

AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010
7:00 P.M.

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** November 22, 2010 and November 29, 2010
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING:**
 - A. 7:05 PM** – Application from Charles T. Hunt, III for the storage of liquid propane gas in the amounts of 100 gallons aboveground and 2,500 gallons underground at 580 Henderson Road.
- 4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:**
 - A. 2011 License Renewals #2** - attached
- 5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:**
 - A.** WilliNet Annual Report (Deborah Dane)
 - B.** 2011 Town Election Calendar – Set Dates and Times for Warrant, Election and Annual Town Meeting
 - C.** Water & Sewer Warrant - \$231,138.85
- 6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- 7. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS:**
- 9. ADJOURN:**

Next Selectmen meeting – Monday, January 10, 2011

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7:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: David A. Rempell

Others Present: Cheryl Diamond, Dorothy Sweet, Charles Hunt, Marge Chamberlain, Deborah Dane, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT: Mr. Turbin reported that Beaver Wood Energy's preliminary permit application was not granted by the Vermont Public Service Board. He said the Town of Williamstown has retained counsel from Montpelier to file a motion on our behalf to deny and intervene if the permit was to be granted. Also, now that the Town is an interested party, we will be able to participate in further motions and hearings. Mr. Turbin congratulated the Mount Greylock High School football and wrestling teams who capped a perfect season this year.

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: November 22, 2010 and November 29, 2010 – Mr. Costley moved to approve the November 22, 2010 minutes. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously with one abstention by Ms. Allen. November 29, 2010 minutes were tabled until January 10th because Mr. Costley and Ms. Allen were absent from that meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. 7:05 PM – Application from Charles T. Hunt, III for the storage of liquid propane gas in the amounts of 100 gallons aboveground and 2,500 gallons underground at 580 Henderson Road. Chairman Turbin opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. for the application from Charles T. Hunt, III for the storage of liquid propane gas in the amounts of 100 gallons aboveground and 2,500 gallons underground at 580 Henderson Road. Mr. Hunt explained that he had built onto his existing barn and needs to add a 500 gallon tank to heat that area. A 100 gallon tank currently used for his home will be eliminated. He also needs to add another 100 gallon tank for the horse arena area. In addition, he wants to add two more 1,000 gallon tanks to run his house and to run a generator that will pump water to the barn and field. Ms. Diamond asked what the limit is before a license is needed. Mr. Hunt said 2,000 gallons. Ms. Sweet asked if there are any safety hazards. Mr. Fohlin said that the installation has been approved by the Fire Chief and the installer of the tanks would have to be licensed. Mr. Turbin asked if Mr. Hunt had a diagram of where the tanks will be placed. Mr. Hunt said he didn't but could create one. Mr. Turbin asked Mr. Hunt to forward a diagram to the Fire Chief. Mr. Turbin closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Ms. Allen noted that Selectmen received a letter from Henderson Road resident Charles Schlesinger that stated he had no objection to the installation. Mr. Costley moved to approve the application for the storage of liquid propane in the amounts of 100 gallons aboveground and 2,500 gallons underground at 580 Henderson Road. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

- A. **2011 License Renewals #2** – attached – Mr. Costley moved to approve the license renewals as attached. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN CONSIDERATION:

- A. **WilliNet Annual Report** – WilliNet Executive Director Deborah Dane presented WilliNet's annual report. She said they had a very full and vibrant year on the programming schedule. She said there has been an increase in programming in every category including municipal, school committee and locally produced programs. She said she is particularly proud that WilliNet and Northern Berkshire Community Television have collaborated to allow North Adams City Council meetings to be viewed by Williamstown residents and Williamstown's Selectmen meetings to be viewed by North Adams residents. Ms. Dane reported that WilliNet provides video technology training to the community and schools and allows use of its studio for local programming productions. Ms. Dane said the town's cable television contract will expire in August 2011 and that WilliNet will continue to work with the town's Cable Television Advisory Committee regarding its capital program and request for an increase from 4% to 5% PEG fee. Ms. Dane and Mr. Fohlin explained that the 4% is added to Williamstown subscribers' cable bill. Mr. Fohlin clarified that the Selectmen have a contract with Time Warner Cable for cable service and a separate contract with WilliNet for running the local programming. Mr. Fohlin said having an independent organization run the cable access is invaluable to the Town because it prevents accusations against the Selectmen of interfering with the First Amendment. Ms. Dane distributed reports of the past year's programming. The report can be located in the Town Manager's office. Selectmen thanked Ms. Dane for her annual report and praised WilliNet's work.
- B. **2011 Town Election Calendar – Set Dates and Times for Warrant, Election and Annual Town Meeting** – Ms. Allen moved to approve the 2011 Town Election Calendar as presented. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Water & Sewer Warrant - \$231,138.85** – Ms. Allen moved to approve the Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$231,138.85. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached.

7. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

8. OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Turbin reminded the Board that they need to contact Kathy Poirot or him if they wanted to register for the 2011 MMA Conference January 21 -22, 2011.

9. ADJOURN: Mr. Costley moved to adjourn at 8 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen meeting is Monday, January 10, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane B. Allen, Secretary

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