

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012
7:00 P.M.

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1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** July 9, 2012
3. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Adoption Berkshire County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Lindsay Errichetto
 - B. Selectmen Appointment

Agricultural Commission Alternate – Christopher “Topher” Sabot, June 30, 2015
 - C. Accept Resignation of Larry Weber – Williamstown July 4th Celebration Committee
 - D. Accept Resignation of Curtis Scott – Sign Commission
 - E. State Primary Warrant
 - F. Appointment of Election Workers for 2012/2013
 - G. Hogs on the Farm
5. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
6. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:**
8. **ADJOURN:**

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

Absent: Tom Costley

Others Present: Lindsay Errichetto, Christopher Sabot, Robert Hatton, Donna Wied, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Rempell said we have had some **difficult** losses – both at a national and local level. He spoke briefly about the shooting in Aurora Colorado and about two incredible Williamstown residents who have recently passed away. He said Irwin Shainman, co-founder and former President of the Williamstown Theatre Festival and Helen Renzi, former principal and superintendent of Williamstown Schools will be sorely missed.
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** July 9, 2012 – Ms. Allen moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Adoption Berkshire County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Ms. Errichetto updated the Board. She said the plan has been approved by FEMA and MEMA and it remains unchanged from the version that was presented to the Selectmen in January 2011. She said once all 19 communities have approved the plan, they will be eligible to apply for grants to pay for mitigation projects called for in the plan, such as updating the emergency action plan for the Williamstown Reservoir. Mr. Rempell read the Resolution Adopting the Berkshire County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Turbin moved the adoption of the plan and that the Chairman sign the Certificate of Adoption. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously (attachment A).
 - B. Selectmen Appointment

Agricultural Commission Alternate – Christopher “Topher” Sabot, June 30, 2015 – Ms. Allen moved to appoint Topher Sabot as Alternate to the Agricultural Commission for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Sabot was sworn in by Assistant Town Clerk Kathy Poirot.
 - C. Accept Resignation of Larry Weber – Williamstown July 4th Celebration Committee –Ms. Allen moved to accept Larry Weber's resignation from the Williamstown July 4th Celebration and to send him a letter of thanks. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Accept Resignation of Curtis Scott – Sign Commission – Ms. Allen moved to accept Curtis Scott’s resignation with gratitude as he is moving out of the area. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. State Primary Warrant – Ms. Allen moved to approve the State Primary Warrant as presented by the Town Clerk stating the election will take place Thursday, September 6, 2012 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Elementary School. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously (Primary warrant is available in the Town Clerk’s office).

F. Appointment of Election Workers for 2012/2013 – Mr. Turbin moved to appoint the 2012/2013 Election Workers as presented by the Town Clerk. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously (Appointed Election Workers list is available in the Town Clerk’s office).

G. Hogs on the Farm – Mr. Rempell expressed the Board’s continued frustration over the upcoming “Hogs on the Farm” event that has evolved from a widely advertised fundraiser for veterans with an admission fee of \$50 to its cancellation. Mr. Ransford did let the town know that even though the event has been cancelled some may show up who didn’t know about the cancellation. He said if they do come, he will not charge a fee, will allow primitive camping and provide portable toilets. Selectmen discussed the need for a bylaw to cover future festivals requiring licenses. However, in regard to this event there is nothing that can be done by the Board. Mr. Fohlin said the Williamstown police department will be appropriately staffed during that weekend.

5. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT: See attached or refer to www.williamstown.net.

6. PETITIONER’S REQUEST: None

7. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Turbin announced that Higher Ground has received a \$20,000 grant from National Equity Fund of NEF/ Rural LISC to hire a consultant to help narrow the choices of sites for disaster replacement housing and the selection a development partner.

8. ADJOURN: Ms. Allen moved to adjourn. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is August 13, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,


Ronald Turbin, Secretary