





Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
Select Board Meeting Minutes  
Town Hall Room 203 - 7:00 pm

The Bay Bridge Rd., is an ongoing but it is slated for a full repair in 2020. There is more substructure damage than expected and they could not do the repair when originally planned because of high water. Joyce Chunglo states that she is concerned about ambulances not being waived on and allowed to travel over the bridge. This is adding critical time to patient transport. Donald Pipczynski and John Waskiewicz both agreed with Joyce about the safety concern. Donald Pipczynski then states that he supports the pay raise for the state legislature especially since they have not received a raise since 1982. John Scibak explains the process behind this and how open it was. The pay rate will go up and down and will not be voted on again.

Molly Keegan then asks for an update about the Berkshire Gas and the education formula.

John Scibak states that the legislature tried to become interveners and Berkshire Gas is working on it and the legislature want a faster response, the delegation is still united. Berkshire Gas is denying that they are not allowing new businesses in. Gerald Devine states that there is a restaurant waiting to come in to the former Burger King and were told no John Scibak state that he wants to know about this and that he will look into it. Molly Keegan asks is the DPU still pressuring a timeline John Scibak states late April/ May Molly Keegan then inquire about the Ch. 70 Foundation Formula John Scibak responds that the foundation formula has changed Molly Keegan says that Tech and special Education are our problems now Gerald Devine states that we have never had a voice a Smith Vocational David Nixon thanks John for all that he does for the town of Hadley and ask for support for towns with public records compliance order John Scibak responds with real thanks Peter Kolcott and will go back and look over in 1 year but keep commenting.

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

**5.1 Public Comments**

Dan Regish comments about speed on Route 9 and the intersection with Mill Valley Rd., and how this is a dangerous intersection and how it will only get worse with the new businesses going in there. The Select Board asks that this become an action item and that Jennifer contacts the Police Department and the DPW to investigate this further.

**6. Town Administrator Report**

6.1 Town Administrator Report- This item was taken out of order. David Nixon reports KP Law has sent a disclosure letter that they are representing Hadley and Amherst for the Berkshire Gas Moratorium. Motion to sign KP Law disclosure letter  
Motion: Chunglo                      Second: Devine  
Vote: 5-0-0

**7. Old Business**

**7.1 Town Report Dedication**

This matter is being sent to committee for further discussion.

**7.2 Statement of purpose for Fire Substation and Senior Center Building Committees**

David Nixon present the mission statements for the boards  
Motion to approve based upon intent with term, AD-HOC removed  
Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 5-0-0

**7.3 North Hadley Village Hall**

Molly Keegan states that the Select Board has received feedback from the ZBA over not liking how things were left with North Hadley Village Hall. The ZBA wants everything together and that this will help them along.



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Gerald Devine and John Waskiewicz state that we should wait for the last lightbulb to be in place in the fire substation before they take any further action on NHVH.

Motion to take no action on NHVH until the fire substation is complete

David Nixon informs the Select Board that the vote will be too old and will have to be voted on again at Town meeting.

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

### 8. New Business

#### 8.1 Connecticut River Levee Subsurface Analysis Contract

Gerald Devine asked why we are not going out to bid on this?

David Nixon responds that that they have done all other phases and know the levee.

Further general discussion of the levee.

Motion to accent the Connecticut River Levee Subsurface Analysis Contract

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

Donald Pipczynski states that he want this to go out to bid

David Nixon reiterates that this is the best deal and that they did phases 1 and 2.

#### 8.2 Update from Senior Center Building Committee and the Fire Substation Building Committee

Senior Center has 5 final candidates and would like to present the final at the SB meeting on the 15th.

Fire Committee met with the OPM today and they have 3 final. They are planning to interview on the 16th and then turn over to the Select Board. They want to waive the sewer impact fee, and the connection fee.

#### 8.3 Water Abatement - 227 Russell St.

Motion to approve water abatement

Motion: Devine                      Second: Chunglo  
Vote: 4-0-1

John Waskiewicz abstains

### 9. Other

#### 9.1 FY 18 Budget

David Nixon presents the FY18 budget and letter to the Select Board.

There is a brief general discussion of the budget and that there will be more in-depth conversations to follow, especially over hiring new firefighters at the upcoming Tri-Board meeting on the 15th.

### 10. Announcements

Joyce Chunglo offers condolences to the family of Adeline Melnik and to the family of William House. And finally to the family of Marilyn Judah.

Joyce Chunglo announces on behalf of the Town Clerk asked that there are the following openings and papers are available.

School Committee - Openings

Housing Authority - Openings

Library Trustee- Openings

Gerald Devine thanks everyone who came out for the Corn hole Tournament especially the American Legion.

### 11. Executive Session

### 12. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn

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



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Meeting was adjourned at 9:25  
Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James

APPROVED