

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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*9:00 am*

**WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AGENDA  
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013  
7: 00 P.M.**

**1. ITEM FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**

A. Regional District Amendment Committee Preliminary Discussion (Steve Hemman)

**2. ADJOURN:**

**Williamstown Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen**  
**April 11, 2013**

**Minutes**

Finance Committee Members present: Dan Gendron, Paula Consolini, Andy Hogeland, Beth Goodman and Elaine Neely.

Finance Committee Members Absent: Charles Fox, Doris Karampatsos, Suzanne Dewey and Michael Sussman

Selectmen Present: David Rempell, Tom Costley, Ron Turbin, Jane Allen, Tom Sheldon

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Paula Consolini

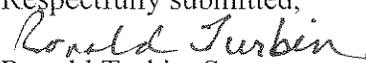
The minutes from the April 4, 2013 Finance Committee meeting were not approved since there was not a quorum of those who had been in attendance at the prior meeting.

Andy Hogeland moved, and Dan Gendron seconded, a motion to approve a draft letter to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) supporting the Statement of Interest recently submitted to the MSBA by the Mt. Greylock Regional School District (MGRSD) regarding a feasibility study for the high school building. The motion passed 5-0 by a vote of the Finance Committee.

Carrie Green, Chairman of the MGRSD School Committee, and Steve Hemman of the Massachusetts Association of Regional School Committees, led a discussion on the ongoing work of the Mt. Greylock Regional District Amendment Committee. This Amendment Committee is working pursuant to a grant to study the option of expanding the MGRSD, which now just includes grades 7-12, to establish a regional school district consisting of K-12 for both Lanesborough and Williamstown. The Amendment Committee is in its fact-gathering phase, and has been holding meetings with teachers and PTOs of MGRSD and the elementary schools of both towns, as well as with officials of both towns, to explain the purpose of the study and to solicit comments and concerns.

The discussion covered the general advantages and challenges to a regionalization approach, including topics such as cost efficiencies, curriculum coordination, financing, concerns over loss of control by the elementary schools, transportation costs, and differences between the two towns as to funding support. The report on the study is expected by the end of June 2013.

Elaine Neely moved, and Dan Gendron seconded, a motion to adjourn by the Finance Committee which passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Ronald Turbin, Secretary

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