

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014
7:00 P.M.

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES** April 15, 2014, April 15, 2014 Executive Session
- 3. LICENSES AND PERMITS**
 - A. Application for Common Victuallers License - Sand Springs
 - B. Application for One Day Wine and Malt license - Trustees of Reservations at Field Farm, Sloan Road on May 14, 2014 from 4:00-7:00pm. (Dyan Wiley)
- 4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION**
 - A. Approve Williams College 5K Race for Global Health on May 11, 2014 at 11:00am (Gabby Markel)
 - B. Appointment of Fence Viewer (Richard Alley)
 - C. Report on Emergency Medical Services (Dr. Stuebner)
 - D. Report on MGRSD Feasibility Study (Carrie Greene)
 - E. Park Street Parking Regulations
 - F. Draft Purchase & Sale Agreement for 330 Cole Avenue to WIHED/BHDC
 - G. Acceptance of Resignations
 - Charles Bonenti
 - Cheryl Shanks
 - Catherine Yamamoto
 - H. Sign Spruces Land Use License
- 5. PROCLAMATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN (Town Manager)**
- 6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 7. PETITIONER REQUESTS**
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 9. VOTE TO ADJOURN**

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Vote to meet in executive session to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (town manager), and to not return to open session

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MINUTES
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Present: Jane B. Allen, Chairman, Ron Turbin, David Rempell, Tom Sheldon

Absent: Jane Patton

Others Present: Peter Fohlin, Debra Turnbull, Carrie Greene, Mark Schiek, Edwin Stuebner, Richard Alley, Dyan Wiley, Janine Burke, Shawn Godfrey, Kirby Neuner, Van Ellet

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT-** Chairman Allen stated that the ballot has been set for various town positions. The election will be held on May 13, 2014. Chairman Allen also wished to acknowledge the successful book sale at the Milne Public Library.
2. **SELECTMAN'S MINUTES-** Mr. Rempell made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2014 meeting. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to accept the executive session minutes from April 15, 2014. Mr. Rempell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.
3. **LICENSES AND PERMITS-**
 - A. Common Victualler's License Sand Springs- Janine Burke appeared before the board. The pool is expected to open June 15, 2014 starting with weekends until school is out for the summer. The pool will remain open until Labor Day with possible extended weekends through the fall. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to grant the seasonal common victualler's license to Sand Springs. Mr. Rempell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.
 - B. One Day Liquor License for the Rural Lands Foundations at Field Farm, Sloan Road, Williamstown on May 14, 2014 from 4:00-7:00pm. Dyan Wiley shared that there will be a series of cultural events at the farm this summer. Mr. Rempell made a motion to grant the one day license. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.
4. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMAN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. **Approval for Williams College 5K Race for Global Health on May 11, 2014 at 11:00 am. (Kirby Neuner).** Williams College is sponsoring a Global Health Race. Williamstown Police have been notified for safety

support. Mr. Turbin made as motion to approve the race. Mr. Rempell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

- B. Appointment of Fence Viewer (Richard Alley)-** Mr. Rempell made a motion to approve Mr. Alley as the new fence viewer for Williamstown. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheldon. The motion passed 4-0-0. Mrs. Turnbull swore Mr. Alley in as the new fence viewer and provided him with the current open meeting law.
- C. Report on Emergency Medical Services (Dr. Edwin Steubner)** Dr. Steubner reported that the criminal charges against the former GM and his wife have been settled with a full reimbursement of \$240,000 to the ambulance service along with parole. There has been a reorganization of the ambulance service along with a new slate of board members who bring a broad set of skills including medical, legal, marketing, and financial skills. The internal processes have been examined and tested by outside auditors. These processes have been refined to prevent future transgressions. Dr. Steubner also addressed the closing of the hospital.. The closing has placed a strain on the ambulance service. They are experiencing higher fuel costs and require more staff to provide proper coverage. There has also been a loss of revenue from reduced transfer calls moving patients from one facility to another. Shawn Godfrey, current general manager, is working with Berkshire Medical Center to find equity in the distribution of transfer business. Dr. Steubner also expressed a concern regarding the ambulance service's involvement in the Public Safety Building Committee. He is requesting that the ambulance service be given more consideration in addressing their future space needs.
- D. Mount Greylock Regional School District Feasibility Study (Carrie Greene, School Committee Chair and Mark Schiek, School Building Committee Chair))-** Carrie Greene and Mark Schiek presented the issues regarding the condition of the Mount Greylock Regional School. She sought support for approval for funding the feasibility study in order to determine if the existing building should be repaired or a new building constructed. The cost of the study is \$850,000. The Massachusetts School Building Authority will reimburse 55% of the study costs. Mount Greylock will contribute \$150,000 identified for the study. The remaining balance is the responsibility of Lanesboro (93,000) and Williamstown (\$139,000). If approved by both towns the feasibility study would occur between January 2015 and June 2016. Both Ms. Greene and Mr. Schiek encouraged voters to become educated on the issues and to vote on warrant article 20 at the annual town meeting on May 20, 2014 at the Elementary School on 115 Church Street at 7:00pm. The board of selectmen and the finance committee unanimously support this article.
- E. Park Street Parking Regulations-** Town manager, Peter Fohlin and Police Chief, Kyle Johnson are recommending that parking in front of the faculty house on Park Street be discontinued. Drivers must cross the center line to go around parked cars due to the narrowing of Park Street in front of the Faculty House. The college is in agreement that parking be

