

**MINUTES**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**June 9, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Jane B. Allen, Chairman, Richard C. Steege, Tom Costley, Ronald Turbin

**Absent:** David A. Rempell

**Others Present:** Michelle Keolle, Sam and Marjorie McLain, Maria Greig-Williams, Police Chief Kyle Johnson, Fire Chief Craig Pedercini, David Levine, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Ms. Allen congratulated her colleagues for taking the COOL Challenge and encouraged residents to do the same.

**2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** May 12, 2008 – Mr. Costley moved to approve the May 12, 2008 minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

May 12, 2008 Executive Session – Mr. Steege moved to approve the May 12, 2008 executive session minutes. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

May 27, 2008 – Mr. Steege moved to approve the May 27, 2008 minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried with one abstention by Mr. Costley.

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

**4. PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. 7:05 p.m. Public Hearing -** for a request from The Dep, Inc, d/b/a Harvest Moon General Store for a Wine and Malt Package Store License at 742 North Hoosac Road, Michelle Keolle, Manager.

Mr. Costley moved to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Allen asked Ms. Koelle about her limited experience in the liquor business. Ms. Koelle said she was an assistant manager in a restaurant during college and that she understood the responsibilities and planned to have her own stings for sales of cigarettes and liquor with her employees. She said there would be zero tolerance. Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLain were in the audience in support of the license. Mr. Costley moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Turbin approved the request from The Dep, Inc, d/b/a Harvest Moon General Store for a Wine and Malt Package Store License at 742 North Hoosac Road, Michelle Keolle, Manager. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## 5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

### A. Selectmen Appointments:

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Mr. Costley moved to reappoint Larry Wright as ZBA Alternate for a five-year term, expiring June 30, 2013. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Costley moved to reappoint David Levine for a five-year term, expiring June 30, 2013. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Affordable Housing Committee: Mr. Turbin moved to reappoint Anita Barker for a one-year term, expiring June 30, 2009. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mobile Home Rent Control Board: Mr. Costley moved to reappoint David Levine for a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2011. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Saulnier Drive Block Party (Greig-Williams)** With Chief Johnson's approval to close the street to traffic on Thursday, June 19 from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. with a rain date of June 20, Mr. Costley approved the request from Ms. Greig-Williams. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**C. Hoxsey Street Parking Regulations:** Chief Johnson asked the Board to consider a change in the parking regulations on Hoxsey Street to prohibit parking on both sides of Hoxsey Street. He reported that back to back graduation and alumni weekends at Williams College created a bottleneck along the narrow street that could have compromised the safe passage for through traffic and emergency vehicles in the form of Fire and EMS apparatus. According to the Williamstown Code, the "Parking Prohibited at All Times" for Hoxsey Street was repealed on September 22, 2003 to allow guests of residents of the street to have a place to park.

Fire Chief Pedercini supported the request of Chief Johnson to prohibit parking on both sides of the Street. The Fire Chief believes that to have any parking on that street would prevent the safe passage of Fire equipment. Chief Pedercini reported that the sharp granite curbs installed alongside the street would slice the tires of the Fire trucks if they were forced to drive over the curbs due to the street being blocked by parked cars.

Mr. Costley was concerned that banning parking along the entire street would be inconvenient to residents and suggested it might make more sense to prohibit parking on the west side. He said he was curious as to who parks there now. Mr. Fohlin said there hasn't been a problem on Hoxsey Street in the last five years since the parking regulation changed until these extraordinary two weekends when parents and alumni overwhelmed us. A motion to ban parking on the west side and up to certain driveways from Main and Walden Street intersections failed to pass. Then, another motion to put the entire matter off for two weeks failed to pass, the Board came to a vote. Subsequently, Mr. Costley moved to prohibit parking on the west side of Hoxsey Street

from the north curb of Walden Street, at a distance of 105 ft. north on Hoxsey Street and from the south curb on Main Street, a distance of 87 ft. south on Hoxsey Street and to discuss the east side of the street at the next selectmen meeting on June 23. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. National Multiple Sclerosis Society Annual Bike & Hike the Berkshires MS Bike Tour, Saturday, September 27, 2008:** Mr. Turbin moved to approve the request from The National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their Annual Bike & Hike the Berkshires MS Bike Tour on Saturday, September 27, 2008, with the first cyclist to enter Williamstown by 9 am and the last to leave at 11 am. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**E. Confirmation of Reappointment to Conservation Commission – Philip McKnight –** Mr. Costley moved to confirm the reappointment of Philip McKnight by the Town Manager to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously

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

**7. OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Turbin asked for cones to be placed in the front left of the Spring Street parking lot to block off space for the vendors at the Saturday Farmer’s Market. Chief Johnson said the police will try to cone the spaces but may not always be able to do so if there is a police call at that time. Mr. Turbin moved that the selectmen designate the 12 spaces in the far left row on the southeast corner. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Allen noted that the plan for outside dining requested by the selectmen submitted by Ned Smith, Manager of the Red Herring, aka Canterbury’s Pub, differed from the plan for the outside dining area previously submitted to and approved by the Zoning Board. Ms. Allen moved that Chief Johnson should follow up with Mr. Smith to see that an acceptable drawing is submitted. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**8. ADJOURN:** Mr. Costley moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen meeting is on Monday, June 23, 2008 – 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Turbin  
Secretary

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