

**AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT

2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES: June 23, 2014

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Verizon Job #1A0M5HU Green River Road (3 Poles Installation) 7:05 pm

4. LICENSES AND PERMITS

One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for Williams College
Alumni Guest Golf Friday, July 25, from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am at Mount Hope Farm

One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for Williams College
Alumni Guest Golf Saturday, July 26, from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am at Mount Hope Farm

5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Appoint representative to Berkshire Regional Planning Commission's Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Committee

B. Appoint town resident member to the Community Preservation Committee term expiring June 30, 2017 - Jeffrey Thomas.

C. Request to purchase two cemetery plots in Eastlawn Cemetery
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holub of Bennington, VT

D. Request to Close Road for Spring Street Food Fair August 31 from 4:00-7:30 pm

E. Economic Development Discussion

F. Water/Sewer Warrant \$287,674.22

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

7. PETITIONER REQUESTS

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8. VOTE TO ADJOURN

Next Selectmen's meeting is Tuesday, July 15, 6:00 p.m. at Mount Greylock Regional School

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 14, 2014
7:00 PM

Present: Ron Turbin, Chairman, Tom Sheldon, Jane Patton, Andrew Hogeland, Hugh Daley

Others Present: Peter Fohlin, Debra Turnbull, Dave Johnson, Kate Levering, Richard Ladd, Ben Greenfield

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**-Chairman Turbin advised that there are two positions open on the school committee. Interested candidates need to submit their papers to the Town Clerk before July 22, 2014 for the November election. Additionally, Chairman Turbin announced the approval of the funding package by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Highland Woods project. This has been a collaborative effort with strong community support. Mr. Sheldon also announced that the Conservation Commission would be meeting on July 24, 2014 at 7:00 in the town hall to discuss next steps on the Burbank and Lowry properties. The public is encouraged to attend.
2. **SELECTMAN'S MINUTES**- Mr. Sheldon made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2014 meeting. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0
3. **PUBLIC HEARING 7:05**-Richard Ladd represented Verizon in their request for permission to place three poles on Green River Road. Mr. Ladd was advised of the DOT project to rebuild the Hopper Road Bridge which may involve the land where the poles are scheduled to be placed. Mr. Ladd was given contact information for DPW Director, Tim Kaiser to coordinate the two projects. Mr. Greenfield asked about the municipality's access to the poles. Mr. Ladd stated that the municipality has the right to use the space on the poles. Any entities not associated with the municipality such as the Massachusetts Broadband Initiative would need to petition the town for permission and pay a rental fee for use of the pole. Chairman Turbin adjourned the public hearing. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the petition for Verizon Job #1A0M5HU for the placement of 3 poles on Green River Road. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
4. **LICENSES AND PERMITS**-
 - A. Approve Williams College One Day All Alcohol License Application for an Alumni Guest Golf event to be held at Mount Hope on Friday, July 25, 2014 from 5:00pm- 12:00 am. A motion was made to approve the one day license by Mr. Hogeland. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

B. Approve Williams College One Day All Alcohol License Application for an Alumni Guest Golf event to be held at Mount Hope on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 5:00pm- 12:00 am. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to approve the one day license. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMAN'S CONSIDERATION:

A. Appoint a representative to the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission's Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Committee- No appointees have been identified to date. This committee meets 3 to 4 times annually beginning September 9, 2014. Citizens interested in participating should contact members of the select board for consideration. This issue will be revisited at the July 28, 2014 meeting

B. Appointment of a town resident to the Community Preservation Committee with term expiring June 30, 2017. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Thomas to the Committee. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

C. Request to purchase two cemetery plots at Eastlawn Cemetery for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holub of Bennington, VT.-The Holubs have other family members buried at Eastlawn. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to permit the purchase of the burial plots at Eastlawn. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

D. Request to Close Road for Spring Street Food Fair on August 31, 2014 from 4:00-7:30 pm- Dave Johnson and Kate Levering represented Williams College in their request to close Spring Street for this second annual expanded event for first year students. The college has contacted all Spring Street merchants. Establishments will be serving food on the street outside their establishments. Dining services will supplement the merchants by providing additional food and water stations. Food items will be paid for with Williams Dollars and merchants will be reimbursed by the College. The college plans to include 550 first year students, 200 supporting staff to include students such as JAs. They are also hoping to attract 200 individuals from the community who will compensate merchants with their own monies. The board was supportive of this event as a means to introduce new incoming students to the Spring Street merchants. Ms. Patton expressed an interest to expand the event to include merchants beyond Spring Street. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

E. Economic Development- Mr. Hogeland suggested inviting the Planning Board to discuss the Master Plan which was distributed to the board members at the meeting.

F. Water Sewer Warrant \$287,674.22- Mr. Sheldon made a motion to approve the warrant. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT- See attached and at www.williamstown.net.

7. PETITIONER'S REQUEST- Catherine Yamamoto inquired about the Selectmen's position on the disposition of the 170 acres for the Burbank and Lowry properties

which has access to town utilities. Mr. Sheldon commented that the board has not had any discussion regarding the properties. Ms. Yamamoto also inquired about the status of the Spruces property. Mr. Fohlin clarified the federal requirements regarding the restrictions mandated by the grant. The federal government does not use the term conservation restriction in the same precise way as Massachusetts General Law. The conservation restriction is best thought of as a development restriction. The federal government has provided a sample conservation restriction of how the land may be used. The land must be used in ways that do not create the potential for any additional loss to the federal Flood Insurance Program. The Spruces will be recreation land with restrictions regarding use excluding housing. The property can be used for things like soccer fields, bike paths, or pavilions which allow flood waters to flow through the property. Bathrooms may be built on the property as well as parking facilities. The land will not acquire Article 97 status as a consequence of the federal conservation restriction. The Spruces land will fall under the jurisdiction of the Select Board as town owned land.

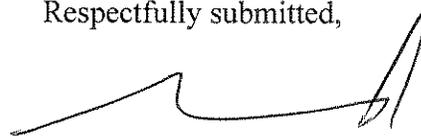
8. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Ms. Patton encouraged citizens to utilize the Sand Springs Pool. She acknowledged the efforts of local citizens to resurrect the facility and encourages the town to support it.

The select board will be recommending Hugh Daley replace Ron Turbin on the Mount Greylock Building Committee. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to recommend Mr. Daley to the Mount Greylock Building Committee. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Mr. Turbin also has served on the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization for eight years. If anyone is interested in assuming responsibility for representing Williamstown Mr. Turbin would be happy to talk with them. The next biannual caucus is August 7 at 7:00 at the Adams Town Hall. Mr. Fohlin would like to see the Water Street roadway represented for renewing the eastside sidewalks and parking to include period lighting. Mr. Fohlin noted that the engineering has been completed which is a requirement for consideration of the project.

9. **ADJOURN.** Mr. Hogeland made a motion at 8:13 pm to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Andy Hogeland
Secretary