



Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
Tri-Board/Select Board Meeting Minutes  
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 p.m. in the Hadley Town Hall, Room 203.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; Gerald Devine, Member; John Waskiewicz, Member, Donald Pipczynski, Member

Also present were: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Jennifer Sanders James, Lic. Coordinator; Richard Trueswell, Katherine Pipczynski, Resident; John Mieczkowski, Sr. Planning Board and NHVH AD hoc; Glenn Call, Officer Call; Jack Suntrup, Daily Hampshire Gazette; Catherine Kentfield, Historical Commission; Lynette and Chris Rice, Jane Nevinsmith, Resident; Mitch Kuc, Police Dept.; Chief Mike Mason; Police Dept.; Courtney Call

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Molly Keegan.

**2. Consent Agenda**

Minutes	October 5, 2016 and October 12, 2016 – Postponed
Warrants	AP1719-2, AP1720S, AP1720
Pioneer Planning Commission Appt.	John Mieczkowski, Sr.(Alternate Rep.)
HPAT Advisory Committee Appt.	John Allen
Ambulance Comm. Appt.	George Moriarty
The Select Board will award the bid for the Phase 1 (Site Clearing) of Zatyрка Park	
Designer Selection Procurement	Senior Center and Fire Substation Designs
One Day Liquor	Top of the Campus - Nov. 17, 2016- This License would be subject to any and all conditions set forth by the State Building Inspector, the Fire Chief and the Chief of Police
One Day Liquor	Top of the Campus- February 3, 2017
One Day Liquor	Wine and Canvas- November 12, 18, 19,26

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Devine  
Vote: 5-0-0

Donald Pipczynski ask for Richard Trueswell to comment on HPAT  
Richard Trueswell expresses concern over the limited availability of Mr. Allan as he is only available during the day.

General discussion about the availability of Mr. Allan and the rest of the committee.

Vote: 5-0-0

John Waskiewicz abstains from the vote on HPAT advisory committee

Vote: 4-0-1

**3. Public Comments: 7:00 - 7:15 pm**

Joyce Chunglo offers condolences to the families of Patricia Baj, Joseph Bak, and Arela Berstka.  
Also the girls soccer team won their co-league divisional title and the golf team won the Western Mass Team title and Caleb Farnham won the individual title for the second time.  
Jane Nevinsmith announces COA 1st Annual Trivia Night  
Catherine Kentfield asks for explanation about Article 6? If it was binding? Was this an oversight for it not to be printed out? Also lodging a complaint that this was not published beforehand.

**4. Town Administrator Report**

**Projects**

Bay Road Bridge Update: The environmental permit is still in process, but funding for the bridge has been secured. The contractor has been authorized to order materials, which will take 6 to 8 weeks for delivery.



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Route 9 Widening Update: The final course of blacktop was scheduled for November 8, and then the project is mostly complete. Only punch list and cleanup items remain to be done.

Public Safety Complex Roof Update: The contract for the projects were sent to the contractor for signatures, certificates of insurance, and performance and payment bonds. A Notice to Proceed has been sent. Work will be completed in 180 days.

Land Requests For Proposals: The two responses were received for the Center Hadley RFP for Proposal for land, and none were received for the RFP for land in North Hadley. The bids were disseminated to the Capital Planning Committee for their review.

Owners Project Manager: The OPM is working with the Council on Aging and the North Hadley Fire Substation Ad hoc Committee. A designer selection procurement process has been prepared and awaits the Board's approval. The award of the contract will be explicitly contingent on the availability of funding.

Wage and Classification Study: In process.

Commonwealth Compact Update: The Town was awarded technical support for two projects: (a) development of a financial management team and (b) a safe route to school project. The Department of Revenue has conducted a site visit and a series of interviews with key town officials. We expect a report in time for the FY 2018 budget process.

Electricity Net Metering Credit Agreement (Phase 2) Update: The second solar installation on Mill Valley Road is now complete and was made operational on October 25, 2016. The developer, Nexamp, is implementing the net metering credit agreement under SREC 2 for 30% of our municipal electrical load, resulting in a 16% discount on many municipal electrical accounts. (We already have a net metering credit agreement under SREC 1 resulting in a 21% discount for 70% of our municipal electricity.) Future savings over 20 years is estimated to be \$150,000 to \$300,000.

Electricity Aggregation Project Update: Good Energy and several towns, including Hadley, held a conference call with an attorney representing the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. Hadley's application was reviewed and found to be in order. A hearing with DPU is the next step. Once, DPU gives their approval, Good Energy will conduct a bid process for electric rates. Assuming a favorable outcome, Hadley residential electricity users should start seeing a discount on their electricity bills.

Special Town Meeting Update: All the borrowing articles passed, and now the Select Board will set a ballot election date. The recommended date is January 10, 2017

#### **Departmental Functions**

Safety Committee Update: The Safety Committee reviewed the insurance loss runs for FY 2016. The claims in all categories have dropped in number and the reserved exposure to the Town has also dropped compared to the prior year. The Committee has applied for a MIIA risk management grant application for \$15,000 for emergency signaling for police and fire vehicles along Route 9.

MS4 Stormwater Permit Update: The Town Meeting passed the borrowing for our compliance effort, and now it goes to the ballot for final approval. Marlo Warner and I are working with our engineers to implement the town's compliance efforts.

Election 2016: Early voting was a success with about 20% of registered voters showing up by close of business November 4. Unfortunately, MassDOT decided to pave the intersection of Routes 9 and 47 on Election Day, and there was a lot of inconvenience and confusion as a result. Overall election turnout exceeded 80%.

Audits: The FY 2015 audit is complete, and we are trying to schedule the auditor in for a presentation to the Board. The FY 2016 audit is underway, and the auditors are going to be on-site in mid-December.

