

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 27, 2008
7:00 P.M.

Present: David A. Rempell, Chairman, Richard C. Steege, Jane B. Allen, Ronald Turbin

Absent: Tom Costley

Others Present: Pat Dunlavey, Tim Kaiser, Charles St. John, Peter Fohlin, Kathy Poirot

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Chairman Rempell thanked those involved in the Memorial Day Parade, especially the American Legion, Mike Kennedy and Adam Filson.
2. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST:** Patrick Dunlavey, 40 Oblong Road, addressed the Selectmen and stated that he would like to improve communications between the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. He believes that communications can be improved. Evidence of lack of communications was what happened with the Wetland Bylaw. Last year the Conservation Commission worked on the bylaw, brought it to the Selectmen who offered recommendations for the bylaw. In turn the bylaw was not placed on the FY08 warrant. Then, this year the Wetlands Bylaw was **re**-presented to the selectmen, which incorporated some of their recommendations and it was voted down by the selectmen 1-4. Mr. Dunlavey suggested that boards get more face time with selectmen. Mr. Dunlavey stated that he plans to suggest the Planning Board go to two meetings per month. He will also attempt to attend as many of the Selectmen meetings which his schedule permits.
3. **LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

A. Set Public Hearing date for a request from The Dep, Inc, d/b/a Harvest Moon General Store for a Beer and Wine Package Store License at 742 North Hoosac Rd., Michelle Keolle, Manager.

Ms. Allen moved to set a public hearing for a request from The Dep, Inc, d/b/a Harvest Moon General Store for a Beer and Wine Package Store License at 742 North Hoosac Road, Michelle Keolle, Manager, on June 9, 2008 at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**

A. Sewer Rate Hearing – Ms. Allen moved to set the FY09 sewer rate at \$5.08 per 100 cubic ft for non-Cold Spring Road and \$5.52 per 100 cubic ft for Cold Spring Road. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Transfer Station Rate Hearing – Mr. Turbin moved to approve the FY09 transfer station rates, which have not increased over the FY08 rates and are listed on the transfer station rate analysis and attached to the minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Appointment of Democratic Representative on the Board of Registrars – Ms. Allen moved to reappoint Ralph Herne as the Democratic Representative on the Board of Registrars for a three year term expiring April 1, 2011. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT: See attached.

6. BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION: Mr. Steege nominated Ms. Allen for FY09 Chairman. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Allen nominated Mr. Costley for Vice Chairman. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Allen moved to nominate Mr. Turbin for Secretary. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS: Ms. Allen thanked Mr. Rempell for very ably serving as Chairman.

8. ADJOURN: Mr. Steege moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next Selectmen meeting is Monday, June 9, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Turbin
Secretary pro tempore

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