

**AGENDA
WILLIAMSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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TOWN CLERK

*3:05 pm
amended*

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT**
- 2. SELECTMEN'S MINUTES:** September 22, 2014
- 3. PUBLIC HEARING –**
 - A. Public hearing 7:05pm for transfer of Innkeepers All Alcohol License
Taconic Williamstown Corp to BillTown, LLC, d/b/a Williams Inn, 1090 Main Street
- 4. LICENSES AND PERMITS**
- 5. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - A. Highland Woods Project Schedule
 - B. Water/ Sewer Warrant \$239,963.11
 - C. Sign State Election Warrant
 - D. Economic Development
- 6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 7. PETITIONER REQUESTS**
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 9. VOTE TO ADJOURN**

Next Selectmen's meeting is Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Tom Sheldon, Andrew Hogeland, Hugh Daley, Jane Patton,

Absent: Ron Turbin, Chairman

Others Present: Peter Fohlin, Debra Turnbull, Lori Robbins, Bruce Finn, David Faulkner, Jean Vankin, Martin Greenstein, Wendy Penner, Tom Hyde

1. **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT-** Vice Chairman Patton commented that the November 10, 2014 Board of Selectmen's meeting has been rescheduled to November 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm.
2. **SELECTMAN'S MINUTES-**Mr. Hogeland made a motion to accept the September 22, 2014 minutes. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING 7:05 pm** Transfer of All Alcohol Innkeepers license from the Taconic Williamstown Corporation to BillTown, LLC d/b/a Williams Inn, 1090 Main Street. Williams College owns the building and land known as the Williams Inn. The college is leasing the use of the premises to BillTown, LLC. Williams College has no financial interest in the liquor license. The liquor license will be owned by BillTown with whole responsibility for the purchase, sale and profits of the liquor belonging to BillTown. BillTown has a one year term renewable lease with the college. Mr. David Faulkner is also being installed as the new manager. Mr. Faulkner has worked at the inn with his parents for decades. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the transfer of the all alcohol innkeepers license to BillTown, LLC and the change of manager to David Faulkner. Mr. Daley seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.
4. **LICENSES AND PERMITS-**
5. **ITEMS FOR SELECTMAN'S CONSIDERATION:**
 - a. Highland Woods Project Schedule-Mr. Hogeland made a motion to accept the project schedule with a correction to the 50% completion date to reflect 3/15/2015-4/15/2015. Mr. Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0. Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Daley commented on the apparent progress occurring at the bottom of Southworth Street. The DHCD financing is also scheduled to be approved on October 16, 2014.

- b. Water/ Sewer Warrant \$239,963.11- Mr. Sheldon made a motion to approve the water/sewer warrant. Mr. Hogeland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-0.
- c. Sign State Election Warrant- The Board of Selectmen signed the State Election Warrant as requested by Mary Courtney Kennedy. The election is scheduled for November 4, 2014. Mr. Sheldon encouraged all citizens to familiarize themselves with both sides of the issues in order to make an informed vote. Tom Hyde addressed the board stating his support of Question 2, the expansion of the bottle bill. He quoted increased recycling due to deposits being placed on water bottles, energy drinks and other plastic containers. He asked the board to endorse his position. Mr. Fohlin advised against stating any opinion until the next board meeting. He will have researched the legality of the board taking a position on Question 2. Mr. Hyde offered that 209 other communities have come out in favor of Question 2.
- d. Economic Development-Mr. Daley and Mr. Hogeland presented a preliminary document proposing a philosophical perspective on economic development as well as a fourteen page document outlining action items bearing further discussion by the entire board. The board will evaluate the original document and come prepared for more in-depth discussion at the next board meeting. Next steps also include community outreach and how do we do that.

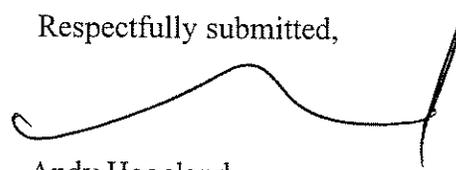
- 6. **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-** See attached and at www.williamstown.net.
- 7. **PETITIONER'S REQUEST-** Jean Vankin asked the town to support a resolution supporting the reopening of a full service hospital at North Adams Regional Hospital. Mrs. Vankin stated that Williamstown is the only community in the area that has not supported the resolution for reopening of the hospital. There are differences of opinion regarding the viability of the hospital. The Stroudwater report was commissioned by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Stroudwater reports acknowledges the need for a small inpatient unit but requires Critical Access Designation to be financially viable. The nurses' union doesn't agree with all the conclusions drawn in the Stroudwater report. The union's independent financial study found that without debt the hospital is viable. Mrs. Vankin feels that various funding sources need to be explored and inpatient beds need to be on premise at the hospital. Ms. Vankin wishes there was more presence from Williamstown at the ongoing community meetings. Mr. Sheldon asked for the status of the resolution in North Adams. Ms. Vankin commented that the resolution was being presented to the city council at the same time this meeting was being held. Martin Greenstein also attended and supported the reopening of the hospital. Mr. Greenstein expressed a concern that according to the Stroudwater report the inpatient unit would only exist with the Critical Access Designation which seems unlikely. Ms. Patton chose to wait until Chairman Turbin returns

before making a decision. The board also wanted to defer action until they attended the meeting at Williams College regarding the hospital.

Wendy Penner of the COOL committee also spoke in favor of Question 2. An additional meeting, Introduction to Community Solar, is also scheduled by the COOL committee regarding Solar Arrays held at the Williamstown Youth Center on November 6, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Daley reported that Dore and Whittier has been chosen as the project manager to guide the Mount Greylock School Committee through the Feasibility Study. The committee is working with a very tight timeline to complete the feasibility study. Mr. Sheldon also reported that two board members attended the Open House at the Williamstown Community Preschool. Mr. Sheldon commented on how nice the new space is for the community.
9. **ADJOURN.** Mr. Hogeland moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sheldon. The motion passed 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Hogeland', written over a horizontal line.

Andy Hogeland
Secretary