

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011
7:00 P.M.

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** March 28, 2011
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. 7TH Annual Hoosic River Ride – August 20th (Ennis)
 - B. Williams 15th Run for a Cure – May 1st (Erin Altenburger)
 - C. Set Water Rate
 - D. Set Sewer Rate
 - E. Set Transfer Station Rates
 - F. Annual Town Meeting Warrant
 - G. Water & Sewer Warrant - \$214,669.83
- 4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- 5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 7. ADJOURN:**

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, April 25, 2011

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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7:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Tom Ennis, Erin Altenburger, Janet Saddler, Donna Estes, Chuck St. John, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Turbin recognized former town employee Rose Hammann who passed away last week at 95. She retired at age 94 after working for the town for 47 years.
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** March 28, 2011 – Mr. Costley moved to approve the March 28, 2011 minutes. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A.** 7TH Annual Hoosic River Ride – August 20th – Mr. Ennis said the ride is not only a fundraiser but also an opportunity to introduce people to the watershed. It is a recreational ride with 8, 28, 50, and 75 mile courses. The 75 mile ride is the only course that goes through Williamstown. He said people interested in participating in the ride can register on-line. Groups of 5 or more riders will get a discounted rate. In addition, tee shirts can be ordered on-line. Mr. Ennis said he has already been in contact with Chief Johnson about the event. Ms. Allen moved to approve the ride on August 20th. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
 - B.** Williams 15th Run for a Cure – May 1st – Williams Student and Run Coordinator Erin Altenburger said the Williams 15th Run for a Cure will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 2 p.m. In addition to raising money for the American Cancer Society, the event is meant to bring together students, faculty, parents, alumni and community members and to raise awareness for cancer. The 5K run starts and ends at Chapin Hall and usually attracts about 150 participants. Ms. Altenburger has already arranged for police detail for the run. Mr. Rempell moved to approve the event on May 1, 2011 at 2 p.m. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
 - C.** Set Water Rate – Mr. Costley moved to set the water rate at \$3.74 per 100 cubic feet. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
 - D.** Set Sewer Rate – Ms. Allen moved to set the sewer rate at \$5.43 per 100 cubic feet for non-Cold Spring Road residents and \$5.96 per 100 cubic feet for Cold Spring Road residents. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Set Transfer Station Rates – Mr. Sheldon moved to set the Transfer Station rates at \$75 for annual transfer sticker, \$2.50 and \$1.25 for trash bags, and rates for other disposal as presented. Fees remain the same as last year. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. 2010 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Selectmen Recommendations:

Article 3. To Appropriate Free Cash to Lower the Tax Rate: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$259,495 from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance to reduce the tax rate or take any other action in relation thereto. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 4. Appropriation For Debt Services: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$479,514 or any other sum to pay interest and maturing debt, or take any other action in relation thereto. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 5. General Government: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,441,574 from taxation; that \$117,081 be appropriated from Estimated Water Receipts; that \$82,219 be appropriated from Estimated Sewer Receipts, that \$9,000 be appropriated from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund; and that \$6,290 be appropriated from the Sherman Burbank Memorial Trust. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 6. Capital Improvement Program: Mr. Sheldon moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$478,248 from taxation; that \$54,000 be raised and appropriated from Estimated Water Receipts, and that \$59,753 be raised and appropriated from Estimated Sewer Receipts, and that \$39,247 be appropriated from Sewer Fund Unreserved Fund balance. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 7. Local Public Schools (Grades K-6): Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,261,544 from taxation. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 8. Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$366,466 from taxation. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 9. Mount Greylock Regional School District: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,600,521 from taxation. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 10. Finance Committee Reserve Fund: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 11. Stabilization Fund: Mr. Sheldon moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the Stabilization Fund. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 12. Williamstown Chamber of Commerce: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,492 for the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 13. Williamstown Youth Center: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,648 to support the Williamstown Youth Center. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Rempell abstaining.

Article 14. Public Library Revolving Fund: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to adopt this article. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 15. Sewer Department: Mr. Costley moved to recommend the Town vote to appropriate \$1,036,834 from estimated sewer receipts and the sum of \$50,000 from Sewer Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 16. Water Department: Mr. Rempell moved to recommend the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$898,076 from Estimated Water Receipts and the sum of \$50,000 from Water Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 17. Water Rate: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to approve a municipal water rate of \$3.74 per 100 cubic feet of water as fixed by the Board of Selectmen at their April 11, 2011 meeting to be effective July 1, 2011. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 18. Transfer Station Department: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$177,010 from Estimated Transfer Station Receipts and \$30,000 from Transfer Station Unreserved Fund Balance. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 19. Chapter 90 Highway Funds: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 funds that are, or may become, available to the Town during the fiscal year for Capital projects, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow such amounts in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 20. Capital Planning Committee: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town adopt this article. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 21. Regional School District Stabilization Fund: Mr. Rempell moved to recommend the Town adopt this article. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 22. Lien for Delinquent Sewer Charges: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town adopt this article. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 23. Early Sunday Sale of Alcoholic Beverages: Mr. Costley moved to recommend the Town adopt this article. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 24. Acceptance of State Grants for Milne Library Construction: Mr. Costley moved to recommend the Town adopt this article. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 25. Authorize Trustees to Approve Library Schematic Design: Mr. Sheldon moved to recommend the Town authorize the Board of Trustees of the David and Joyce Milne Library to approve the schematic design for the library construction project. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 26. Community Preservation – Historic Preservation: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$13,480 for the preservation of historic gravestones at Southlawn Cemetery. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 27. Community Preservation - Historic Preservation: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$20,850 for the preservation of the 1753 House located at Field Park. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 28. Community Preservation – Historic Preservation: Mr. Rempell moved to recommend the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$223,200 and to transfer and appropriate from funds previously reserved for historic resources the sum of \$26,800 to fund a grant to Williamstown Community Preschool, Inc. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Turbin abstaining.

Article 29. CPA – Community Housing, Open Space and Committee Expenses: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of \$10,000 to meet the administrative expenses of the CPA Committee, and further to reserve for future

appropriation the sum of \$26,200 for community housing purposes and the sum of \$26,200 for open space purposes. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 30. Zoning By-Law Amendment: Ms. Allen moved to recommend the Town vote to amend the Williamstown Zoning By-Law, chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown as presented in the article. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

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Article 32. Zoning By-Law Amendment: Mr. Rempell moved to recommend the Town vote to amend the Williamstown By-Law Amendment, chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown as presented in the article. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 33. Zoning By-Law Amendment: Mr. Rempell moved to recommend the Town vote to amend the Williamstown By-Law Amendment, Chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown as presented in the article. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 34. Zoning By-Law Amendment: Mr. Rempell moved to recommend the Town vote to amend the Williamstown By-Law Amendment, Chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown as presented in the article. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 35. Zoning By-Law Amendment: Mr. Costley moved to recommend the Town vote to amend the Williamstown By-Law Amendment, Chapter 70 of the Code of Williamstown as presented in the article. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Article 36. Citizen's Petition: Mr. Rempell moved to recommend the Town vote to accept this article as written. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried 3-0-2 with Mr. Costley and Ms. Allen abstaining.

The Town warrant is available in the Town Clerk's office.

G. Water & Sewer Warrant - \$214,669.83 – Ms. Allen Moved to approve the Water and Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$214,669.83. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached or on the town website

5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

6. OTHER BUSINESS: None

7. ADJOURN: Mr. Costley moved to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, April 25, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen, Secretary