MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN and EDC COMMITTEE
December 14, 2015
7:00 PM

Present: Jane Patton, Chairman, Hugh Daley, Andy Hogeland, Anne O'Connor, Ron Turbin

Absent:

Others Present: Jason Hoch, Debra Turnbull, Amy Jeschawitz, Emily Watts, Steve Shepard, Jeff Thomas, Jaime Art, Sandra Thomas, Fred Puddester, Tracy Baker, Karen Lartin, Wendy Penner, Michael Oring, Steve Peltier

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**- Chairman Patton acknowledged the passing of Dick DeMayo, lifelong citizen of Williamstown who served tirelessly on numerous town boards and committees. Dick's service, character and smile will be long remembered.

2. **FINAL EDC COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Jeff Thomas, chairman of the committee, gave an overview of the committee's research and report. The committee made six core recommendations.

1. Quality Education- The committee supports the proposed Mount Greylock building project.
2. Increase moderately priced housing.
3. Develop a marketing plan in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.
4. Participate in regional efforts
5. Streamline town processes
6. Grow the population under the age of 40.

The Board of Selectmen will meet to review the recommendations of the committee sometime in January 2016. The board expressed its gratitude to the committee for all its hard work naming Jeffrey Thomas, chairman, for his guidance and direction.

3. **VOTE TO DISSOLVE COMMITTEE-**. Mr. Hogeland moved to dissolve the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daley. The motion passed 5-0-0.

4. **ADJOURN**- Mr. Hogeland made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting at 8:07 pm. Mr. Puddester seconded the motion. The motion passed 13-0-0.

WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

1. **APPROVE SELECTMEN'S MINUTES-** Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the November 23, 2015 minutes. Mr. Daley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the November 30, 2015 minutes. Mr. Daley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

2. **PUBLIC HEARINGS- Chairman Patton opened the public hearing.** Mr. Oring represented the request to increase the LP gas at the 1896 House Restaurant and Hotel at 866 Cold Springs Road. Mr. Oring is asking for an increase from 1650 gallons to 2,250 gallons. All fire and safety concerns were addressed. Mr. Turbin made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0. Mr. Turbin made a motion to approve the increase in LP gas capacity. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

   Set a public for Michael Patten, 1352 Hancock Road for a 3000 gallon propane tank. Mr. Turbin made a motion to set the public hearing for Michael Patten's tank for January 11, 2016 at 7:05pm. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

3. **LICENSES AND PERMITS-** Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve all license renewals submitted for 2016. Mr. Turbin seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
   Steve Peltier appeared before the board requesting a common victualer and live music license. Mr. Peltier plans to open Pelty's Pizza in the old Colonial Pizza Restaurant. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the licenses. Mr. Daley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

4. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
   Water/ Sewer Warrant $202,543.91- Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the warrant. Mr. Turbin seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

   Approve Town Calendar- Mr. Turbin made a motion to approve the Winter/Spring Town Calendar. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

   December Meeting Schedule- Chairman Patton made an announcement that the December 28, 2015 meeting will not be held. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2016.

5. **Town Manager's Report-** Mr. Hoch announced the next steps for Mount Greylock School Building Project. The school committee will vote to appropriate funds for the school building. No town meeting is required. Williamstown Board of Selectmen will be asked to approve a letter on January 22, 2016. Mr. Hoch accepted a copy of the History of Lanesborough on behalf of the town. The book will be donated to the public library. Mr. Hoch also announced an opening on the Conservation Commission. Applications will be accepted in the town manager's office. The deadline for submitting applications to Mrs. Turnbull will be January 15, 2016.

6. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST-** Wendy Penner of Stratton Road addressed the board regarding her involvement with preventing opioid abuse. The approach is two pronged, harm reduction and prevention. 70% of addicts have their first exposure through prescription medications for pain killers in their homes. Families are advised to accept only the minimum number of pills required to manage their pain. Excess pills can be turned into the police department drop box. The Greylock PTO sponsored an educational evening for citizens, students and parents.

   Emily Watts announced that the Cultural District had been awarded a $5000 grant from the Mass Cultural Council. The Chamber will match the grant. This has created $10,000 to be used for new mapping, signage and printed materials. Emily acknowledged the contributions of Sarah Currie and Andrew Groff.

7. **ADJOURN-** Mr. Daley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Hugh Daley
Secretary, Board of Selectmen