



Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Select Board and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Meeting 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 in Room 203, Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; Gerald Devine, Member

Absent -John Waskiewicz, Member

Also in attendance: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Tom Pitta, FinCom; Amy Fyden, FinCom; Terry Yusko, FinCom; Dan Regish, Sno-goers; Stephen Szymkowicz, Sno-goers Club; Larry Tucker, Sno-goers Club; Gabriel Owen, FinCom;

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

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

This is a joint meeting with the Finance Committee.

Joyce Chunglo offers condolences to the family of Elsie Waskiewicz and to our Select Board member John on the loss of his mother. Elsie was a force to behold here in the Town of Hadley, she volunteered for 4-H, Little League, Lassie League, Girl Scouts and a majorette advisor at the high school. During her last few years she was the outreach coordinator at the COA. We wish her peace and condolences to her family. May we please have a moment of silence for Elsie.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Elsie Waskiewicz.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Consent Agenda

Minutes	September 20, 2017 - October 4, 2017
Warrants	PR1818, AP1817, AP1817S
DPW Mechanic Recommendation	Brian Lamirande
One Day Liquor	Top of the Campus - Mullins Center - Basketball games - 11/10, 11/19, 11/21, 12/6, 12/09, 12/16, 12/20, 12/22, 1/3/18
Letter of support	Hadley Snow Mobile Club request for safe crossing - Stephen Szymkowicz

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion: Chunglo for discussion Second: Devine

Gerald Devine asks for information about the DPW mechanic recommendation Brian Lamirande.

Marlo Warner states that he is very qualified for this position.

Gerald Devine asks is there anything more that he needs.

Marlo Warner states that there are a couple of small things, but he is able to go out them.

Molly Keegan asks about the safe crossing for the snow mobilers from Stephen Szymkowicz.



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Stephen Szymkowicz states that they are asking for a safe crossing by going underneath Rt.9 through the tunnel on the bike trail. This is all about safety for the snowmobilers, and we have offered to maintain the path, with grooming.

Vote: 3-0-0

3. Public Comments

3.1 Public Comments

There were no public comments this evening.

4. Town Administrator Report

4.1 Town Administrator Report

There was no Town Administrator report this evening.

5. Appointments

5.1 Joint Meeting of the Select Board and Finance Committee

Molly Keegan states that this meeting that we are holding tonight is a follow up to a meeting that was held by the chairs of the Select Board and Finance Committee, with a facilitator from Deerfield, the Town Administrator, and the Town Moderator. The discussion was how for all of to move forward together in the FY19 budget and the roles and responsibilities of each group. Everyone should have received the information on the responsibilities of each group. I hope that everybody has been able to look this over.

Amy Fyden thinks that it was a productive meeting and that Brian West did a really good job walking the line between the two groups since he has experience with both. I think we need to work well together and focus on the budget instead of focusing on two budgets. There has been some hard feelings at Town Meeting, where it seems that the budget is the Finance Committees budget, if it is not a balanced budget. We can't always present the budget that we want. Whose budget is it? We need to know what our role is, and we want to present a balanced budget. The Finance Committee wants to present a balanced budget in the spring with no use of Free Cash.

Gerald Devine asks how are you going to come up with the money every spring. We do not receive the Cherry Sheets until after the Town Meeting, how are we going to fund everything without knowing what the contribution from the Commonwealth.

Amy Fyden states does not think that it will be able to do it, and we will come up short in the beginning.

Gerald Devine states that we need to identify where the Free Cash is coming from and what departments are coming from.

Amy Fyden states that we are creating a Free Cash slush fund.

Molly Keegan states that we need to have a serious look at the budgets but we need to be aware of special line items, that there are special circumstances. We should have these discussions before we get into the budget season.

Tom Pitta states that we would like to know what the priority is for this budget season.

Molly Keegan states that the goals are set by the Select Board, but we look for the Fin Com to help us figure it out.

Joyce Chunglo asks why should we hear the budget information separately.



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Tom Pitta states that the department heads came in, presented their budget and were gone in 10 minutes. I do not think that this enough.

Further general discussion of the FY19 budget.

Gabriel Owen states that he sees a problem with the amount of the work and time between the 2 groups. I want to make the argument that IT, HR, and a Finance Manager can do this work for us, these positions do the work. There is not enough time for us to do this and we are never going to actually have the time. This is what these positions could do for us. The goal and priority of FY19 is an override.

Molly Keegan states that she disagrees that the override might not be the solution and we have to figure out the priorities before going forward.

Joyce Chunglo states that we haven't discussed the split tax rate.

Gerald Devine states that does not create more revenue it just splits where it comes from.

Joyce Chunglo states it does allow for the homeowners to have pay less on their taxes.

Terry Yusko states that our board wants to take the jump and look at HR, and IT.

Molly Keegan states it seems that everyone is in agreement, but we need to confirm what our priorities are for upcoming year. We also need to look at the override and the split tax rate. Are we going to use work groups to meet with departments heads to go over their budget? Can we agree on the goals?

Further general discussion of the goals for upcoming fiscal year.

David Nixon states that we have an all boards meeting scheduled for next Tuesday.

The Select Board decides to cancel the all boards meeting on Tuesday.

The meeting next Wednesday is a Tri-Board Meeting at 6:00.

Joyce Chunglo leaves meeting at 8:15 pm.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Other

9. Announcements

10. Executive Session

11. Adjournment

11.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Devine Second: Keegan

Vote: 2-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James