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Revised
AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012
7:00 P.M.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** May 14, 2012, Executive Session May 14, 2012
3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - A. 7:05 PM - Application from TJ Warren, Inc., 824 Simonds Road, Williamstown, for an Annual Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License, John Warren, Manager.
 - B. 7:10 PM – Application from Williamstown Theatre Festival Inc., d/b/a Williamstown Theatre Festival, 1000 Main St., Williamstown for an Alteration of Premises, Change from Wine and Malt to All Alcohol and Change of Type of License from General On-Premise to Common Victualer License.
 - C. 7:15 PM – Application from Berkshire Five Corners Inc., d/b/a The Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, Williamstown for an Annual Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License, Ryan Hassett, Manager.
4. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. 8th Annual Hoosic River Ride – Saturday, August 25 (Ennis)
 - B. Saulner Drive Block Party – Friday, June 15 (Maria Greig-Williams)
 - C. Confirmation of Town Manager's Re-appointment of Thomas Ennis to the Conservation Commission with a term ending June 30, 2015.
 - D. Set Public Hearing Date and Time for a Request from Wild Oats Cooperative, Inc., 320 Main St., Williamstown for a Change in Liquor Manager and Change in Board of Directors (June 11, 2012 at 7:05 p.m.)
 - E. Set Public Hearing Date and Time for a Request from The Williamstown Theatre Festival, Cabaret, 863 Main St. for a Change from a Seasonal Wine and Malt to a Seasonal All Alcoholic Liquor License. (June 11, 2012 at 7:10 p.m.)
 - F. Confirmation of Town Manager's Re-appointment of Scott Wong to the Historical Commission with a term ending June 30, 2015.

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Present: Tom Costley, Acting Chairman, Jane B. Allen, Ronald Turbin

Absent: Thomas E. Sheldon, David A. Rempell

Others Present: Thomas Ennis, Emily Brannan, Martha Marvin, Marie Greig-Williams, John Warren, Tom Warren, Jane Patton, Joseph Finnegan, Harris Aaronson, Ryan Hassett, Kazunori Oshima, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** None
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** May 14, 2012, Executive Session May 14, 2012 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the May 14, 2012 minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Turbin moved to approve the May 14, 2012 Executive Session Minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A. 7:05 PM - Application from TJ Warren, Inc., 824 Simonds Road, Williamstown, for an Annual Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License, John Warren, Manager. Acting Chairman Costley opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Mr. John Warren stated that TJ's would like to sell beer and wine and that he will be the liquor manager putting in 15-20 hours at the store. He said he has never managed a liquor license before but does plan to card everyone. Ms. Allen said the Board's top concern is underage drinking. She cautioned that new package store owners are often tested in college towns there is a potential to come across many fake IDs. She said that the police department is always there to help when this occurs. She urged him to hire experienced staff and institute a "culture of carding"; by carding everyone unless they have wrinkles. She also said that compliance checks are done four times a year in Williamstown and the Board expects 100% compliance. A copy of the Selectmen's guidelines and expectations will accompany the liquor license upon its issuance. Mr. Costley closed the public hearing.

Mr. Turbin moved to approve the application from TJ Warren, Inc., 824 Simonds Road, Williamstown, for an Annual Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License, John Warren, Manager. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. 7:10 PM – Application from Williamstown Theatre Festival Inc., d/b/a Williamstown Theatre Festival, 1000 Main St., Williamstown for an Alteration of Premises, Change from Wine and Malt to All Alcohol and Change of Type of License from General On-Premise to Common Victualer License. Acting Chairman Tom Costley opened the public hearing. Ms. Patton said although this public hearing is published as a request for an alteration in premises, change from wine and malt to all

alcohol and change from General on Premises to Restaurant license we ask the following of the Board:

