



Wednesday, April 4, 2018  
Select Board Minutes  
Town Hall Meeting Room 203 – 6:00 pm

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 6:00 p.m. in the in Room 203, Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; Christian Stanley, Member; David Fill, Member

John Waskiewicz- Absent

Also present were: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Linda Sanderson, Treasurer; Annie McKenzie, Superintendent; Heather Klesch, School Committee; Jessica Kem, Resident; Christian Stanley, Resident; Linda Castronovo, Resident; Jane Nevinsmith, COA; Jennifer Sanders James, Lic. Coordinator; David Storey, COA; Tara Brugger, School Committee; Marguerite Wilson, COA; Heather Laing, Lowe's Representative; Catalina Arrubla, Resident; Andy Anderson, Amherst resident; Suzanne Travisano, COA Director; Stanley Fil, Resident; Susan Glowatsky, Collector; Betsy Dinger, Resident; Lynn Bowmaster, Resident; Marlo Warner, DPW Director; Thomas Couture, Tighe & Bond; Mike Schrada, Tighe & Bond

## **1. Call to Order**

### **1.1 Call to order**

Meeting was called to order by Molly Keegan, Chair at 6 pm.

## **2. Tri-Board Meeting**

### **2.1 Tri-Board Meeting**

Molly Keegan states that this is a Tri- Board meeting, we have 2 school committee members, and 3 Select Board Members, and no Finance Committee members yet.

Annie MaKenzie offers an update of the school budget due to changes and shared the good news that the estimate for charter expenses is 770,000 but looking at what could be the maximum above Charter foundation if closer to 600,000 and the lowest is 400,000. So this much better than we had thought with a difference of over 100,000 at the max. I have received information from DESE and they said it is a projection and it is not tied to any single student.

Gerald Devine states that the Select Board asked the Finance Committee to come to them if there were any problems with any department budgets and they have not brought anything to us.

The School Committee discusses the warrant article to for funding for the HVAC, it was decided that it was more efficient to air condition the entire building so there is no draw on the system from an uncooled section.

David Nixon then discusses the capital request the fire substation committee has not met so we are not sure if we are waiting for the fall.

Joyce Chunglo states that they have not been able to meet.

The Select Board will have a meeting on April 11, 2018, the day after the town election.

David Nixon discusses the website redesign, it is \$5,000 and we can take it out of capital stabilization. It is part of the communication plan and it will bring several departments' individual websites under the control of the municipality. This is cost reduction, standardization



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of message and platform. We are all one town. The last part of the capitalization is the school zone lights. The lights are so old that they actually fell down. These are our responsibility and the cost is \$12,000 and it will come out of Free Cash.  
 Further brief discussion of the additional warrant articles during the Tri-Board meeting. David Nixon will contact counsel to inquire if town buildings are included in nuisance by law. Tri-Board is adjourned. The Select Board meeting continues.

**3. Consent Agenda**

**3.1 Consent Agenda**

Minutes	February 14, 2018
<del>Warrants</del>	
<del>Pavilion</del>	<del>Vote to Award Contract</del>
Pregnant Workers Fairness Act Policy	Vote to adopt policy
KP Law letter regarding conflict of interest	Vote to endorse
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus - Football BBQ - 04.13.2018 - Football Performance Center
Film Permit	Neale Brown - Petrichor Stories

Motion to approve the consent agenda.  
 Motion: Devine      Second: Chunglo  
 Vote: 3-0-0

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

**4.1 Public Comments**

Catalina Arrubla asks that the Town of Hadley to join an international treaty to abolish nuclear weapons and the best way is to divest of investments that include the manufacturers of nuclear weapons.

Heather Laing, representative from Lowe's states that Lowes is hosting a safety day with our public safety department on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We would also like to host a farmer's market in our parking lot. We would like to host a Taste of Hadley and there are several local restaurants that are interested in participating.

We want to work with the community.

Stanley Fill states

**5. Town Administrator Report**

**5.1 Town Administrator Report**

David Nixon offers his administrative report.

**6. Appointments**



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### **6.1 Change of Manager- Applebee's - Public Hearing 7:15 pm**

Apple Bee's is requesting a Change of Manager.

Brian Litwak states that he is taking over as the general manager; the current GM is leaving the company. He is currently the GM of the Greenfield Applebee's. The Hadley location has not had any problems with serving and they will continue the same standards.

Jennifer Sanders James states that the application was complete, public notice was published and there are no problems moving forward.

Motion to approve the Change of Manager request for Applebee's.

Motion: Devine            Second: Chunglo

Vote: 3-0-0

### **7. New Business**

#### **7.1 ATM Article 18 - Appointment of Treasurer and Collector Discussion**

David Nixon requested that these be put on the warrant for the town meeting. This will take an act of special legislation with commonwealth for the 2 positions to become appointed. We believe that it would be very hard to fill their shoes.

