

**AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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TOWN CLERK

4:10 pm

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** May 27, 2014
3. **PUBLIC HEARING- 7:05 p.m**

Time Warner Cable/Comcast Corporation Application to Transfer Control of Williamstown CATV Franchise
4. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for Williamstown Theater Festival at the 62 Center for Theater and Dance – July 3 from 4:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. (Jen Crowell)
5. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Request for Neighborhood Block Party – Front & Manning Streets (Jarrett Bayliss)
 - B. Williams College Request to Install Flashing Crosswalk Signs on Main Street (Boyer)
 - C. Williamstown Theater Festival Application for Ch. 140 s. 181 Theatrical Exhibition (Kerns)
 - D. One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for Big Elm Brewing Co. at Cricket Creek Farm – August 10 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
 - E. Economic Development Discussion
 - F. Discussion of Guidelines for Senior Tax Work Off Program
 - G. Confirmation of Town Manager's Appointment of Sarah Foehl to the Conservation Commission – term to expire June 30, 2017
6. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
7. **PETITIONER REQUESTS**
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **VOTE TO ADJOURN**

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 9, 2014
7:00 PM

Present: Ron Turbin, Chairman, Tom Sheldon, Jane Patton, Andrew Hogeland, Hugh Daley

Others Present: Peter Fohlin, Debra Turnbull, Jeff Thomas, Rachel Branch, Ben Greenfield, Jen Crowell, Eric Kearns

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**-Chairman Turbin acknowledged the creation of the Williamstown Cultural District as one of twenty five communities in the Commonwealth with a celebration at the Statehouse on June 25, 2014. Chairman Turbin also informed the community about opportunities to volunteer for the Chamber of Commerce Information Booth on Spring Street. There will be a meeting for those interested on June 10, 2014 at 4:00pm. Those interested may contact Jen at 458-9077 or email at jennifer@williamstown.chamber.com. Jane Patton also acknowledged that Williamstown was identified as a top theater destination on Policymic.com.
2. **SELECTMAN'S MINUTES**- Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27, 2014 meeting. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0
3. **PUBLIC HEARING 7:05**- Time Warner Cable/Comcast Corporation Application to Transfer Control of Williamstown CATV Franchise. Rachel Branch from North Adams came forward to acknowledge the support of Willinet in distributing her programming. It was noted that Rachel Branch's support of Willinet is unrelated to the transfer of the license. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to transfer control of the Time Warner license to Comcast. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
4. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**-
 - A. Approve Williams Theater Festival One Day All Alcohol Beverage License on July 3, 2014 from 4:30-11:30pm. This annual event is held for high level donors at the theater. Mezza will be catering the event. The \$50.00 license fee was clarified and confirmed. A motion was made to approve the one day license by Ms. Patton. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
5. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMAN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Request for Neighborhood Block Party- Front and Manning Street (Jarrett Bayliss) Ms. Patton made a motion to approve this annual event

on July 19th from 5:30-8:30pm. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 50-0.

