

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
April 14, 2008
7:00 P.M.

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

Others Present: Sherwood Gurnsey, Meredith Woodyard, Kimberly Elicker, Tim Kaiser, Michelle and Ken Geitz, Paul Lovegreen, Philip McKnight, Leslie Reed Evans, Steven Pagnotta, Mary Kennedy, Kyle Johnson, Professor Elena Traister with three students (MCLA), Kathy Poirot

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Mr. Rempell announced that the annual Library book sale will be at the Elementary School on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26.
- 2. SELECTMEN MINUTES:** March 10, 2008, March 24, 2008 and Executive Sessions: March 24, 2008, March 27, 2008, April 4, 2008 – Mr. Turbin moved to approve the March 10 minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ms. Allen moved to approve the March 24 regular minutes. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Costley moved to approve the March 24, March 27, and April 4 executive session minutes. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. 7:05 p.m. – Public Hearing for a request from Maswood, Inc., d/b/a The Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, Meredith K. Woodyard, Manager, for a transfer of stock and a change of Officers/Directors.

Mr. Costley moved to open the public hearing for a request from Maswood, Inc., d/b/a The Store at Five Corners, 6 New Ashford Road, Meredith K. Woodyard, Manager, for a transfer of stock and a change of Officers/Directors. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gurnsey requested that the Board approve the application. Mr. Costley moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Costley moved to approve the application. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:

A. Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute, 226 South Street, Steven Wilkinson, Manager
Seasonal Wine & Malt Beverage License
Common Victualer

Ms. Allen moved to approve the seasonal license as requested. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Williamstown Theatre Foundation, Inc., d/b/a The Williamstown Theatre Festival,
1000 Main Street, Ira Lapidus, Manager
Seasonal Wine & Malt Beverage License
Common Victualer
Live Music
Sunday License

Mr. Costley moved to approve the seasonal license as requested. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. PETITIONER'S REQUEST: None

6. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. 12th Annual Williams College Run for a Cure – Sunday, April 27 (Kim Elicker)-
Ms. Allen moved to approve the request for the 12th Annual Williams College Run for a Cure. Chief Johnson said he has never had a problem with the event. Mr. Costley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Walden Street Traffic Regulations – one-way and on-street parking – Due to the construction on the Spring Street parking lot and loss of parking spaces, the Town has made a request to change the parking regulations on Walden Street. The Town requests that 2 hour parking be allowed on the North side of the street and change the flow of traffic to one-way west. Mr. Costley moved to approve the request. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Water Rate Hearing – Mr. Turbin moved to set the water rate at \$3.26 per hundred cubic feet. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D. FY09 Town Meeting Warrant Selectmen Recommendations:

Article 3. To appropriate Free Cash to a Lower Tax Rate: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 4. Appropriation for Debt Service: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 5. General Government: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 6. Local Public Schools (Grades K-6): [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 7. Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District: The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 8. Mount Greylock Regional School District: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 9. Capital Improvement Program: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 10. Williamstown Youth Center: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen recommends the adoption of this article 4-0-1. Mr. Rempell abstained.

Article 11. Williamstown Chamber of Commerce: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen recommends the adoption of this article 4-0-1. Mr. Turbin abstained.

Article 12. Finance Committee Reserve Fund: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 13. Public Library Revolving Fund: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 14. Sewer Department: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 15. Water Department: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 16. Water Rate: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article. The rate being \$3.26 per 100 cubic feet.

Article 17. Transfer Station Department: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 18. Chapter 90 Highway Funds: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 19. Chapter 170 of the Acts of 1999 – allowing additional compensation of a Town Clerk or Municipal Collector or Treasurer upon certification. [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 20. Community Preservation Act – Expenses FY09: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 21. Community Preservation – Historic Preservation – of \$60,000 for the restoration and preservation of the historic barn at Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation’s Sheep Hill ~~Center~~ and to enter into a grant agreement with WRLF outlining the conditions upon which these funds may be expended. [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen recommends the adoption of this article 3-0-2. Mr. Steege and Mr. Costley abstained.

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Article 22. Community Preservation – Debt Issuance Costs - [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 23. Community Preservation – Community Housing: to appropriate the amount of \$167,000 reserved funds and \$633,000 from the unreserved balance to fund a grant to Church Corner, LLC for the construction of no less than eight units of deed restricted affordable housing at land located at 201-207 Cole Avenue and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a grant agreement with Church Corner, LLC outlining the purposes for and the conditions upon which these funds may be expended and to authorize the Board or its designees to accept one or more deed restrictions on said property meeting the requirement of G.L.c.184 section 31. [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 24. Reimburse the Community Preservation Fund: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

Article 25. Municipal Wetlands By-Law: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen did not recommend the adoption of this article by a vote of 1-4.

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Article 26. Non-Criminal Disposition Municipal Wetlands By-Law: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen made no recommendation on this article.

Article 27. Open Space Residential Development By-Law: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a vote of 4-1.

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Article 28. Amend Tourist Business Zoning By-Law: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

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Article 29. Williamstown COOL Committee Resolution: [The Chairman called for a vote of the Board.](#) The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends the adoption of this article.

E. Arbor Day Proclamation – Mr. Rempell read the proclamation aloud. Arbor Day is Friday, April 25. Mr. Costley moved to approve the proclamation. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

F. Water and Sewer Warrant – Ms. Allen moved to approve the water and sewer warrant for \$249,268.11. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS - Ms. Allen will meet again with Inspection Services Director Mike Card and Mr. Kilfoyle of Berkshire Photovoltaic regarding permit fees on April 29 at 9:30.

Mr. Turbin reminded selectmen of the dinner meeting of the Berkshire County Selectmen on Thursday, April 17.

8. ADJOURN: Mr. Steege moved to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Ms. Allen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The next selectmen's meeting is April 28. Town elections will be held on May 13 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Elementary School and Town Meeting will be held on May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Costley, Secretary

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