

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

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

**Absent:** Tom Costley

**Others Present:** Jill Strawbridge, Molly Guest, Malcolm Smith, Tim Kaiser, Kathy Poirot

**1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:** Ms. Allen thanked Larry Weber, Judy Giamborino, Paula Luiizzi and everyone who organized, participated and watched the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. She also introduced a book "The Big Parade", by Elizabeth Winthrop, dedicated to Mindy Hackner, our children's librarian at the Milne Library. Ms. Winthrop's charming and lovely book was inspired by her attendance at a Williamstown parade. Ms. Allen also thanked Anita Barker and David Fehr for the letters to the editor regarding the parade. Ms. Allen mention events at the Images flicks, the band concerts at the Clark, and the Steeple Cats Williamstown night, all of which bring families and community together in a fun kind of way.

**2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** June 23, 2008 – Mr. Steege moved to approve the June 23, 2008 minutes. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried with one abstention by Mr. Turbin.

**3. PETITIONER'S REQUEST:**

Jill Strawbridge request the Board approve a Community Chest 5K fun run for Saturday, September 13 starting at 10 a.m. She explained that the participants in the race will run along the same course used by Conor's Run a few years prior. The event will be held to promote greater awareness of the Williamstown Community Chest, what it does locally and whom it supports. The event is not a fund raiser but there will be a nominal fee to participate to cover costs of putting on the event. Chief Johnson has approved the course. Mr. Rempell moved to approve. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. LICENSES AND PERMITS:**

**A. Request from the President & Trustees of Williams College for One Day Liquor Licenses, Robert Volpi, Manager:**

1. All Alcoholic Beverage License on Friday, July 25, 2008 from 5 pm -12 midnight for Alumni Guest Golf at Mt. Hope

2. All Alcoholic Beverage License on Saturday, July 26, 2008 from 5 pm -12 midnight for Alumni Guest Golf at Mt. Hope

3. All Alcoholic Beverage License on Monday, August 4, 2008 from 8:30 pm -11:45 pm for 1<sup>st</sup> Night Dance Party for Mass. Teachers Association at Mission Park

4. All Alcoholic Beverage License on Sunday, August 3, 2008 from 9 pm – 11 pm for MTA Open House at Dodd Housing Living Room and Bar

Mr. Rempell moved to approve the requests from the President & Trustees of Williams College for four one-day all alcoholic liquor licenses as requested. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**B.** Request from American Legion Post 152, George Sylvester, Commander for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License on Saturday, July 26, 2008 from 12:30 – 11 pm on the lawn for a Golf Tournament.

Mr. Rempell moved to approve the request from American Legion Post 152, George Sylvester, Commander for a one-day All Alcoholic Beverage License on Saturday, July 26, 2008 from 12:30 – 11 pm on the lawn for a Golf Tournament. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN’S CONSIDERATION:**

### **A. Selectmen Appointments:**

Community Preservation Committee Resident Member (6-30-11) Malcolm Smith – Mr. Smith stated that he has spoken with outgoing resident member Janette Dudley about what is required of him. He is excited to become part of this committee and what it does for the town. He agreed with Mr. Rempell, who is also a member of the committee that this is an exciting time for Williamstown. Mr. Rempell moved to appoint Malcolm Smith to a three-year term, expiring June 30, 2011, on the Community Preservation Act Committee. Mr. Turbin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Smith was sworn in by Ms. Poirot.

Affordable Housing Committee (6-30-09) Carolyn Henderson – Mr. Rempell moved to re-appoint Carolyn Henderson to a one-year term, expiring June 30, 2009, on the Affordable Housing Committee. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Non Resident Request for Cemetery Lot** – Mr. Robert Wells, Jr. requested to purchase a cemetery lot in Eastlawn Cemetery in Section D, Lot 13, Grave 16. Mr. Rempell moved to approve the request. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**C. Mountain Chapter #137 Annual Craft Fair** (9-13-08) – Mr. Steege moved to approve Mountain Chapter #137’s request to hold a craft fair on the town green in front of the Masonic Hall on Main Street on Saturday, September 13, 2008 from 9am to 3pm. Mr. Rempell seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mountain Chapter Secretary Georgia Rand was also notified of the Community Chest run that will pass by on the sidewalk that morning.

**D. Extension of Photech Purchase Agreement** - Mr. Eby of Eby Realty LLC asked that selectmen grant him a two month extension, ending August 22, 2008, for the Photech purchase and sale agreement. Mr. Rempell moved that the selectmen sign the grant agreement. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**E. Resignation Sally Cramer, Williamstown Housing Authority** – Selectmen accepted Ms. Cramer’s resignation and a press release seeking applicants to fill the seat went out to the Transcript on July 11. Selectmen thanked Ms. Cramer for her 15 years of service on the Housing Authority. Ms. Allen explained that once a applications are received, the Board of Selectmen and the Housing Authority, in a joint meeting, will appoint a

new member to take over the term.

**F. Water and Sewer Warrant** – Mr. Rempell moved to approve the water and sewer warrant in the amount of \$311,759.66. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**G. August Meeting Schedule** – Selectmen agreed to cancel the July 28 meeting because three members will not be attending. They also agreed to schedule the next meeting for August 11 and to determine at that time if they will hold a second meeting in August.

**H. Set Public Hearing Date** for a request from Wild Oats Cooperative, Inc., for a Beer and Wine Package Store License at 320 Main Street, Michael Faber, Manager.

Mr. Rempell moved to set a public hearing date for August 11, 2008 at 7:05 p.m. for a request from Wild Oats Cooperative, Inc., for a Beer and Wine Package Store License at 320 Main Street, Michael Faber, Manager. Mr. Steege seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 6. OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Turbin thanked the police chief and the his department as well as the DPW for putting up cones and no parking signs for the Saturday morning Farmer's Market.

Mr. Rempell said he attended the last Planning Board meeting where member Pat Dunlavy gave a town growth presentation. He felt it is a most important issue and would like to invite Pat to give an abbreviated presentation at future selectmen meeting. Ms. Allen said she would check with Pat to see when he could do it.

Mr. Steege said he would like an update on Mr. Paresky's Spring Street projects. Ms. Allen said Mr. Fohlin could update the Board on that issue.

- 7. ADJOURN** – Mr. Turbin moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. The next Selectmen meeting is Monday, August 11, 2008 – 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Turbin  
Secretary

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