate levels in the water to change. The Town is looking into an alert system that would notify of a low flow level. No need to worry, the problem was fixed last night, and tested all day today to make sure everything is back to normal. Water is safe and the Town works hard to keep it safe.

Announcements:

Shredding day is November 14th. Town Hall will be closed in the morning.

Mother's Club annual vendor fair is 11/22/2014 from 9-3 at Hopkins Academy.

Condolences to Marion Shuzdak's family.

Congratulations to Hopkins Academy golf team which is heading to the Western Mass finals.

Also congratulations and good luck to the Hopkins Academy soccer team which is playing Monsen in the finals.

Adjournment:

8:26 p.m. Motion to adjourn: Chunglo Second: West Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget S. Rodrigue