

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010
7:00 P.M.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: June 14, 2010

3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:

A. Selectmen Appointments:

Zoning Board of Appeals (Leigh Short - 5 year term)

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (Scott Park – 2 year term)

Affordable Housing Committee (Cathy Yamamoto – 1 year term)

(Cheryl Shanks – 1 year term)

(Carolyn Henderson – 1 year term)

(Charles Bonenti – 1 year term)

Fence Viewer (Cheryl Shanks – 1 year term) (Marilyn Kirby – 1 year term)

Sign Commission (Curtis Scott – 5 year term)

Mobile Home Rent Control Board (Jack Nogueira – 3 year term)

(John Luczynski – 3 year term – new appointment)

Planning Board Associate Member (Susan Schneski – 3 year term – new appointment)

B. Confirmation of Town Manager's Appointment to Conservation Commission (Robert Muir)

C. Mount Greylock Regional School District FY11 Budget

D. Main Street Crosswalks (Sheldon)

E. National Multiple Sclerosis Annual Bike & Hike (Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010)

F. Water & Sewer Warrant - \$259,539.84

4. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

7. ADJOURN:

Next Selectmen meeting – Monday, July 12, 2010

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010
7:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: John Luczynski, Susan Schneski, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: Mr. Turbin reminded residents of the July 4th parade that starts at 12 noon on Sunday. He said at the conclusion of the parade there will be a jazz band, free barbecue and a reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Williams College Museum of Arts. Mr. Turbin announced Sundays at Six starts on July 11 and continues through August – they all start at 4 p.m. He congratulated Williams College on winning their 12th consecutive Director's Cup in the NCAA Division's best overall score and they also set a record number of points.

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: June 14, 2010 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the June 14, 2010 minutes. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:

A. Selectmen Appointments:

Zoning Board of Appeals (Leigh Short - 5 year term) – Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Leigh Short for a 5-year term expiring June 30, 2015. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously

Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (Scott Park – 2 year term) – Mr. Rempell moved to re-appoint Scott Park for a 2-year term expiring June 30, 2012. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) (Cathy Yamamoto – 1 year term) – Mr. Sheldon moved to re-appoint Cathy Yamamoto to a one-year term expiring June 30, 2011. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

(AHC) (Cheryl Shanks – 1 year term) – Mr. Rempell moved to re-appoint Cheryl Shanks to a one-year term expiring June 30, 2011. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

(AHC) (Carolyn Henderson – 1 year term) – Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Carolyn Henderson to a one-year term expiring June 30, 2011. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

(AHC) (Charles Bonenti – 1 year term) – Mr. Rempell moved to re-appoint Charles Bonenti to a one-year term expiring June 30, 2011. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fence Viewer (Cheryl Shanks – 1 year term) – Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Cheryl Shanks to a one-year term expiring June 30, 2011. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fence Viewer (Marilyn Kirby – 1 year term) – Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Marilyn Kirby to a one-year term expiring June 30, 2011. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Sign Commission (Curtis Scott – 5 year term) – Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Curtis Scott to a 5-year term expiring June 30, 2015. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mobile Home Rent Control Board (Jack Nogueira – 3 year term) – Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Jack Nogueira to a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2013. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mobile Home Rent Control Board (John Luczynski – 3 year term – new appointment) – Ms. Allen moved to appoint John Luczynski to a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2013. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Planning Board Associate Member (Susan Schneski – 3 year term – new appointment) – Ms. Allen moved to appoint Susan Schneski to a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2013. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Confirmation of Town Manager’s Appointment to Conservation Commission (Robert Muir) – Ms. Allen moved to confirm the Town Manager’s appointment of Robert Muir to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Mount Greylock Regional School District FY11 Budget – Mr. Fohlin said Lanesborough Selectmen would be setting their special town meeting date to approve its assessment to the school district at their meeting tonight. He said Williamstown’s role in the process is done since Williamstown voted at the May 2010 town meeting to affirm the assessment requested by the district. Mr. Fohlin said if Lanesborough votes down its assessment again, then a district-wide meeting can be called in which voters from Lanesborough and Williamstown would vote the budget again at the high school. He said he doubted this meeting, if needed, would take place until August and in the meantime, Mount Greylock would operate on a contingency budget spending 1/12 of its FY10 budget per month. If the budget hasn’t been resolved within three months, then the state would step in and set the school’s budget for the year. No Action was taken.

D. Main Street Crosswalks (Sheldon) – Mr. Sheldon brought up the topic of crosswalk safety after a resident told him he was almost hit recently by a speeding car with New York license plates while he was crossing in a crosswalk by the First Congregational Church on Main Street. In response, the Board of Selectmen, in their capacity as Highway Commissioners, discussed their concerns regarding the responsibilities of the pedestrians and responsibilities of the Town to make sure there is proper signage and the visibility of the paint on the crosswalks is kept up. Ms. Allen stated that many times people assume since they have the right-of-way while stepping onto the crosswalks and they also assume vehicles will stop. Even though this is a state law, cars don’t always stop. Mr. Costley said the Board should address pedestrian and motor vehicle safety at crosswalks at least on an annual basis. Ms. Allen presented a news article that addressed the idea of painting words in the crosswalks to caution pedestrians. She said Great Barrington had just completed such a project modeled after communities in New Hampshire. Mr. Fohlin said that crosswalks and signage on Route 2 are under Mass.

Highway's jurisdiction and that he would contact their director to discuss the Board's request.

E. National Multiple Sclerosis Annual Bike & Hike (Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010) – Ms. Allen moved to allow the annual event starting with cyclists entering Williamstown around 9 am and the last one should be leaving at 11 a.m. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Water & Sewer Warrant - \$259,539.84 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$259,539.84. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached

6. OTHER BUSINESS: None

7. ADJOURN: Mr. Rempell moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next meeting is on Monday, July 12, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen, Secretary

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