

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Present: Thomas E. Sheldon, Chair, Jane B. Allen, Tom Costley, David A. Rempell

Absent: Ronald Turbin

Others Present: Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Sheldon said he was pleased with various efforts in town to remedy the shortage of housing in town exacerbated by Hurricane Irene and the tragedy at the Spruces. He said there is a real need for coordination of these efforts to promote information sharing and enable collaborative planning. He added that coordination would minimize duplication of effort and make monitoring progress more systematic. Mr. Sheldon said he expects the resulting structure will be nongovernmental and inclusive of all relevant efforts. He said the selectmen should support this and that we will be hearing more in the weeks ahead, likely starting with an open community meeting.

Mr. Sheldon acknowledged the hateful act at Williams College over the weekend. He said that type of behavior has no place on that campus, in this town or in this society. On behalf of the board, he expressed his support for the response by Williams College.

2. **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** October 24, 2011 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the October 24, 2011 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried with an abstention by Mr. Costley.

3. **LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

- A. 2012 Annual License Renewals Part 1 (see attached) – Ms. Allen moved to approve the 2012 Annual License Renewals Part 1 as attached. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**

- A. December Meeting Schedule – Mr. Rempell moved that the selectmen meet only on December 12, 2011. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously

- B. Water and Sewer Warrant - \$164,817.12 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the Water and Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$164,817.12. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

7. **OTHER BUSINESS:** None

8. ADJOURN: Mr. Rempell moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, November 28, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Costley, Secretary