discontinued on this section of Park Street. The church next to the faculty club has been notified. Tim Kaiser, Kyle Johnson and Peter Fohlin will develop a plan on how to identify and enforce the no parking zone. Mr. Rempell made a motion to amend the no parking regulations to read, Park Street, West Side, From the northerly curb line of Main Street north a distance of 182 feet. Mr. Turbin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.

- F. Draft Purchase and Sales Agreement for 330 Cole Avenue-**Mr. Fohlin presented a draft of a previous purchase and sales agreement for 330 Cole Avenue. The board recommends adding a bike path on the south side of the property. The document will also include progress milestones for the proposed affordable housing project. Additional changes will be added regarding the donation/cost of the property to the project, tax expectations and a property use clause. Mr. Ellet, interim Affordable Housing Committee chair, offered the committee's assistance and support for the project.
- G. Accept the resignations of Catherine Yamamoto, Charles Boneti and Cheryl Shanks from numerous town boards.-** Mr. Turbin made a motion to accept the resignation of Charles Boneti from the AHC. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0. Mr. Rempell made a motion to accept the resignation of Cheryl Shanks from the AHC Committee, Fence Viewer, Historical Commission and Mobile Home Rent Control Board. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0. Mr. Rempell made a motion to accept the resignation of Catherine Yamamoto from the Affordable Housing Trust and Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turbin. The motion passed 4-0-0.
- H. Sign Spruces Land Use-** Mr. Rempell made a motion to sign the Spruces Land Use License for Winthrop Chenail. (See attached map). Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0. The license was signed by the attending board members. Mr. Chenail provided his check for \$350 as payment for use of the land.

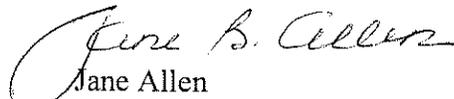
5. PROCLAMATIONS OF INDEPENDENCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN-
(Town Manager) Mr. Fohlin acknowledged Ms. Leach, the head of the Historical Museum, in bringing forth the Selectmen's document dated April 25, 1775, stating Williamstown's commitment to stand against the oppressive acts of the British Parliament in the common cause of American liberty. Mr. Fohlin wanted to acknowledge the governance of prior select boards in establishing and protecting our rights over 239 years ago.

- 5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-** See attached and at www.williamstown.net.
- 6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST-**
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Rempell made a motion to approve the water/sewer warrant for \$129, 219.82. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-

0-0. Chairman Allen read a letter from Mr. Stafford of the Affordable Housing Committee requesting that the board reconsider their decision regarding the Arch Street proposal to develop both 330 Cole Avenue and 59 Water Street. Mr. Sheldon noted that the Ryan report stated that 27% of Williams College support staff live in Williamstown and 48% of the Administrative Staff live in Williamstown. Chairman Allen commented that many individuals enjoy living in other communities. The previous board decision remains unchanged. Mr. Turbin expressed gratitude to both Chairman Allen and Mr. Rempell for their service on the Board of Selectmen. He thanked them for their hard work and commitment to the town. Both Chairman Allen and Mr. Rempell were presented with gifts from their fellow board members.

8. **ADJOURN.** Mr. Turbin made a motion at 9:07pm to enter executive session to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (town manager) and not to reconvene to open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheldon. The motion passed by roll call vote Aye, Mr. Rempell, Aye, Chairman Allen, Aye, Mr. Sheldon, Aye, Mr. Turbin.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane Allen
Secretary Pro Tempore