



Wednesday, April 12, 2017
 Select Board Meeting Minutes
 Town Hall Room 203 - 6:30 pm

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 6:30 p.m. in the in Room 203, Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Town of Hadley.

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

Also Present were: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Tom Pitta, Finance Committee; Gabriel Owen, Finance Committee; Jane Nevinsmith, Senior Center Building Committee; Marlo Warner, DPW Director; Paul Mokrezecki, Resident

1.1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Molly Keegan, Chair at 6:30 pm

2. Reorganization of the Board

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Molly Keegan states that the first item of business is reorganization of the board; following last night's election and that she will take nominations for chair and clerk.

Joyce Chunglo nominates Molly Keegan as chair if she will accept it

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine

John Waskiewicz suggests a change and suggest Gerry Devine

Gerry Devine states that he may be interested next year but would like to give Molly a chance to finish somethings that she has started

Vote 5-0-0

Gerald Devine nominates Joyce Chunglo as clerk for the Select Board

Motion: Devine Second: Waskiewicz

Vote: 5-0-0

Molly Keegan asks that the Select Board look at the liaison appointments in case we need to redo assignments.

3. Consent Agenda

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Warrants	AP1742, AP1742S
Zoning Board of Appeals (Alternate)	Jason Galvin
Contract extension to 6/30/17	Master Plan
Proclamation for the DHG- Young Person of the Year	Allison Jenks

Motion to accept consent agenda

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

4. Public Comments: 7:00 - 7:15 pm

4.1 Public Comments

Jane Nevinsmith states that she would like to provide an update on the Senior Center. She further states that they are very satisfied with the architect and the design so far. They are listening to us and came back today with 4 different proposals and building sites. We are also within budget.

Joyce Chunglo states the fire substation will be meeting on Thursday night and the architect will be bringing everything back to show us their designs.

Gerald Devine states that the MBC would like to meet with the two committees and the Select board to discuss what the next steps are. If we could set that up after Town Meeting that would be great.

Donald Pipczynski states that he provided copies to all of the Select Board, because there is going to be another Springfest and I want to bring all of the parties in front of the board and make sure they have all of the correct



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permits. I want to bring in Board of Health, Building Inspector, Fire and Police and make sure that they have all of their licenses. I only found out about this because of they ordered 8 more buses for this event again. Last week they had 1700 people going and they have 2 more weeks of selling tickets going. So probably going to be 2500 people there and I don't want any liability on the town. Then he inquires if David Nixon has met with Tony Maroulis.

David Nixon responds tomorrow morning. I have spoken to the Chief of Police and he feels that this event is well in hand.

Molly Keegan asks are they doing everything that they are supposed to?

David Nixon states that they are and they are hiring extra police detail and they are making sure that they have all permits in place.

Donald Pipczynski asks about the fact that they set up a bar out on the ball field, do they have a license to do that. David Nixon states that he believes that their license covers the property.

Donald Pipczynski states that is okay then, he's not going to try and shut it down. I just don't want to assume any liability for the town. I know that they did not get all of their licenses last time.

Joyce Chunglo states that they do not need an entertainment license from us.

Donald Pipczynski responds that they have big stage set up out there and 5 bands.

Joyce Chunglo states that they have never had to come to us for events.

David Nixon states that we have this well in hand, I know about it and I am working with the Chief of Police, UMASS and the Young Men's Club on this.

5. Town Administrator Report

5.1 Town Administrator Report

David Nixon provides the highlights

We had a meeting with Berkshire Gas to discuss the moratorium and how it is impacting business here.

6. Appointments

7. Old Business

7.1 Residential Electricity Aggregation Plan Public Announcement

The Board is asked to make a public announcement of the proposed electricity aggregation plan for Hadley's residential customers.

Molly Keegan states that "The goal of the community electricity municipal aggregation program (the "Program") is to bring the benefits of competitive choice of electric supplier, longer term price stability than provided by the local utility, lower cost power and more renewable energy options to the residents and businesses of the Town of Hadley. Under the program the Municipality will have the opportunity to provide a portion of renewable or green power through renewable energy certificates ("RECs"). The program will employ a procurement process designed to maximize savings and will provide a full set of consumer protections, including the right for any customer to opt out of the program at any time at no charge."

The Board is asked to open the time to receive comments for a period of not less than two weeks between now and May 3. Any public comments should be directed to the Select Board at 100 Middle St., in Hadley.

Gerald Devine ask about potential savings for a resident.

David Nixon states that they suggested a possible saving of \$100 dollars a year.



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7.2 Water and Sewer Rates

Molly Keegan states that she believes that this is just the beginning of a conversation.

David Nixon states that he would like it if the Select Board would take it under advisement. We have not raised water rates since 2007 and we planned to keep the rates stable and then raise them again. In 2010, there was no appetite to raise the rates then. The sewer rates were last raised in 2008 under a separate commission and not since then. Cost of operation have risen and our revenue is stagnant. The DOR has noticed that we haven't raised our rates in several years. We are looking at the numbers.

Joyce Chunglo asks why they care about the numbers?

