

**AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN
SEP 08 2014

- TOWN CLERK
2:55 pm
- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**
 - 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** August 11, 2014
 - 3. PUBLIC HEARING** -Set a public hearing date for National Grid Job # WR17047041
Scott Hill Road (1 Pole)
 - 4. LICENSES AND PERMITS**
 - A.** One Day All Alcohol Beverages License for Rural Lands Foundation
Sheep Hill, September 12, 6-10 p.m.
 - B.** One Day Malt and Wine License for Williams College, '62 CTD Directing Studio,
Thursday, September 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
 - C.** One Day Malt and Wine Licenses, Williams College, Weston Field, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept 20, Sept. 27, Oct 11, and Nov. 1, 2014 with service to end after the
third quarter (David Boyer)
 - 5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A.** Reappoint Lindsay Neathawk to Sign Commission term to expire June 30, 2019
 - B.** Accept resignation of Van Ellett from Conservation Commission September 8, 2014
 - C.** Confirmation of Town Manager's recommendation to appoint Nicholas Wright to the
unexpired Conservation Commission term of Van Ellett - term to expire June 30,
2016
 - D.** Release Deed – Stetson Court to Williams College
 - E.** Discussion of Five Corners Intersection
 - F.** Discussion of Proposed Town Flag Design (Sheldon)
 - G.** Representative to Municipal Aggregation Bid Opening
 - H.** Water/Sewer Warrant \$187,659.55
 - 6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - 7. PETITIONER REQUESTS**
 - 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 9. VOTE TO ADJOURN**

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 8, 2014
7:00 PM

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

Absent:

Others Present: Peter Fohlin, Heather Clemow

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT-** Chairman Turbin commented on the various activities within the community this summer. He congratulated the Clark Art Institute on their reopening. He also congratulated the Williamstown Theater Festival for another successful season. Chairman Turbin noted the beginning of school and the success of all the fall sports teams. He wished all students and staff a successful year. Primary day is September 9, 2014 and Chairman Turbin encourages everyone to vote.
2. **SELECTMAN'S MINUTES-**Mr. Daley made a motion to accept the August 11, 2014 with a correction to the spelling of Dr. Lartin's name and a correction to Mad Macs. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-2. Ms. Patton and Mr. Turbin abstained due to absence.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING 7:05 pm** Set a public hearing date for National Grid Job # WR17047041 Scott Hill Road (1 Pole). Ms. Patton made a motion to set the public hearing for 7:05 on September 22, 2014. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
4. **LICENSES AND PERMITS-**
 - a. One Day All Alcohol Beverages License for Rural Lands Foundation Sheep Hill, September 12, 6-10 p.m. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the license. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
 - b. One Day Malt and Wine License for Williams College, '62 CTD Directing Studio, Thursday, September 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the license. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
 - c. One Day Malt and Wine Licenses, Williams College, Weston Field, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Saturdays, Sept 20, Sept. 27, Oct 11, and Nov. 1, 2014 with service to end after the third quarter (David Boyer). Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the licenses. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMAN'S CONSIDERATION:

