

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011
7:00 P.M.

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** May 23, 2011, May 23, 2011 Executive Session
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A.** Green Community Presentation (Jim Barry)
 - B.** Saulnier Drive Block Party June 16 (Maria Greig-Williams)
 - C.** Williamstown Housing Authority Election (Thomas V. Ellet)
 - D.** Confirmation of Town Manager's Appointment of Thomas V. Ellet to the Conservation Commission
 - E.** Confirmation of Town Manager's Appointment of Philip McKnight to the Conservation Commission
 - F.** Selectmen Re-appointments:
 - Fence Viewers – Cheryl Shanks, Marilyn Kirby (2012)
 - Mobile Home Rent Control Board – David Levine, Cheryl Shanks (2014)
 - Municipal Scholarship Committee – Cheryl Yarter (2014)
 - G.** Acceptance of Town's 2011 Re-precincting Plan
 - H.** Accept Bernice Lewis' Resignation from the Northern Berkshire Cultural Council
 - I.** Water and Sewer Warrant - \$203,965.45
- 4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- 5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 7. Vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to non-union personnel and not to reconvene in open session.**

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, June 27, 2011 – 7 p.m.

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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Present: Thomas E. Sheldon, Chairman, Tom Costley, David A. Rempell, Ronald Turbin, Jane B. Allen

Others Present: James Barry, Maria Greig-Williams, Mary Kennedy, Jason McNair, Thomas V. Ellet, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: Chairman Sheldon commended the Library Trustees for their decision to pull back from the renovation plan that would have required a fundraising campaign of over \$4.4 million. The Board's decision to abandon its current renovation plan was based on results of a fundraising feasibility study carried out by John and Martha Storey.

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: Mr. Rempell moved to approve the May 23, 2011 minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Costley abstaining. Mr. Turbin moved to approve the May 23, 2011 Executive Session minutes. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Costley abstaining.

3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Green Community Presentation – Jim Barry, Western Massachusetts coordinator for the state's Green Communities Division, presented a certificate recognizing the town's status as a green community, signed by Governor Deval Patrick, Lt. Governor Timothy Murray, Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and Mark Sylvia, Commissioner of the Department of Energy Resources. The Board also received four road signs that designate the town's green community status and a check for \$142,000 in Green Community state grant money. The grant application and 50% of the funding is expected to be available after July 1. Mr. Fohlin said the funding is slated for energy-efficient and renewable energy projects, mainly for the replacement of energy saving light bulbs at the elementary school. Mr. Barry said Williamstown joins an elite group of communities across the state that believe in a clean-energy future and have gone a long way to get there. Mr. Fohlin said the town received a Big Belly trash compactor and recycling receptacle from the state in recognition of being named a green community. He also said that the grant was the result of many long hours and hard work by Assistant Assessor Jason McNair. He said DPW Director Tim Kaiser was also a valuable asset to the project. Ms. Allen said Nancy Nysten and Hank Art should also be thanked for their ongoing efforts that started several years ago with the formation of the C.O.O.L. Committee.

B. Saulnier Drive Block Party June 16 (Maria Greig-Williams) – Mr. Rempell moved to approve a request for a Block Party on Saulnier Drive on June 16 from 3:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. with a rain date of June 17. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Williamstown Housing Authority Election (Thomas V. Ellet) – Due to the lack of a quorum of the WHA, this item will be tabled until June 27.

D. Confirmation of Town Manager’s Appointment of Thomas V. Ellet to the Conservation Commission – Ms. Allen moved to confirm the Town Manager’s appointment of Thomas V. Ellet to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ellet was sworn in by Ms. Poirot.

E. Confirmation of Town Manager’s Appointment of Philip McKnight to the Conservation Commission – Mr. Costley moved to confirm the Town Manager’s appointment of Philip McKnight to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Selectmen Appointments:

Fence Viewers – Cheryl Shanks, Marilyn Kirby (2012) – Mr. Rempell moved to appoint Cheryl Shanks and Marilyn Kirby to one-year terms, expiring June 30, 2012 as Fence Viewers. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mobile Home Rent Control Board – David Levine, Cheryl Shanks (2014) – Mr. Turbin moved to appoint David Levine and Cheryl Shanks to three-year terms, expiring June 30, 2014, on the Mobile Home Rent Control Board.

Municipal Scholarship Committee – Cheryl Yarter (2014) – Mr. Rempell moved to appoint Cheryl Yarter to a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2014, on the Municipal Scholarship Committee.

G. Acceptance of Town’s 2011 Re-precincting Plan – Town Clerk Mary Kennedy explained the town’s 2011 Re-precincting map display, stating that last year’s federal census numbers had no effect on the boundaries of the town’s three precincts. She said there were no changes because the existing populations in each area remain within 5% of each other - with each precinct averaging about 2500 residents. Boundaries have been changed in the past, the last change being in 2001 dealing with precinct 1 and 3. Ms. Allen moved to accept the Town’s 2011 Re-precincting map as presented. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The 2011 Re-precincting plan is located in the Town Clerk’s office.

H. Accept Bernice Lewis' Resignation from the Northern Berkshire Cultural Council - Mr. Turbin moved to accept Bernice Lewis' resignation with thanks from the Northern Berkshire Cultural Council. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

I. Water and Sewer Warrant - \$203,965.45 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$203,965.45. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See Attached. The Town Manager's report is also on the Town website.

5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

6. OTHER BUSINESS: None

7. At 7:34 p.m. Ms. Allen moved the selectmen vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to non-union personnel and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote, aye, Tom Costley, aye, David Rempell, aye, Ronald Turbin, aye, Thomas Sheldon, and aye, Jane Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Costley, Secretary