Susan Glowatsky states that she feels that she advocates for our taxpayers because that is who she is accountable too, but if I were appointed then I would be accountable to the Select Board.

Molly Keegan states that she believes that all town employees are ultimately accountable to the taxpayers.

Linda Sanderson states that she supports these positions being appointed because these positions carry responsibility for a large portion of 20 million dollars. This makes the most sense financially for the Town.

#### **7.2 Article 28 - Ranked Choice Voting in Local Election in the Town of Hadley Discussion**

Linda Castronovo presented a slide show to the Select Board for ranked choice voting as an option in Hadley. This is a petitioned article submitted by the voters.

#### **7.3 Water and Sewer Rates**

Marlo Warner states the expenditures were catching up to our revenues very quickly when I started and you voted on a modest increase of 6% for water and 10% for sewer. This is much more in depth study of the water and sewer rates. Tighe and Bond put together this study for us.

Thomas Couture and Marlo Warner offer an overview of the infrastructure of the water and sewer in the town. Hadley's water and wastewater systems are operated as enterprise funds.

Thomas Couture then explains the Town of Hadley water and sewer rates. The typical customer impacts would be for FY19 about \$15.00 a quarter for 60 dollars a year, for water. For sewer rates it would be 80.00 a quarter so about 300 dollars a year.

Tighe and Bond will come back on the 18<sup>th</sup> for the rate.



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## **8. Old Business**

### **8.1 2017 Annual Town Report**

Jennifer Sanders James states that the annual report is complete; we need to complete the dedications and the cover page. There are 4 choices for the cover page. The recommendations for the dedication are Norm Barstow, Peter Salvatore, and Elsie Waskiewicz. Merle Buckout and Billy Bannock were both nominated for the W. Fred Oakley Award.

The Select Board decided to award the Fred Oakley to Norm Barstow and the dedication will go to John and Elsie Waskiewicz. The Select Board asks that the other names remain on the list for next year because they are all deserving.

### **8.2 Senior Center and Library Construction Update**

Jane Nevinsmith offers an update on the senior center – the planning board asked for a complete set of plans for the senior center and the library, as a full site plan. We are going to the planning board on May 15<sup>th</sup> with the hope of a public hearing on June 18<sup>th</sup>. This moves the ground breaking to early September.

Suzanne Travisano states that with the recent passing of John Waskiewicz, Sr. we are left with a big hole at the senior center. He was a van driver and we do need to replace him.

Molly Keegan states that there is also a MOU from the meeting with the Legion. Gerry Devine had stated at the previous meeting held to discuss the parking issue. This is a bit more in depth than originally planned.

David Nixon states that this item should be placed on hold until after we hear from legal counsel.

Molly Keegan states part of the concern was not just the parking but the disruption of construction causes, and that we mitigate the impact of construction on the Legion.

Stanley Fill states a concern over attic and parking and then is stopped from continuing due to his beginning personal statement about town employee.

Molly Keegan states the reason for the attic, is that it is more efficient, no elevator, less staff and less safety concerns.

### **8.3 Ambulance Service**

David Nixon provided an update on the ambulance service for the town. We are negotiating for a new 3 year contract; we have been speaking to Amherst and a private company.

Molly Keegan stated that we only received 1 response for the bid that we put out, and have interviewed them and we were very impressed. This is for 24 hour/ 7 day response but the big change is that there will be an ambulance housed in our time and this should greatly reduce the response time. The conversations are continuing with both parties.

Joyce Chunglo states that we hope to go into with our own basic ambulance service in the future.



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**9. Other**

**10. Announcements**

**10.1 Rabies Clinic** – This Saturday at DPW.

Jennifer Sanders James states that the Town Clerk is requesting that everyone turn in the census, if they have not already done so, if you do not turn in a census you will have to show proof of residency to vote in the town election.

Gerald Devine announces that Hadley Mother's Club Recycling Day is Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and thanked the Mother's Club for the great job they did with Candidate's Night.

Joyce Chunglo offers condolences to our John Waskiewicz and family, on the passing of his father, and for the town as we will all miss him.

Molly Keegan offers a heartfelt thanks to Gerry Devine, who will not be here with us next Wednesday. This is his second term with the Select Board member, not to mention as Town Moderator. He also stepped up to fill the void with us functioning as four person board, he also served many committees and liaison to several departments. It has been a privilege having you by my side.

Gerald Devine states that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve my town. And I appreciate working with David and Marlo, and Chief Huckwicz and all the new people coming on. Thanks to everybody.

Joyce Chunglo states that I want to thank you and I am going to miss you.

Marlo Warner states that I appreciate you taking me under your wing and don't be a stranger.

**11. Executive Session**

**11.1 Executive Session**

The Executive Session is postponed.

**12. Adjournment**

**12.1 Adjournment**

Molly Keegan asks Gerry Devine to have the honor of the last motion.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Devine      Second: Chunglo

Vote: 3-0-0

Meeting was adjourned 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James