

Approved: August 25, 2014

**TOWN OF WINCHENDON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014 6:30 P.M.
Town Hall, 4th Floor Conference Room
109 Front Street, Winchendon, Mass.**

Present: Robert O’Keefe, Chair
Elizabeth R. Hunt, Vice-Chair
Keith Barrows
Fedor Berndt

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

Remote Participation: C. Jackson Blair, Chairman

List of Documents Presented at Meeting:

- Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant of August 4, 2014 (attached)
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Vice-Chair Beth Hunt acted as the Chairperson this evening and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. The meeting aired live on local cable access channel 8.

Remote Participation – Chairwoman Hunt announced that C. Jackson Blair would be participating remotely.

Disclosure of Audio/Video Recording: No one announced they would be audio recording the meeting this evening when asked by the Chairman.

Hunt commended the Pig Roast held at the Historical Society over the weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DRAFT WARRANT - Kreidler presented the Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

Article 2 is the discontinuance of Oak Way, the public foot pathway that runs between Pleasant and Central St. The Planning Board has endorsed this discontinuance. The pathway would be moved slightly towards the right towards the Town Hall side. This will require a Town Meeting vote to discontinue the pathway as laid out in 1907. The Planning Board did take a vote as per the statute and voted positive.

Article 3 seeks to adopt the sex offender residency bylaw. The enclosed bylaw was most recently voted by a community in the Commonwealth and passed last month by the Attorney General’s Office. Kreidler mentioned he had heard from Town Counsel that after this was voted there was a Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) case that could call some of this into question. This is the most recent one that has been approved by the Attorney General. Between now and Town Meeting two weeks from tonight it may have to be tweaked due to this SJC case. It can be done through a motion on the floor that night. Hunt asked if there was a grandfather clause. Kreidler pointed out Section 3.e.i in the by-law which allows for an exception for a

person who established the permanent residence and reported and registered the residence prior to the effective date of the by-law.

Article 4 is a citizen petition to Ban the Proposed Gas Pipeline and the origin of this Town Meeting. Included in the warrant is the exact text of the petition submitted. He said it may be that this needs to take the form of a motion a little bit more formally than the text of the petition. M.J. Galat, one of the citizens working on this, said she has better wording for them, more like a resolution than a petition that relates to more of what they are trying to accomplish.

O'Keefe moved the Board post the STM Warrant; Berndt seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

RECESS: A brief recess was taken at 6:36 p.m. to execute the warrant for posting. The meeting reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Junk Dealer: Second Hand Article - Ed's Scrap Metal, 64 Main St. - License/Expiration Clarification: To clarify the license renewal of Ed's Scrap Metal, Barrows moved to affirm its action of the last meeting which was to renew the Junk Dealer's Second Hand Article license for Ed's Scrap Metal because the agenda incorrectly identified it as a Class III license; Berndt seconded. By a vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

Barrows next moved that the renewal date for said license be amended from December 31st to the annual renewal date for these types of licenses to be May 1, 2015; O'Keefe seconded. By a vote of all aye, the motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS:

August Meeting Schedule – August 25, 2014 was agreed to be the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. The upcoming joint meeting with the School Committee would be scheduled for the first meeting in September.

ADJOURNMENT:

O'Keefe moved to adjourn; Barrows seconded. By roll call vote of all aye, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daigle
Executive Assistant