

**WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013  
7:00 PM**

**Present:** David A. Rempell, Chairman, Jane B. Allen, Ronald Turbin

**Absent:** Tom Costley, Thomas E. Sheldon

**Others Present:** Jessie Cook-Dubin, Charles Scott, Bernard English, Anne McCallum, Pat Dunlavey, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Rempell noted that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Selectmen's meeting room at the Municipal Building, 31 North Street, on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 7 pm. to vote to authorize the Selectmen to release restrictions on the former Williamstown Boys Club and Youth Center and also property owned by Purple Moon LLC. (See attachment, entitled Warrant Special Town Meeting)

**2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** February 11, 2013 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the February 11, 2013 minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 2-0-1. Mr. Rempell abstained.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. 7:05 P.M. -** Request from HCC Orchards, LLC, d/b/a The Orchards Hotel for a Transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverage Innholder's License and Approval of the Management Agreement from HCC Orchards, LP, d/b/a The Orchards Hotel and Change of Liquor Manager from Charles W. Scott to Bernard English.

Chairman Rempell opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Attorney Jesse Cook-Dubin, representing The Orchards Hotel, explained that the management company, HCC Orchards, has converted from a LP to a LLC and has added new members. The approval of the management agreement is required by the ABCC for the liquor license transfer. Bernard English is requesting approval as the liquor manager. Mr. English is TIPS trained. Ms. Allen questioned where the licensed areas were on the property. Mr. Scott said that all of the Inn's public area is licensed as explained in #7 of the application. Ms. Allen cited that in the "Applicant's Statement" page of the license application under number 3, it states that establishments must notify the LLA of any changes made to the premises or to its management. She said that this is where many establishments make mistakes by not reporting this information. Ms. Allen applauded The Orchards Hotel for its good compliance record.

Mr. Rempell closed the public hearing at 7:15 pm. Mr. Turbin moved to approve the request from HCC Orchards, LLC, d/b/a The Orchards Hotel, for a Transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverage Innholder's License and Approval of the Management Agreement from HCC Orchards, LP, d/b/a The Orchards Hotel and Change of Liquor Manager, from Charles W. Scott to Bernard English. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 3-0-0.

#### **4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

**A.** Request for a transfer of Common Victualer License, Live Music Permit and Innkeeper License, from HCC Orchards, LP, d/b/a The Orchards Hotel, to HCC Orchards, LLC d/b/a The Orchards Hotel. Ms. Allen moved to approve the Request for a transfer of Common Victualer License, Live Music Permit and Innkeeper License from HCC Orchards, LP, d/b/a The Orchards Hotel, to HCC Orchards, LLC d/b/a The Orchards Hotel. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 3-0-0.

#### **5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**

**A.** Approval of Combined Town Election and Special State Primary Date Changes – Ms. Allen moved, pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2013 of the General Court, that the 2013 Annual Town Election for the Town of Williamstown be held on April 30, 2013 to coincide with the Special State Primary for U.S. Senator in Congress, and that the Annual Town Meeting be held on May 21, 2013, and further, pursuant to the authority of said Chapter 2, the last day for filing nomination papers with the Board of Registrars for said local election will move to March 21, 2013, thus reducing the time frame for certification by 5 days, and that pursuant to G.L.c.51,§26 the deadline to register to vote for the town election and town meeting will be April 10, 2013, and the remainder of the election calendar for said Annual Election shall be set as required by statute. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 3-0-0.

**B.** Proposed Amendments to Chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown – Planning Board Chairman Ann McCallum reviewed amendment proposals (Attachment A). Ms. Allen moved to refer the proposed amendments to Chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown back to the Planning Board to include an amendment that clarifies the boundaries of the proposed new zoning district entitled Southern Gateway District. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 3-0-0.

**C.** Population Estimates for Seasonal Package Store Liquor Licenses 2013 – Ms. Allen moved to take no action. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 3-0-0.

**6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** see attached or at [www.williamstown.net](http://www.williamstown.net)

**7. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:** None

**8. OTHER BUSINESS:** Water and Sewer warrant: Ms. Allen moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$185,447. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 3-0-0.

Mr. Rempell reported that he received correspondence from Richard Davey of MassDOT in response to the selectmen's letter dated January 29, 2013, that requested additional studies be considered relative to the realignment of the road. In his response, Mr. Davey has directed MassDOT's highway division to advance some of the mid-term safety recommendations, including the addition of an overhead sign with flashing beacons, to highlight the truck ramp's escape ramp entrances and to investigate the mid-term recommendation of a roadway brake check area (Both letters are on file in the Town Manager's office).

**9. ADJOURN:** Ms. Allen moved to adjourn at 8 p.m. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 3-0-0. The next Selectmen's Meeting is Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Turbin, Secretary