

**MINUTES**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**July 13, 2009**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

**Others Present:** Carrie Greene, Alison Swain, Stuart Shatken, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Costley thanked Parade Coordinator Larry Weber, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Judy Giamborino and others for putting on an All American 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade that was nothing short of excellent.
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** June 22, 2009 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the June 22, 2009 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- 3. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
  - A. Mt. Greylock Regional High School Committee (Carrie Greene)** – Mr. Turbin moved to appoint Carolyn “Carrie” Green to the Mt. Greylock Regional High School Committee to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Michael Rabideau. Her term will expire at the 2010 town elections. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote, aye, David Rempell, aye, Jane Allen, aye, Tom Costley, aye, Ronald Turbin, and aye, Thomas Sheldon. Ms. Greene was sworn in by Assistant Town Clerk Kathy Poirot.
  - B. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoosic River Bike Ride (Saturday 8-22-09)** – Mr. Rempell moved to allow the bike ride to pass through Williamstown. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Allen reminded Ms. Swain that all signs posted for the race need to be taken down at the end of the race. Ms. Swain asked if the rotary would be finished by August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Fohlin said we expect that it will. Ms. Swain asked if arrows could be painted on the pavement in the rotary. Mr. Fohlin asked that the race organizers contact him and DPW Director Tim Kaiser to work out a plan.
  - C. Non-resident Request for Cemetery Lot** – Mr. Rempell moved to approve a request for one grave in the Eastlawn Cemetery for the Hillman family. Mr. Sheldon seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Shatken thanked the Board on behalf of the Hillman family.
  - D. Mountain Chapter No. 137 Annual Craft Fair (Saturday, 9-5-09)** – Mr. Turbin moved to approve a request from the Mountain Chapter No. 137 to hold its annual craft fair on the town green in front of the Masonic Hall at 772 Main Street from 9am to 3pm. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
  - E. Selectmen Appointments:**

Affordable Housing Committee (6-30-10) Cheryl Shanks – Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Cheryl Shanks to a one-year term, expiring June 30, 2010, on the Affordable Housing Committee. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Fence Viewer (6-30-10) Cheryl Shanks – Ms. Allen moved to re-appoint Cheryl Shanks as Fence Viewer to a one-year term, expiring June 30, 2010. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Board of Appeals Associate (6-30-2012) David Ranzer – Mr. Rempell moved to appoint David Ranzer to a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2012, as Associate Member

on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- F. Confirmation of Appointment to Historical Commission – Cheryl Shanks – Ms. Allen moved to confirm the appointment of Cheryl Shanks to a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2012 on the Historical Commission. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- G. Water & Sewer Warrant - \$265,303.59 – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$265,303.59. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- H. Tourist Trolley Proposal Introduction – Chairman Costley explained that town resident Joyce Harsch has proposed to write a grant seeking federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act set aside for transportation initiatives to set up a transit system of four electric trolleys. Mr. Costley distributed copies of Ms. Harsch’s power point presentation and asked selectmen to comment. Mr. Rempell said that when someone comes forward to take the time to do this, they deserve our thanks. He also asked if the town would be in a position to support its continued operation when the grant money runs out. Ms. Allen asked if Ms. Harsch would have a stronger proposal if this was done with county agencies. Mr. Costley said Ms. Harsch has been in contact with the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and she has considered writing the grant under the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority’s umbrella. When asked, Mr. Fohlin expressed concern, from his experience as administrator of the Martha’s “Vineyard transit system, that it is unusual for such operations to be profitable. The town is up against its levy limit, so any new programs would require either an override or take from existing programs, as it would have to fit into a zero-sum budgetary framework. He said Ms. Harsch’s effort is admirable and he is prepared to help if he can.

#### **4. LICENSES & PERMITS:**

- A. Request from American Legion Post 152, George Sylvester, Commander, for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License on Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 1 – 10 pm on the lawn under a tent for a Golf Tournament. Ms. Allen moved to approve a request for a one day all alcoholic beverage license. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Request from the President & Trustees of Williams College for Four One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses: Ms. Allen moved to approve the four requests for one day all alcoholic licenses as listed below. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
  - 1. Friday, July 24, 2009 from 5 -12 midnight at Mt. Hope Farm for Alumni Guest Golf
  - 2. Saturday, July 25, 2009 from 5 – 12 midnight at Mt. Hope Farm for an Alumni Guest Golf
  - 3. Sunday, August 2, 2009 from 9 – 11 pm at Dodd House Living Room and Bar for MTA Open House
  - 4. Monday, August 3, 2009 from 8:30 – 11:45 pm at Mission Park for 1<sup>st</sup> Night Dance Party for MTA

#### **5. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:** See attached.

6. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST:** None
7. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Turbin reminded selectmen to keep the Blair Lot report he submitted for a selectmen meeting agenda item in September. He also said it looked like the Williamstown "Sundays at Six" was a success and he looks forward to attending more of them.
8. **ADJOURN:** Mr. Rempell moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. The next Selectmen Meeting is Monday, July 27, 2009 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Sheldon, Secretary