

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011
7:00 P.M.

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** October 11, 2011
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Latham Street Flooding
- 4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:**
 - A. Request from President and Trustees of Williams College for a One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License on October 29, 2011 from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Paresky Dining Hall for Senior First Chance Dance.
 - B. Common Victualer License Request from Cumberland Farms, 446 Main Street (2011)
- 5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- 6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 8. ADJOURN:** Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, November 14, 2011 – 7 p.m.

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

Absent: Tom Costley

Others Present: Paul Lovegreen, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: Mr. Sheldon recognized the Turner House Veterans' Homeless Shelter on their 15th Anniversary.

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: October 11, 2011 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the October 11, 2011 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Latham Street Flooding – During an hour-long discussion, Mr. Fohlin explained that there is a chronic flooding problem on Meacham Street, particularly at the home of Paul Lovegreen who lives at 144 Meacham Street. The flooding occurs because the pipes in the neighborhood are too small for the water that overflows from Christmas Brook. Mr. Fohlin explained that the inlet underneath Latham Street belongs to the town as part of the Latham Street infrastructure, and the pipe underneath the college and the constricted outlet on the other end belong to the Williams College. The town has been working with the college to solve the problem. However, soon after voters approved \$200,000 to complete the work on the town's end, the college put a freeze on building projects and the work was never done.

Mr. Lovegreen said he has spoken to the college and the town about the problem for years but there hasn't been a permanent solution. He suggested the following options: close off Meacham Street, redesign the intersection of Latham and Meacham, or install a six-inch speed bump on Meacham Street. He said that he has had up to six feet of water in his basement within ten minutes and felt that closing off the street and installing six inch curbs would solve his problem. Mr. Lovegreen said that a hose filled with water and placed across the entrance to Meacham Street by the fire department had worked in the past but this was not an option during Hurricane Irene. Instead, the DPW placed sandbags at the Latham/Meacham Street intersection which washed away due to the force of the water.

Mr. Fohlin said he supports the sidewalk extension and six-inch curbing however he is concerned about access since the only way to access Meacham Street would be to use Heating Plant Drive which is privately owned by the college. If the college chose to close Heating Plant Drive, then the work would have to be undone and Meacham Street reopened. Mr. Fohlin said that, irrespective of anything else being done, the town plans to replace the inlet pipe in the spring. The board expressed concern that other property owners had not had an opportunity to weigh in on the decision and that conversations with the college about the pipe replacement have not taken place within the past six months. The Board agreed that there needs to be a solution and asked Mr. Fohlin to speak with Public Works Director Tim Kaiser in the morning to discuss options. Mr. Fohlin said he will also speak with Town

Counsel and the college. The Board agreed to put Mr. Fohlin in charge of making the final decision as to what will be done.

4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

A. Request from President and Trustees of Williams College for a One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License on October 29, 2011 from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Paresky Dining Hall for Senior First Chance Dance. Ms. Allen moved to approve a request from the President and Trustees of Williams College for a One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License on October 29, 2011 from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at Paresky Dining Hall for Senior First Chance Dance. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Common Victualer License Request from Cumberland Farms, 446 Main Street for 2011. Ms. Allen moved to approve a Common Victualer license for Cumberland Farms, 446 Main Street. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: report attached and on www.williamstown.net

6. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: none

7. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Turbin reported that at a meeting of the BRPC-MPO of which he is an alternate member, the Committee voted to proceed with the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail southward from Lanesboro. He said he was not at that meeting but will be at the next meeting to be held October 25th and hopes that a discussion will take place regarding plans for the trail to go northward from Adams.

Mr. Sheldon asked if the disposition of Ms. Mason's dogs was known. Mr. Fohlin said the Shepherd mix, Princess, is in North Carolina but Ms. Mason has another week to complete the relocation of the other two dogs.

8. ADJOURN: Mr. Rempell moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen
Secretary pro tempore