

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 26, 2010
7:00 P.M.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: April 12, 2010

3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:

- A. Accept Resignation Marc Freedman Sign Commission
- B. Sign Commission Appointment (Robert Santore 3-year term, 2013)
- C. Church Corner DHCD Final Agreement (Beth Goodman)
- D. Church Corner LLC Update (Bonenti)

4. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

6. ADJOURN:

Board of Selectmen - Monday, May 10, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.
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
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Present: Tom Costley, Chairman, Jane B. Allen, Ronald Turbin, David A. Rempell, Thomas E. Sheldon

Others Present: Elisabeth Goodman, David Carver, Charles Bonenti, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: Mr. Costley spoke of his support for the two debt exclusion ballot questions recommending their passage to remove capital debt for roof repairs at the Mount Greylock Regional High School and for an upcoming bond to replace the school's boilers and ceiling repairs to the girls and boys locker rooms. Mr. Costley said the first article would cost the Town about \$34,000 increasing the property taxes by \$9 on an average home valued at \$296,000 for two years. The second article, for a new \$1.2 million bond would cost about \$26 initially and drop by the end of ten years. He said he knows it's hard but if Williamstown and Lanesborough don't pass the exclusions, the School Committee will have to cut from its operating budget. Mr. Sheldon added the school has been paring its budget as much as it can and said he thought they were "somewhere between muscle and bone." Mr. Turbin said it is important to realize that this is a "capital expense" which is a one-time expense. Mr. Costley said the Board urges all voters to vote and encourage a "yes" vote.

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: April 12, 2010 – Ms. Allen moved to approve the April 12, 2010 minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:

A. Accept Resignation Marc Freedman Sign Commission – Ms. Allen moved to accept Mark Freedman's resignation with thanks from the Sign Commission. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Sign Commission Appointment – Mr. Turbin moved to appoint Robert Santore to a three-year term, through June 30, 2013, on the Sign Commission to fill the remaining years of the Mr. Freedman's appointment five-year appointment. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Church Corner DHCD Final Agreement (Beth Goodman) – Mr. Rempell moved the Board sign the Church Corner Department of Housing and Community Development Local Initiative Program Final Agreement. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Church Corner LLC Update – Mr. Carver, developer of Church Street Corners, LLC and Mr. Bonenti, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Committee updated selectmen on the progress of the affordable housing project. Mr. Bonenti said the project is currently on budget, is expected to be completed by this September and marketing will begin in mid-June. Mr. Carver said building permits have been issued for the church and rectory buildings and the parking lot redesign has been approved. He said for condition and roof maintenance reasons the front porch of the rectory was removed. Mr. Carver said after identifying structural problems the spire it was decided to remove it leaving the copper bell tower and brick tower. Mr. Carver said at this

point the spire would need to be put aside leaving the option open to return it to its roost someday and added it could be stored as a separate structure in a vacant area behind the rectory with zoning approval. He said the spire is about 30 feet tall. Mr. Carver said rental regulations on the 8 units are tightly controlled by the state under Chapter 40B, the affordable housing laws. Five of the 8 units would be exclusively available to Williamstown residents. Mr. Carver said he expects once the state approves the final agreement making the units affordable housing, it will also approve their marketing.

4. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None.

5. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

6. ADJOURN: Ms. Allen moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Sheldon, Secretary