

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 22, 2013
7:00 P.M.

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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TOWN CLERK

9:30 am

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** Regular Session April 8, 2013
Executive Session April 8, 2013
3. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Arbor Day Proclamation
 - B. Resolution in Support of Reducing Greenhouse Gas Pollution Under the Clean Air Act (Sheldon)
 - C. Evaluation of Town Manager
 - D. Set Public Hearing Date & Time for a Request from Hops & Vines MA LLC d/b/a Hops & Vines, 1000 Main Street, Jane Patton Manager for a Transfer of a Seasonal General On Premise All Alcohol Beverage License from Williamstown Theatre Festival Inc., d/b/a Williamstown Theatre Festival. (5-13-13 at 7:05 pm)
 - E. Set Public Hearing Date & Time for a Request from Hops & Vines MA LLC d/b/a Hops & Vines, 863 Main Street, Jane Patton Manager for a Transfer of a Seasonal General On Premise All Alcohol Beverage License from Williamstown Theatre Festival Inc., d/b/a Williamstown Theatre Festival - Cabaret. (5-13-13 at 7:10 pm)
4. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST**
5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
6. **OTHER BUSINESS**
7. **ADJOURN:**

Special Town Meeting is Wednesday, April 24, 2013 – 7:25 p.m.
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Next Selectmen Meeting – Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Present: David A. Rempell, Chairman, Jane B. Allen, Ronald Turbin, Thomas E. Sheldon, Tom Costley
Others Present: Sara Harris, Eric White, Andy Hogeland, Ken Swiatek, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Rempell read from a prepared statement and urged voters to attend both special town meetings scheduled April 24, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Greylock Regional High School (statement is filed in the Town Manager's office).
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** Regular Session April 8, 2013 – Mr. Sheldon moved to approve the regular session April 8, 2013 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Executive Session April 8, 2013 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the executive session April 8, 2013 minutes. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

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

- A. Arbor Day Proclamation – Mr. Turbin read the proclamation aloud. Ms. Allen moved the Board to sign the proclamation. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.
 - B. Resolution in Support of Reducing Greenhouse Gas Pollution under the Clean Air Act (Sheldon) – Chairman Rempell said that more information needed to be gathered to be incorporated with the existing resolution. It will be presented at a later meeting. No Action was taken.
 - C. Evaluation of Town Manager – Chairman Rempell read from a prepared statement that in part expressed the board's appreciation for Mr. Fohlin's hard work and knowledge in the execution of the complex federal hazard mitigation grant, his success in explaining the process to the town and his exemplary knowledge and ability to work with the finance department and the presentation of a balanced budget. Recognition of Peter's fine sense of humor was also noted (statement is filed in the Town Manager's Office).
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4. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST:** Eric White, whose property is the subject of a proposed conservation restriction on warrant Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m., announced his intention to withdraw his application during the town meeting. He said after he placed the issue on the warrant, an issue came up that will likely require significant rewriting of the 23-page conservation restriction.
 5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** see attached or at www.williamstown.net

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Rempell announced that at a joint meeting of the Conservation Commission and the Selectmen it was decided to add more members to the current four person subcommittee dealing with the re-use of the more than 100 acres of Spruces property.

He said the subcommittee of four – former selectman Jack Madden, Hoowra member Tom Hyde, architect Libby Bartels and town planner Andrew Groff will be joined by a member from each of the following: Conservation Commission, Agricultural Commission, Selectmen and a Spruces resident. Mr. Rempell volunteered to join the subcommittee.

Mr. Rempell noted that he was heartened by the outpouring of appreciation given to the first responders to the Boston Marathon bombing and the subsequent manhunt. On behalf of the selectmen, he expressed appreciation to the first responders who serve our town.

7. **ADJOURN:** Mr. Costley moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald Turbin, Secretary

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FROM: PETER L. FOHLIN, TOWN MANAGER
SUBJECT: TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT 2013-08 APRIL 22, 2013
<http://www.williamstown.net>
DATE: APRIL 22, 2013
CC: DEPARTMENT HEADS

TOWN CLERK

Special Town Meetings will take place on Wednesday, April 24, at 7:25 p.m. at Mount Greylock Regional High School. A resident must be a registered voter in Williamstown to obtain a voter card, which allows them to participate in the voting process. Residents will enter the wrestling room in the front of the school off the gymnasium entrance. They will check in at the table that indicates the first letter of their last name. They will then receive their voter card and proceed into the gym. Residents are urged to arrive at least 30 minutes early so we can get everyone checked in promptly and get the meeting started on time. There is no provision under the law for absentee ballots for the Special Town Meeting or any town meeting.

The Annual Town Election/Special State Primary will take place on Tuesday, April 30, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Elementary School. This is a combined election day, but is handled as two separate elections. Voters will check in at the first table for their Town election ballot and then proceed to the second table for their State Primary ballot. They will then vote both ballots and will need to check out twice, once for each election. The voter will insert both ballots into the ballot box which has been programmed to receive both ballots.

Absentee ballots are currently available for the Special State Primary and Town Election in the town clerk's office. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Monday, April 29, at noon.

Any dog owner who has not yet obtained a 2013 dog license should do so now. A \$15 late fee will be applied after June 15.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The senior Friendship Club of Williamstown is looking for folks who can knit, crochet, do needle work, or make simple quilts. They meet every other Thursday afternoon for a couple months at the Harper Center to assemble quilts, blankies, and other warming gifts for "Project Linus", a charitable organization that collects and distributes warm blankets to critically ill children all over the country. Maggie Guiden, coordinator of this particular effort, will have pre-made squares to be connected and made ready for the families and children who need them. Contact the COA at 458-8250 for information.

Since the last reporting period, twelve (12) criminal charges were taken against eight (8) individuals for the following:

04/05/13	Operate with a Revoked License
04/06/13	Violate an Abuse Prevention Order
04/07/13	Unlicensed Operation; Speeding
04/08/13	Warrants (x3)
04/09/13	Assault and Battery - Domestic
04/12/13	Under 21 Attempt to Procure Alcohol; False/Misuse of an ID card
04/13/13	Under 21 Possess Alcohol
04/17/13	Rape

Two (2) individuals were held in a cell for Protective Custody during this reporting period.

Five hundred fifty-six (556) calls for service were received at the Dispatch Center from Thursday, April 4, to Thursday, April 18:

Police – 417	Ambulance – 125	Fire – 14
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