We would like to present for the public hearing tonight our request for an alteration in premises and request to change our pouring license from wine and malt liquor to all alcoholic beverage. Although part of our application pertaining to the change in type of license was not in your packets, they are in front of you for this meeting. Since we already have a pouring license and all of the information is the same, we hope you will consider both requests at this hearing. She said we would like to drop the request to change from general on premises to restaurant because the events will be catered. Ms. Allen questioned whether there would be enough staff to monitor the roped in area as shown on the map included in the application. Ms. Patton said there will be staff at all times. Mr. Turbin suggested that there be a person stationed at the entrance, being that the only entrance onto the outside area is through the theatre lobby. Mr. Costley said he hoped that TIPs trained staff would be able to keep up with the crowd. Mr. Costley said he thought this was a great idea and it would be an asset to the theatre festival by providing for the outside venue. Ms. Patton said that since the caterer and bar staff, which will be provided by Hops and Vines, has experience in obtaining liquor orders in advance by issuing a ticket or token, there shouldn't be backups at the bar. Mr. Fohlin questioned what would happen if he pre-ordered and then gave his token to a minor. Ms. Patton said that this could pose a problem and they will look into this further. She said that Mr. Lapidus will still be the liquor manager. Ms. Allen reiterated that the Board expects full compliance by consistent carding and by using TIPs trained experienced staff. Mr. Costley closed the public hearing.

Mr. Turbin moved to approve the application from Williamstown Theatre Festival Inc., d/b/a Williamstown Theatre Festival, 1000 Main St., Williamstown for an Seasonal Alteration of Premises and Change from a Wine and Malt Beverage to an All Alcoholic Beverage License. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Selectmen's guidelines and expectations will accompany the liquor license upon its issuance.

C. 7:15 PM – Application from Berkshire Five Corners Inc., d/b/a The Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, Williamstown for an Annual Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License, Ryan Hassett, Manager. Acting Chairman Costley opened the public hearing. Mr. Aaronson told the Board that Mr. Lewis has opened the Store and has hired Mr. Hassett to manage the store and liquor license. Mr. Hassett said he does not have experience managing a liquor license but is aware of the responsibilities that come with it. He said his expectation is to card everyone. Ms. Allen said he should also instill the same standards in his staff. Mr. Costley closed the public hearing.

Ms. Allen moved to approve the application from Berkshire Five Corners Inc., d/b/a The Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, Williamstown for an Annual Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License, Ryan Hassett, Manager. Mr. Turbin

seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Selectmen's guidelines and expectations will accompany the liquor license upon its issuance.

4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. 8th Annual Hoosic River Ride – Saturday, August 25, 2012 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the 8th Annual Hoosic River Ride on Saturday, August 25, 2012. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Saulner Drive Block Party – Friday, June 15, 2012 – Mr. Turbin moved to approve the Saulner Drive Block Party on Friday, June 15, 2012. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Confirmation of Town Manager's Re-appointment of Thomas Ennis to the Conservation Commission with a term ending June 30, 2015 – Ms. Allen moved to confirm the Town Manager's re-appointment of Thomas Ennis to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2015. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ennis was sworn in by Assistant Town Clerk Kathy Poirot.

D. Set Public Hearing Date and Time for a Request from Wild Oats Cooperative, Inc., 320 Main St., Williamstown for a Change in Liquor Manager and Change in Board of Directors – Ms. Allen moved to set a public hearing for a request from Wild Oats Cooperative, Inc., 320 Main St., Williamstown for a Change in Liquor Manager and Change in Board of Directors for June 11, 2012 at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Set Public Hearing Date and Time for a Request from The Williamstown Theatre Festival, Cabaret, 863 Main St. for a Change from a Seasonal Wine and Malt to a Seasonal All Alcoholic Liquor License. Mr. Turbin moved to set a public hearing for a request from The Williamstown Theatre Festival, Cabaret, 863 Main St. for a Change from a Seasonal Wine and Malt to a Seasonal All Alcoholic Liquor License for June 11, 2012 at 7:10 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Confirmation of Town Manager's Re-appointment of Scott Wong to the Historical Commission with a term ending June 30, 2015 – Ms. Allen moved to confirm the Town Manager's re-appointment of Scott Wong to the Historical Commission for a three-year term ending June 30, 2015.

G. Water and Sewer Warrant - \$166,838.86 – Mr. Turbin moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$166,838.86. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached and at www.williamstown.net

In addition to the Town Manager's report, Mr. Fohlin introduced and welcomed Kozunori Oshima, a Japanese scholar studying the New England Town Meeting. Mr. Oshima said it has been an honor and privilege to engage in his fieldwork in Williamstown. In addition to his meetings with several town officials, he has discovered WilliNet and he plans to continue to view coverage of meetings even after his return to Japan. Mr. Oshima leaves Williamstown June 10.

6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Turbin reported he attended an MPO meeting this afternoon to support business pertaining to other Berkshire Country towns. There was no Williamstown business at this particular meeting.

8. ADJOURN: Ms. Allen moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is June 11, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tom Costley, Secretary