

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 26, 2009
7:00 P.M.

Present: Jane B. Allen, Chairman, Tom Costley, Ron Turbin, David A. Rempell, Tom Sheldon

Others Present: Bonnie Brown, Meredith Woodyard, Arthur Lafave, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Chairman Allen welcomed Mr. Sheldon to the Board. She also thanked all of those involved, including the local American Legion for veteran's events and for the success of the Memorial Day Parade.
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** May 11, 2009 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the selectmen minutes of May 11, 2009. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried with abstentions from Mr. Costley and Mr. Sheldon.
- 3. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:** None.
- 4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. 7:05 p.m. – Request from National Grid to erect and maintain poles and wires beginning at a point approximately 1078 ft. southeast of the center line of the intersections of South St. and continuing approximately 585 ft. in a southeasterly direction, install 4 sole owned poles on Gale Road, poles to be numbered #28,29,30,31. (Bonnie Brown)

Chairman Allen opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. National Grid Representative Bonnie Brown explained that Taconic Golf Course was served by poles located on another property owner's land by verbal agreement. The land owner has asked that the poles be removed and four poles will be erected on Gale Road. The work is scheduled for June. Mr. Rempell moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rempell moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fohlin asked Ms. Brown if she would pass along that the Town is waiting for National Grid to move their wires as soon as possible to help facilitate the work on the rotary. She said she would let the engineer know.

5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Accept Resignation of Library Trustee Thomas Sheldon – Mr. Rempell moved to accept the resignation of Mr. Sheldon from the Library Trustee Board. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried with one abstention by Mr. Sheldon.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals Associate Appointment (A. Lafave) – Mr. Turbin moved to appoint Arthur Lafave as an Associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term, expiring June 30, 2014. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Alcohol Compliance Checks – Ms. Allen presented a grid to the Board that showed a list of establishments holding liquor licenses, tips training information and dates of compliance checks showing whether each establishment passed or failed. Mr. Turbin expressed appreciation for making the chart and providing it to the Board. Mr. Costley said it was the Board's responsibility as the Local Licensing Authority to keep up with this information. Ms. Allen noted that the last compliance check resulted in 95% compliance and she read aloud the names of those establishments that passed.

D. Expansion of Board of Library Trustees – Mr. Rempell moved to have the Chairman send a letter to Representative Dan Bosley requesting he file legislation to expand the Board of Library Trustees membership to increase the Board membership from five to seven. A certified copy of the 2009 Town Meeting article 29 authorizing the Selectmen and Library Trustee Board to file legislation with the General Court was attached to the letter. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E. Set Public Hearing Date and Time for a Request to Transfer a Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License from Maswood Inc., d/b/a Store at Five Corners, to Berkshire Five Corners Inc., d/b/a The Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, Robert M. Walsh, Manager –

Mr. Costley moved to set a public hearing on June 8, 2009 at 7:05 p.m. for a Request to Transfer a Wine and Malt Beverage Package Store License from Maswood Inc., d/b/a Store at Five Corners, to Berkshire Five Corners Inc., d/b/a The Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, Robert M. Walsh, Manager. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Blair Lot – Because the Blair Lot warrant article to allow Selectmen to sell the Blair Lot was tabled at the May 19 Town Meeting, Mr. Turbin moved that the Board send a letter to Peter Milanesi of the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife notifying him of the vote and that no further action can be taken on the property at this time and thanking him for his assistance. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rempell suggested the Blair Lot topic go on a future agenda so that Selectmen may strategize putting it on a future Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Rempell moved to authorize Mr. Turbin to contact Peter Milanesi to see if there is still an interest in the state purchasing the property. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT: See attached.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Allen announced that the House of Local History will have a family day on May 31 from 1-5. The festivities will include a presentation of the third grade students' history play and the 1753 House will be open with re-enactor Dwight Kelly making stew on the open hearth.

8. BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION: Mr. Rempell moved to nominate Tom Costley as Chairman, Mr. Turbin as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Sheldon as Secretary. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURN: Mr. Rempell moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen meeting is on June 8, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Turbin, Secretary

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