- a. Reappoint Lindsay Neathawk to Sign Commission, term to expire June 30, 2019. Ms. Patton made a motion to reappoint Lindsay Neathawk. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
- b. Accept with thanks the resignation of Van Ellett from Conservation Commission on September 8, 2014. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to accept the resignation. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
- c. Confirmation of Town Manager's recommendation to appoint Nicholas Wright to the unexpired Conservation Commission term of Van Ellett - term to expire June 30, 2016. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to confirm Nicholas Wright to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.
- d. Release deed – Stetson Court to Williams College. Mr. Fohlin advised that the town owns the land under the road and will maintain the municipal infrastructure for water and sewer. Mr. Hogeland raised a question regarding the location and ownership of the town green. Mr. Fohlin will need to verify the boundaries and will return with additional information at the next board meeting.
- e. Discussion of Five Corners Intersection- The town only controls Route 43 South. Chief Johnson recommends replacing the speed limit advisory sign in yellow and setting it back 100 feet from the north and southbound directions. He also suggested moving or removing the Historical Five Corners Sign to eliminate confusion. The chief also recommended adding a 30mph sign on the back of the 45mph sign. This allows notification of the 30mph zone on both sides of the road. Stop ahead signs was also recommended. The route 43 sign with an arrow was also identified as troublesome. The chief felt it indicated a through way rather than a stop. There was a recommendation to use larger stop signs. Mr. Hogeland suggested consideration of flashing lights and rumble strips as a way to alert motorists and Chief Johnson agreed to review those techniques. The town will also consult with the Department of Transportation.
- f. Discussion of Proposed Town Flag (Sheldon) Bethann Steiner from Senator Downing's office brought to the town's attention that Williamstown does not have a town flag. Mr. Sheldon reported that he was part of a private group of citizens (not a town committee) that worked together to develop a flag for Williamstown. They proposed that two flags would be produced. One for Senator Downing's request to hang in the State House and one for the selectmen's conference

room. A quadrant approach was taken to illustrate various values of the town including the mountains, Chapin Hall for education, and agricultural and cultural components. The center of the flag illustrates the 1753 house. Mr. Sheldon asked the board to endorse the group's design and appropriate the funds to create the flags. Mr. Hogeland asked about creating a brand for the town through the flags. Mr. Hogeland felt that there were too many images and colors on the flag. Ms. Patton supported using the center image for possible branding. Mr. Hogeland suggested posting the flag for public opinion on the website. Heather Clemow suggested structuring the feedback to be specific regarding various aspects of the flag.

Chairman Turbin suggested appropriating the funds in the amount of \$750. The appropriation was not considered an issue. The board felt that it would allow public feedback for a two week period. This issue will be revisited at the next board meeting.

- g. Representative to Municipal Aggregation Bid Opening- Williamstown voters approved our participation in a municipal aggregation plan under G. L. c. 164 s. 134 at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. Representatives of Clarksburg, Dalton, Lenox, North Adams, Sheffield, Florida, New Marlborough, Tyringham, West Stockbridge and Williamstown will meet with Mark Cappadona of Colonial Power Group in Dalton on Wednesday, September 17, at 11:00 a.m. to 2 pm to receive bids to supply electricity to our residents and our municipalities. Conceptually we are seeking the lowest price for the longest time. If we get bids for one year @ 12 cents, two years @ 10 cents, and three years @ 8 cents, we might agree on three years. Residents who purchase green power are not included in the program. All other residents are included in the program but have the option to opt out. Such is the nature of a collaborative. As a reference point, Lowell recently signed a three-year contract at \$.1009 per kwh. Williamstown has been probing the market with suppliers and has been getting quotes of one @.1053, two @ .1042, three @ .1034, and four @ .1058. One of our options is to "do nothing" and leave all our residents and the Town on standard service for the next six months, which number will be set by September 17. Mr. Daley asked if the board would set any parameters for the Williamstown representative during negotiations. It was determined that the representative has the authority to negotiate and accept the rate on behalf of the town. Bids are valid for only four hours. The decision will need to be made on September 17, 2014. This process creates stability in costs and becomes a valuable tool for budgeting. Mr. Sheldon made a motion to send Town Manager, Peter Fohlin to represent the town. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

h. Water/Sewer Warrant \$187,659.55 Mr. Sheldon made a motion to approve the water/sewer warrant. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

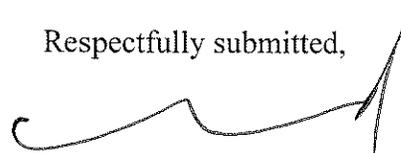
6. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**- See attached and at www.williamstown.net.

7. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST**- None

8. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Hogeland reported that he and Mr. Daley had been working on an initial discussion document that would outline possible topics for inclusion in an overall economic development plan. They hope to present a list of ideas regarding economic development in the future.

9. **ADJOURN.** Ms. Patton moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hogeland. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Hogeland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andy Hogeland
Secretary