

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
June 24, 2013
7:00 P.M.

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TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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TOWN CLERK

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** June 10, 2013
3. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Images – Sign (Sandra Thomas or Jeanne Marklin)
 - B. Authorize refunding 2001 Bonds and to Approve the Sale of Refunding Notes
 - C. Re-appointment – Mt. Greylock Advisory Committee - Scott Lewis (2015)
 - D. Set Public Hearing Date and Time for a Request from Kara Group, LLC, d/b/a PERA Mediterranean Bistro, 60 Spring Street, Fahri Karakaya, Owner, for an Annual All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License. (July 8, 2013 at 7:05 p.m.)
 - E. Regional District Amendment Committee Report (Turbin)
4. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
7. **ADJOURN:**

Next Selectmen Meeting – Monday, July 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 24, 2013

7:00 P.M.

Present: Jane B. Allen, Chairman, Thomas E. Sheldon, Ronald Turbin, David A. Rempell, Jane Patton

Others Present: Sandra Thomas, Jeanne Marklin, Janet Saddler, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT** – Ms. Allen thanked Williams College for a \$450,000 donation from the Williams Fund to the Mount Greylock Regional High School for the purpose of professional and curricular development. Ms. Allen also thanked Williams College for the donation of about 4 acres of college land for an affordable housing project near the Proprietor's Field senior housing complex. Ms. Allen also congratulated Chris Conroy on reaching his dream in becoming a full-time major league umpire.

Ms. Allen reported that there was confusion about the charge of the Public Safety Building Study Committee created after Town Meeting voted to accept article 23 authorizing \$160,000 to advance plans for a new police station. Since the Fire District is also in the process of building a new fire station there was some confusion in the community about whether the new committee's purpose was to study a combined police/fire building or a police station. Mr. Fohlin said that if the committee had included just the term "police station" in its name, it would have been limited in its scope. Mr. Turbin said he hoped the committee will be able to resolve the question of whether it is practical to consider a combined building and allow both first responders to move forward with replacing their antiquated facilities. The Public Safety Building Study Committee meets Tuesday, June 25th at 7 p.m.

2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** June 10, 2013 –Mr. Turbin moved to approve the June 10, 2013 minutes. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Rempell abstained.

3. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**

A. Images – Sign Ms. Thomas and Ms. Marklin asked for the Board's approval to erect a 40-square-foot marquee that will overhang the sidewalk. Mr. Turbin moved to approve the request to erect a 40-square-foot marquee and required that Images Cinema list the Town of Williamstown as additionally insured for \$1 million per occurrence and \$3 million aggregate through their insurance carrier to cover possible injuries that may result from the sign falling onto the sidewalk or from snow or ice falling down from it. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Authorize refunding 2001 Bonds and to Approve the Sale of Refunding Notes - Finance Director Saddler explained that the Town has the opportunity to lower the interest rate by refinancing a \$3.325 million loan and would save approximately \$42,000 over the next five years. She asked that the Board authorize her to refinance the loan that was taken out in 1991 for water and sewer infrastructure improvements and the remodeling of the Sherman Burbank Memorial Chapel. She said the loan interest rate was reduced from 7 to 5 percent after refinancing in 2001. This request comes after bidding for a lower rate from 5 to 1.72 percent. Mr. Rempell moved to authorize the Finance Director to refinance the loan as described above. Mr. Patton seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (the full motion required by Ms. Saddler was read aloud by Ms. Allen and entered as attachment A)

C. Re-appointment – Mt. Greylock Advisory Council - Mr. Rempell moved to re-appoint Scott Lewis to a two-year term expiring June 30, 2015. Ms. Patton seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

D. Set Public Hearing Date and Time for a Request from Kara Group, LLC, d/b/a PERA Mediterranean Bistro, 60 Spring Street, Fahri Karakaya, Owner, for an Annual All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License. Mr. Turbin moved to set a public hearing for a request from Kara Group, LLC, d/b/a PERA Mediterranean Bistro, 60 Spring Street, Fahri Karakaya, Owner, for an Annual All Alcoholic Beverage Restaurant License on July 8, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0..

E. Regional District Amendment Committee - Mr. Turbin reported that the Committee's charge had been to explore the possibility of expanding the district from grades 7-12 to Pre-K-12. The committee had received a state grant to hire consultants to report on the pros and cons, financial and educational benefits. A vote taken at their final meeting was to recommend the expansion to the Mount Greylock Regional School Committee. The MGRSC will review the recommendations and further study the long term financial implications. The decision to amend the district ^{as determined} will be determined by Town Meeting Vote. Mr. Sheldon asked if there was a final report available. Mr. Turbin said there was not but there were many documents on the committee's website.

4. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST** - None

5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT** - See attached report or at www.williamstown.net

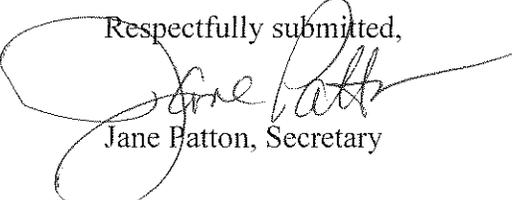
6. **OTHER BUSINESS** - Mr. Turbin announced the Farmer's Market, with its new manager and new vendors, is now open in the Spring Street parking lot, Saturdays from 9-1.

Ms. Allen announced that Wendy Penner, a member of the Solarize Williamstown Group reported over the town has over 50,000 kilowatts of contracted capacity and has reached Tier 3. There will be a panel of experts available during their next meeting June 27 from 12-1 at Williams College's Brofman Center.

Ms. Allen announced the 4th of July Parade will start at 11 am and reminded everyone that one of the four original Declaration of Independence and the British Response documents are located at Williams College's Chapin Library.

7. **ADJOURN:** Mr. Rempell moved to adjourn at 8 p.m. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried -5-0-0. The next Selectmen Meeting is Monday, July 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Patton, Secretary

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Williamstown, Massachusetts (the "Town"), certify that at a meeting of the board held June 24, 2013, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: That in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund all of the Town's \$3,325,000 General Obligation Bonds dated August 15, 2001 maturing on and after October 15, 2014 (the "Refunded Bonds") and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

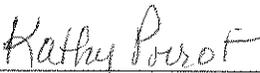
Further Voted: that the sale of the \$486,400 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Town dated July 9, 2013 (the "Bonds"), to Hampden Bank at the price of par and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on July 9 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2014	\$97,280	1.75%
2015	97,280	1.75%
2016	97,280	1.75%
2017	97,280	1.75%
2018	97,280	1.75%

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

Dated: June 24, 2013



 Clerk of the Board of Selectmen