

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Present: Jeffrey Thomas, Anne O'Connor, Hugh Daley, Jason Hoch

Absent: Andy Hogeland, Jane Patton, Debra Turnbull

Others Present: Shauna Patterson-Stephens, Wendy Penner

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT-

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve 07-24-17 BoS Minutes. (07-24-17 Minutes)

Ms. O'Connor moved approval of the July 24, 2017 minutes., seconded by Mr. Thomas. Motion approved 3-0-0.

4. ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

- a. Request for Road Closure - Walden Street 9/19 - 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Shauna Patterson-Stephens of the Davis Center, Williams College sought approval for a road closure on September 19, 2017 from 4:30-9:30pm for a Block Party focused on first year students. The college hopes to have food trucks located in the faculty parking lot. This is a non-alcoholic event. Police Chief, Kyle Johnson has approved this event. Ms. O'Connor made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-0.
- b. Town Manager Review Process- The intent of the review is to provide a vehicle for communication between the town manager and the board. It shall be used as a goal setting tool for setting priorities. December was suggested as a time to complete the review. Town Manager, Jason Hoch indicated that a shorter narrative outlining five things that are going well and five things that he and the board would like to work on. The board will continue to work on the structure in future meetings.

5. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT - Town Counsel has provided feedback on the latest changes to the marijuana by-law for the sales and production of marijuana. Williamstown voted to approve the legalization of marijuana, therefore, if the town wants to ban the sale of marijuana it will require a ballot vote. If the ban passes at a Town election, Town Meeting will still have to vote an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to implement the ban. It was noted that there are no changes to the legalization of possession of marijuana only the sales of marijuana. It is expected that Town Counsel will provide a boiler plate ordinance that communities can use to address this issue. Wendy Penner asked about the use of marijuana in public. Mr. Hoch will follow up with counsel regarding public consumption.

The town clerk has submitted a list of election poll workers. Currently, there is no Republican Committee. The list submitted identifies the Democratic poll workers and a list of voters with no party affiliation. Ann O'Connor made a motion to accept the submitted list of poll workers. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-0. Mr Hoch also notified the board that he has signed a new three year contract with 100% green energy at .10708 per kwh for the town. Citizens may opt out of the agreement if they wish, otherwise, no action is required and the new rate will be effective November 1, 2017.

6. PETITIONER REQUEST- None

7. OTHER BUSINESS- Ms. O'Connor acknowledged Mr. Hogeland's thespian endeavours. She also denounced the recent white supremacy rally in Charlottesville, Virginia and hoped that Williamstown would never experience a similar event.

8. ADJOURN- Ms. O'Connor moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Mr. Thomas seconds. Approved 3-0-0.

Jeffrey Thomas
Secretary