

**AGENDA**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MAY 10, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**

**2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** April 26, 2010

**3. LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

**A.** Request from Images Cinema, Sandra Thomas, Executive Director for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for a fundraiser at 91 Northwest Hill Road on Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 6:30 – 11 p.m.

**4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:**

- A.** Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (M. Greer)
- B.** Chapter 61B section 9 - Notice of Intent to Sell Parcel on Gale Road (Jamie Art)
- C.** Williams College Student Tree Planting Project (Josephine Warshauer)
- D.** Water & Sewer Warrant - \$119,725.85
- E.** Mass. State Lottery - KENO To Go – TJ Warren, 824 Simonds Road

**5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**

**6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**8. 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**

**Annual Town Election – Tuesday, May 11, 2010 – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, May 18, 2010 – 7 p.m.**

**MINUTES**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MAY 10, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

**Others Present:** Joe Finnegan, Jean Markland, MacKenzie Greer, Jamie Art, Stan Parese, Josephine Warshauer, Stefan Wheten, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Chairman Costley reminded residents that the polling hours at the Elementary School, Tuesday, May 11, are 7 am to 8 pm. Mr. Costley also announced Census workers are in the process of going door to door for information. Those who have not returned their paper forms should do so as soon as possible.

**2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** April 26, 2010 – Mr. Turbin moved to approve the April 26, 2010 minutes. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

**A.** Request from Images Cinema, Sandra Thomas, Executive Director for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for a fundraiser at 91 Northwest Hill Road on Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 6:30 – 11 p.m. – Ms. Allen explained to Mr. Finnegan, property owner, on behalf of the Executive Director, that Sandra Thomas is the Alcohol license holder and she should be aware that everyone should be carded at this event and levels of intoxication of the guests should be monitored. Mr. Finnegan is hosting the event in his barn and expects about 100 guests. Mr. Rempell moved to approve the request from Images, Sandra Thomas, Executive Director for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License at 91 Northwest Hill Road on Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 6:30 – 11 p.m. for a fundraiser. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Sheldon abstaining.

**4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:**

**A.** Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Planner MacKenzie Greer updated the Board on the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. She said there is a plan in place that was approved by the state in 2005 but the plan needs to be updated every ten years and she and Williamstown Planner Andrew Groff are working on it. By having a locally approved plan, the town is eligible to apply for grants from the state. Currently she and Mr. Groff are working with emergency responders and identifying risks and potential problem areas.

**B.** Chapter 61B section 9 - Notice of Intent to Sell Parcel on Gale Road – Mr. Art explained that Williams College has entered into a purchase and sale agreement to sell Mr. Willmott a 247.5 square foot parcel of Chapter 61B land which will add enough frontage to Mr. Willmott's lot to make it buildable. Selectmen are asked to not exercise their option to purchase or assign option to the parcel. Mr. Turbin moved the Board not exercise its option to purchase or assign option to the parcel. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**C.** Williams College Student Tree Planting Project - Williams College Seniors Josephine Warshauer and Stefan Wheten explained that through a political science class project they put together a Community Tree-Planting "The Seed for Democratic Engagement". Community

members have been invited to attend the tree-planting which will be held at the Veteran's Memorial in Eastlawn Cemetery on May 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ms. Warshauer thanked Selectmen, Mr. Fohlin and Mr. Lemoine for their help in putting this project together. She said they were able to obtain donations from Williams College, the Town and Countryside Landscaping and others.

**D. Water & Sewer Warrant - \$119,725.85 –** Mr. Rempell moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$119,725.85. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**E. Mass. State Lottery - KENO To Go –** TJ Warren, 824 Simonds Road – The Board received a letter dated April 30, 2010 from the Mass State Lottery stating that TJ Warren on Simonds Road has requested a monitor to display KENO To Go and asked if the Board objected, to do so in writing within 21 days of receipt of the letter. Selectmen took no action.

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

**6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:** See attached.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Costley asked the Board to speak on Town Manager Fohlin's performance during open meeting prior to the executive session. Mr. Turbin said the Board has been fortunate to have him specifically in view of the fiscal crisis we've gotten through due to Mr. Fohlin's budgeting ability. He said that while Mr. Fohlin is extremely good with details he can also see the big picture and plans for the future. He also credited him for not taking a raise during the past two years.

Ms. Allen said the Town Manager prides himself on his ability to communicate his ideas and that Williamstown has been fortunate to have him due to his passion, dedication and a can-do attitude.

Mr. Rempell noted Mr. Fohlin's vast knowledge of public affairs and his ability to find the answer to questions and issues he doesn't know.

Mr. Sheldon said Mr. Fohlin's communication with the Board has been exemplary. He is scrupulous regarding ethics issues and on top of the agenda and helpful when townspeople or businesspeople have problems they are trying to solve.

Mr. Costley said he has enjoyed working in his capacity as Chairman with the Town Manager. He feels Mr. Fohlin has always had his back and always prepares the selectmen with his incredible patience and guidance.

Mr. Fohlin said he is blessed with the finest middle managers and crew he could have.

**8.** Ms. Allen moved to 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. Turbin seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote, aye, Ronald Turbin, aye, Jane Allen, aye, Tom Costley, aye, David Rempell, and aye, Thomas Sheldon.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Sheldon, Secretary