David Nixon states that they cannot set the rates but they do care about the ability to pay for your programs over a long period of time. On the provided work sheets, we are looking at the meter charges and we have adjusted for quarterly billing. That is the first change. We need to change the meter charge at that will bring in about \$40,000 dollars. Then again with quarterly billing we would need to increase in about \$100,000, so that would be about \$150,000 dollars of revenue coming into the water department, which we will need. The second page is for sewer, there are 2 opportunities to bring in revenue the first is a rate change and if we do the increases it would bring about \$54,000 dollars of revenue but also looking the septage fee. We are looking a 2-cent increase in septage fee, right now we bring 11 cents per gallon and we would increase it to 13 cents. This would bring in \$23,000 dollars. That would be a total of \$76,000. We are also going to see a savings of about \$70,000 from a decrease.

Marlo Warner states that this is due to sludge removal and we had to make add money in town meeting, but there is a change in the amount because of a contract.

Gerald Devine asks about the other local areas septage charges.

Marlo Warner states that we are on par but there is no set standards.

Further general discussion of the water and sewer rates.

7.3 Award of Clarifier Contract

David Nixon asks that you award the contract to Weston and Sampson for the base bid and alternate #1 for \$249,000

Motion to award clarifier contract Weston and Sampson for the base bid and alternate #1

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine

Discussion John Waskiewicz asks if you have the gearbox equivalent

Marlo Warner states that Tighe & Bond checked the information

Vote: 4-0-1

John Waskiewicz abstains

7.4 Route 9 Widening Lease Agreement

Molly Keegan states that this lease is between ET&L and the Town to rent Russell School and the upper parking lot behind the American Legion and it is due to expire on April 18th. The concern is that the upper parking needs to be cleaned out before the parade. We need to send 30 days' notice to terminate the lease.

Motion to terminate the least with 30 days' notice

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

7.5 FY 18 Budget

David Nixon states that we have received the state cherry sheets and there has been an increase funding to charter schools. We are about \$18,000 dollars behind where we were the day before. The Finance Committee is



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asking for the revised department head budgets and a few other changes. We should call Rep. Scibak, we should be asking for PILOT agreements for town land.
Further general discussion of the budget.

7.6 Boards and Committees Review

Molly Keegan states that this was put on at her request because of Boards and Committees in the town and how they fit in to the structure of the town. We should look at how boards and committees are compensated.

7.7 Review and Signing of ATM Warrant

David Nixon states the CPA and Finance Committee have completed their work and the warrant has been reviewed by counsel, you have the version that was sent to counsel. We removed the fee for the consultant at the counsel's recommendation. I would ask that you make your recommendations tonight for the warrant, so that we can post it tomorrow. The first 3 articles are consent agenda

Article 1, Article 2, and Article 3

Motion to accept the first 3 articles and support

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

Article 4 Revolving Funds

Motion to accept Article 4 and support

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

Speak to article: David Nixon

Article 5 Fund balance return

Motion to accept Article 5 and support

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

Speak to Article: David Nixon

Article 6 - Omnibus Budget

Not in place to recommend at this time.

Article 7 is Water Treatment Plant

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

Speak to Moderator because it is part of consent agenda

Article 8 - Capital

Motion to accept Article 8 and support

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

Speak to Article- Gerry Devine

Article 9 - REMOVED

Article 10 -Dissolving the long range plan implementation committee.

Motion to accept Article 10 and support

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine
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Speak to Article: Gerry Devine

Article 11 HCOG Membership



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Hold on this

Speak to Article - Donald Pipczynski

Article 12- Senior Work Off Program

Motion to accept Article 12 and support

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

Speak to Article - Gerry Devine

Article 13 and 14

Motion to accept Article 13 and 14

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine

Vote: 5-0-0

Speak to- Joyce Chunglo

Article 15 - Local Option Tax

Motion to accept article and support

Motion to sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Motion: Devine Second: Waskiewicz

Vote: 4-1-0

Speak to - John Waskiewicz

Article 16- CPA

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Hold - pending

Speak to - CPA

Article 17 - CPA - HCOG

Motion against Article 17

Motion: Devine Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 4-1-0

Speak to - CPA

Article 18- CPA -Smith Charities

Motion to accept

Motion: Waskiewicz Second: Devine for discussion

John Waskiewicz asks is Smith Charities have any links to HCOG?

The response is no.

Vote: 4-1-0

Article 19- APR West

Motion to accept Article 19 and accept:

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

Article 20 - APR Haryn

Motion to accept Article 20

Motion: Chunglo Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 4-1-0

Motion to withdrawal vote until further discussion.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine

Article 20 and 21 - APR West and Haryn



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Motion to accept 21

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

Article 20 - Will hold more discussion
Speak to- Chunglo for 21 Keegan for 20

David Nixon states that the remaining articles are planning board and petitioned article.

Motion to accept the warrant and sign the warrant

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

8. New Business

9. Other

10. Announcements

Joyce Chunglo offers condolences to the family of Scott Potyrala, he was much too young to pass away, and condolences to Sgt. Mitch Kuc and his family, he lost his father this week.

11. Executive Session

12. Adjournment

12.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James