

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013 6:30 P.M.
Murdock Middle High School
3 Memorial Drive, Winchendon, MA**

Present: Robert M. O’Keefe, Chairman
Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice-Chairwoman
C. Jackson Blair
Fedor Berndt

James M. Kreidler, Jr., Town Manager
Linda A. Daigle, Executive Assistant

Keith Barrows: present at 6:40 p.m.

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Article 15 Motion per Mr. John White’s email dated 5-13-13 (filed)
- Town Manager’s Report
 - Annual Town Meeting Motions (filed)
- Motion acknowledging no conflict of interest regarding Planning Board members John White and Jim McCrohon participating in the Athol Savings Bank Site Plan matter (filed)
- Town Clerk email regarding Special Election recommendation (attached)

Chairman O’Keefe called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The meeting was not broadcast live and was held prior to the Annual Town Meeting at MMHS.

Disclosure of Audio/Video Recording: No one disclosed audio/video recording this evening.

OLD BUSINESS:

Annual Town Meeting Warrant: Article15 BOS Recommendation – O’Keefe explained this article was passed over at a past meeting and a recommendation would be in order to do so this evening. He stated the original wording had a concern of obligating future Town Meetings. Mr. John White, Chairman of the Capital Planning Advisory Committee, emailed the Board suggesting the motion to include the words “until revoked by subsequent Town Meeting action.” Fedor moved to recommend; Hunt seconded. By vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Motions - Kreidler stated the Motions for Annual Town Meeting were included in their packets this evening. He referenced two changes: Article 25, the deed reference has been updated subsequently to one more accurate; and Article 13 related to the CAC, will need to wait until a Fall Town Meeting due to a Department Head choosing to retire recently and the funds needed to support the expense. This article can only address the Clark/YMCA.

OTHER BUSINESS:

O’Keefe mentioned another matter of business before them this evening was brought to his attention through an email from Mr. John White, the Planning Board Chairman. He asked the Board to determine if a conflict of interest exists with himself and Mr. Jim McCrohon being involved in a Planning Board hearing tomorrow regarding the Athol Savings Bank. The two gentlemen serve on the Board of the Unitarian Church which is next door. After a brief discussion, Selectman Blair acknowledged that both Mr. John White and Mr. Jim McCrohon serve on the Winchendon Planning Board and further recognized that both sit as directors on the non-profit Board of the Church of the Unity and further recognized that the Church is an abutter to Athol Savings Bank and given

that the bank has business before the Planning Board, moved that the Church's interest in the business of Athol Savings Bank in front of the Planning Board is not so substantial as it would likely affect the integrity of Mr. White's and Mr. McCrohon's services. Berndt seconded. By a vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

O'Keefe mentioned the Board also received a letter from Ray Benoit who was interested in serving as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The ZBA recommends the appointment. Blair moved to appoint; Fedor seconded. By a vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: With Annual Town Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m., Blair moved to recess and reconvene after Annual Town Meeting; Berndt seconded. By a vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously and the Board recessed at 6:38 p.m.

RECONVENE: The Board reconvened with a full Board at 9:49 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS: Set Date for Town Election - O'Keefe mentioned that the Town now has a need to hold a Special Election due to the capital and debt exclusion Proposition 2 ½ overrides articles that were approved at Town Meeting. On the advice received from the Town Clerk, Blair moved to set the Special Election date to Saturday, July 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Barrows seconded. By a vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously. The election will take place at Old Murdock Senior Center.

O'Keefe asked approval from the Board to send a letter to the Inspector General. Barrows so moved; Fedor seconded. By vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Barrows moved to adjourn; Hunt seconded. By vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle
Executive Assistant