#### **Upcoming Projects and Events**

North Hadley Sugar Shack Tractor Pull	November 12, 2016
Trivia Night at Mia Tierra To Benefit COA	November 14, 2016
Mothers' Club Holiday Festival:	November 19, 2016
Craft Fair at Hadley Farms	November 27, 2016
Debt Exclusion Ballot:	January 10, 2017.
Annual Town Meeting:	May 4, 2017.



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**5. Public Hearing**

5.1 Tax Classification Hearing

Dan Zdonek presents the tax classification for the fiscal year. He states that each year the Select Board meets to vote on whether or not to split rates or have a single tax rate.

Motion to accept the Assessor's recommendations for Tax Evaluations.

Motion: Devine

Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

**6. Appointments**

6.1 Police Appointments: Full-Time Officers – This appointment was taken out of order  
Chief Mike Mason thanks all of the people for coming out to vote at Town Meeting, because of the vote of support they will be able to appoint further positions.

Chief Mike Mason presents 2 new officers for appointment Courtney Call and Alan Ash.

Chief Mason states that Alan Ash joined as a Special Officer in 2014. He serves in the Air Force Reserves as a Senior Airmen. He has always been willing to fill any gaps in our schedule and shown that dedication the entire time he has been with us. He has passed the strenuous hiring process and I am asking that you appoint him as a Full Time Officer.

Motion to appoint Alan Ash to the Hadley Police Department as a Full Time Officer.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Devine

Vote: 5-0-0

Courtney Call joined as a Special Officer 2015. She works full time as dispatch at the University of Massachusetts and has worked as a part time officer for the town of Belchertown. She has been a devoted officer to the Town of Hadley and always willing to work as needed. She has passed the strenuous hiring process and I am asking that you appoint her as a Full Time Officer.

Motion to appoint Courtney Call to the Hadley Police Department as a Full Time Officer.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 5-0-0

**7. Old Business**

7.1 North Hadley Village Hall

David Nixon presents the current information of NHVH, including the offer of Joel Greenbaum that still stands.  
General Discussion about offer of Joel Greenbaum among the Select Board.

John Mieczkowski, Sr. requests permission to submit ZBA application for North Hadley Village Hall.

Motion to give permission to submit an application to the ZBA for NHVH.

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Devine

Vote: 5-0-0

7.2 Ambulance Subcommittee

Chief Spanknebel requests that a member from Finance Committee join the Ambulance Subcommittee

**8. New Business**

8.1 Debt Exclusion Ballot Date and Form of Questions

David Nixon recommends January 10th from 12 - 8 pm,

There will be 8 ballot questions

Motion to approve January 10th as the date of the Debt Exclusion Ballot

Motion: Devine

Second: Pipczynski

Motion: 4-1-0

Donald Pipczynski asks if the 2 police cruisers should be separated from the DPW

John Waskiewicz to separate all of the debt questions into individual items

Motion to separate all of the debt the questions into individual items

Motion: Waskiewicz

Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 2-3-0



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Motion to separate DPW equipment and Police Cruisers  
Motion: Chunglo    Second: Devine  
Vote: 5-0-0

**9. Other**

**9.1 Complaint**

The Select Board will hear a complaint in open session, except that the subject of the complaint may request that the matter to be heard in executive session as per the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(1).

The complaint refers to the conduct of Mr. Donald Pipczynski as a Select Board member.

Mr. Pipczynski requested during the November 1, 2016 meeting that the complaint to be discussed in open session.

Attorney Thomas Rook representing Donald Pipczynski asks if any of the Select Board members is a member of the Young Men's Club.

Gerry Devine, John Waskiewicz, and Joyce Chunglo (Auxiliary member)

Thomas Rook ask that the 3 members recuse themselves.

Attorney David Jenkins states that our Select Board members should file disclosure statements forthwith, but they do not have to recuse themselves.

Thomas Rook states that he feels that the members should still recuse themselves and states his objection to them remaining.

Molly Keegan ask if the members feel that they can remain.

Gerry Devine, John Waskiewicz, and Joyce Chunglo all stated yes.

Molly Keegan reminds that this is not a hearing but a meeting.

Both Thomas Rook and David Jenkins both agree.

Donald Pipczynski has not requested an hearing.

Thomas Rook states that he did not receive notice and again objection is noted.

Molly Keegan reminds Donald Pipczynski that elected representatives are held to a higher standard and that his behaviors are eroding public confidence. There has been an additional complaint filed by the Young Men's Club from an incident that occurred on October 15, 2016.

Thomas Rook responds that Donald has the right to inspect as a member of the board, as a police commissioner and a license commissioner.

Donald Pipczynski then states his family history in the Town of Hadley.

Molly Keegan states that they are not here for family but because of your behavior.

Joyce Chunglo states that no other acting member of the Select Board has ever used their badge in this way.

Molly Keegan states that we have a strong police chief, so we should notify the Town Administrator, the Chair of the Select Board or the Police Chief. This is not an action that any of us would take.

David Jenkins asks Thomas Rook and Donald Pipczynski for the by-law that states that Select Board members are police commissioners?

Donald Pipczynski states that this is all political form Molly Keegan because of a heated campaign, and that she solicited a complaint for the Young Men's Club.

Gerry Devine asks that we for testimony from the individuals that filed the complaint.

Motion to bring in witnesses and for a continuance

Motion: Devine    Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 3-2-0

Donald Pipczynski inquires whether he will be allowed to bring his own witnesses.

Joyce Chunglo apologizes for earlier comments.

**10. Announcements**

Gerald Devine Announce the Hadley Mother's Club Holiday Fair.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: Devine    Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 5-0-1

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm



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Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James

APPROVED