

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

JAN 16 2015

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015

TOWN CLERK

9:00 AM

WILLIAMS INN

RETREAT

3:45
pm
mck

1. Sign Highland Woods Affordability Restriction
2. Recruitment of new Town Manager
3. Destination Williamstown
4. Planning joint meeting with Planning Board
5. Other Business

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Retreat – Williams Inn
January 22, 2015
9:00 AM

Present: Ron Turbin, Chairman, Tom Sheldon, Andrew Hogeland, Hugh Daley, Jane Patton and Peter Fohlin. Also present for the Highland Woods agreements discussion only– Don Dubendorf

Highland Woods Agreements. Mr. Dubendorf explained two agreements that needed to be signed. The first was an estoppel certificate that there had been no defaults yet. Mr. Hogeland moved and Mr. Daley seconded approval. The motion passed 5-0. The second agreement was on the affordability restriction to address the scenario in which the property becomes, for example, derelict or destroyed by fire and would allow the college to terminate the 75 year lease without being required to keep it for affordable housing purposes. Mr. Hogeland moved and Mr. Sheldon seconded approval of the agreement. The motion passed 5-0.

Future Agendas. The Board discussed how to set the agenda for the next couple of meetings, and decided to have the town flag discussed on January 26 and to defer the pipeline resolution from January 26 to a later meeting. Items for the February 9, 2015 meeting are discussed below.

DestinationWilliamstown and Website Coordination. The Board decided to set an agenda item for the February 9, 2015 meeting to discuss possible collaboration between Destination Williamstown, the Chamber of Commerce and the Town on coordinating and perhaps consolidating websites. Mr. Daley will contact the relevant parties to see if a proposed arrangement can be prepared in time for that meeting.

Joint Meeting with Planning Board. Mr. Hogeland confirmed the Planning Board was ready to have a joint meeting on February 9, 2015. Mr. Hogeland will contact relevant parties to see if a discussion can be framed on Spring Street and Water Street, on the status of Master Plan revisions, and possibly on coordination on economic development.

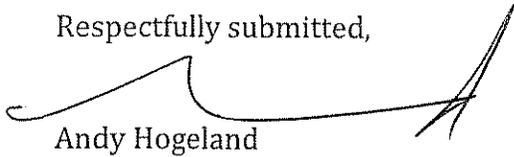
Other business. Mr. Daley raised the concern that Lanesborough was having some difficulties in having one of its selectmen attend meetings of the Mt. Greylock Regional School District's building committee, and the thought had been raised that perhaps both towns should withdraw their selectmen from the building committee. The Selectboard decided that representation on the building committee by a selectman should be retained.

Recruitment of New Town Manager. The Board discussed options on how to conduct the search for a new Town Manager. The conclusion was to seek to hire an outside consultant to manage the search and to form a screening committee of approximately 9 community members to screen applicants and to recommend about 3 to the Selectmen. Williams College had offered to help fund the search activities and to offer the services of someone from its Human Resources organization. Mr. Turbin will respond favorably to those offers. Mr. Hogeland had been in touch with three headhunter firms with expertise in

Massachusetts municipal executive searches, and the Board agreed he should see if they would be able to submit proposals in time for consideration at the Selectmen's meeting on January 26, 2015. Mr. Sheldon and Ms. Patton agreed to serve on the screening committee. The selectmen agreed to reach out to community members to see if they would serve on the screening committee. Mr. Fohlin will draft a request to the Finance Committee to transfer funds from the reserve account to fund the search efforts.

On motion by Mr. Hogeland, seconded by Mr. Daley and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 12:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Hogeland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

Andy Hogeland