- B.** Request from Williams College to install flashing crosswalk signs on Main Street. (David Boyer- Director of Campus Safety) David Boyer is requesting flashing lights for crosswalks at East College and Griffin Hall; and West College and the President's House. They want to replace existing signage with solar power signs that are on demand by pedestrians. The college feels that the road rise and current lighting design contribute to the hazard of the crossings. Other factors include students using cell phones and not being aware of their surroundings. Motorists not familiar with the culture of Williamstown and yielding to pedestrians was also a factor. Ms. Patton asked for incidents of pedestrian accidents. Mr. Boyer indicated that there have been no accidents in the last 5-6 years. The expense of the lights will be paid for and maintained by the college on the town green. This request is for two locations but eight are under consideration for the flashing lights with solar panels. Mr. Fohlin under the Town Charter, Chapter 16, Section H quotes the responsibility of the town manager in addressing all changes and improvements to town property has denied the college's request to change the lighting. The current Stop, Look and Wave policy appears to be working and campus safety should continue to educate students on its use. The board of selectmen encourage the college to continue to research and bring forth new technology that demonstrates an improved safety environment.
- C.** Williamstown Theater Festival Application for Chapter 140 S181 Theatrical Exhibition (Crowell and Kearns) Williamstown Theater Festival is proposing an event at Cricket Creek Farm on August 10, 2014 from 3:30 pm to 7:50 pm. Various food vendors, farm demonstrations, music by PigPen Theater Co. and children's activities are planned. Big Elm Brewery will be requesting a one day beer and wine license for the event at the select board meeting on June 23, 2014. This will be a ticketed event for 300-400 people. Parking will be at the Mount Greylock High School. Transportation to the event will be done by bus after presentation of the tickets. Handicapped parking will occur on site. The police will provide signage prohibiting parking on Sloan and Oblong Roads during the event. The festival will provide four regular Porto-lets for guests and one handicapped unit. Garbage receptacles will be provided at the site. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to approve the application with a \$50.00 fee to the Town of Williamstown. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
- D.** Economic Development Discussion-Mr. Daley provided a list of Chamber members representing fifteen segments of the Williamstown Economy. Mr. Daley is suggesting a survey be conducted at the convenience of the business owners in small focus groups. These discussions could be a part of a scheduled Chamber meeting. Mr. Turbin suggested including the Agricultural Commission. Mr. Sheldon

suggested including startups and innovative companies. Malcolm Smith, founder of Williamstown Creative Economy is conducting Friday meetings at the offices above the Purple Pub for meet and greets. Mr. Daley has attended. Ben Greenfield of Linden Street was present to promote gigabyte Ethernet. Mr. Greenfield offers Leverett as a model for this enhanced technology to assist business owners. The email address selectmen @williamstown.net will be used to share information regarding this initiative. It was suggested that an Economic Development Subcommittee will be formed at a later time. Jeff Thomas spoke of North Adams and various initiatives there regarding economic development. . He stated that there should be a high level of cooperation between the two communities. “What is good for North Adams is good for Williamstown.” Mr. Daley will contact other communities and identify their consultants. He will contact the Chamber to piggyback on one of their meetings in order to execute the survey and will attempt to design a rough draft of the survey. They will also add the Ethernet project to their list of initiatives. Mr. Sheldon had investigated the Middlebury site. He noted that there had been no updates since July 2013. Mr. Daley did not have an answer for the time lapse. He will follow up. .

- E. Discussion for Guidelines for Senior Tax Work Off Program. Mr. Fohlin presented a straw man document for the Senior Work off Program. He encouraged the selectmen to consider what guidelines they would like to include in the program for discussion at the next meeting. It was clarified that this applies only to residential properties and residents over 60. Veterans participate in a different program. It was suggested that three opportunities be created in the first year with placement likely to be one each for the library, school and COA/government. Residents will offer their skill sets and be matched with town needs by the various departments. The town does not pay FICA taxes. Second home owners should be considered. Workers will be limited to administrative services at the DPW and eliminated from the police department completely. These individuals are employees at will subject to all department head directives. Mr. Daley suggested that residents with tax bills below a certain threshold may be a way to determine eligibility for the program. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting.
- F. Confirmation of Town Manager’s Appointment of Sarah Foehl to the Conservation Commission term to expire June 30, 2017. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to confirm the town manager’s appointment of Ms. Foehl to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

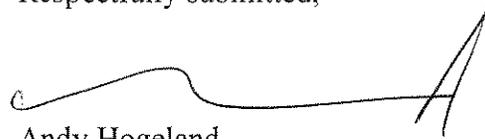
6. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT- See attached and at www.williamstown.net.

7. PETITIONER’S REQUEST- None

8. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Sheldon offered congratulations to the graduating classes of 2014 from Williams, Mount Greylock and McCann Technical School. Ms. Patton added Williamstown Community Preschool's graduating class to those deserving recognition.

9. **ADJOURN.** Mr. Hogeland made a motion at 9:35 to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Hogeland', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right and a sharp upward flourish at the end.

Andy Hogeland
Secretary