

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Present: Hugh Daley, Andy Hogeland, Jane Patton, Ann O'Connor, Jeffrey Thomas, Jason Hoch, Debra Turnbull

Absent:

Others Present: Joe Bergeron, Kim Grady, Tim Kaiser, Chris Kapiloff, David Langston

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT-None

CONSENT AGENDA-

- a. Approve 10-02-2017 BoS Minutes (10-02-17 Minutes)
- b. Approve Verizon Job #1A2E9MF for underground conduit to run from Pole T.7 30 feet southerly on Woodcock Road.
- c. Approve Carr's Ciderhouse Holiday Market Licenses for November 19 and December 17, 2017 in the Williams College Fieldhouse from 10am-2pm.
- d. Approve Hoxsey Street Closure for Reclaiming Childhood Fundraiser on October 28, 2017 from 11 pm -1 am.
- e. Sign Special State Election Warrant for November 7, 2017 at Williamstown Elementary School from 7:00am to 8:00pm.
- f. Approve Water/ Sewer Warrant \$177,546.15

Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING- None

ITEMS FOR SELECTMEN'S CONSIDERATION:

Chapter 90- Tim Kaiser, DPW director presented a project request for a roundabout at the intersection of Water Street and Main Street from Chapter 90 monies. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to approve spending an estimated \$125,100 for engineering of the rotary. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Regionalization- Joe Bergeron and Kim Grady advised the board that the state has not approved the regionalization proposal to date. The Department of Education is meeting on Wednesday. They hope to have approval back in the next week. There should not be significant changes. The school committee will continue to have

outreach meetings. Voters are encouraged to read the current proposal to educate themselves about the regionalization changes. Mr. Daley proposed that the selectmen allow the school committee a placeholder on the warrant for the DESE approved agreement to be submitted before October 30, 2017 at 4:00pm.

Special Town Meeting Planning Board Amendments- Chris Kapiloff presented planning board changes to be voted at the special town meeting.

ARTICLE A: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Williamstown Zoning By-Laws, §70-6 by allowing all uses to increase beyond prescribed parking minimums with a special permit.

ARTICLE B: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Williamstown Zoning By-Laws, §70-3, 7, & 9 in order to increase opportunities for development of multifamily housing within the Limited and Planned Business Districts.

ARTICLE C: To see if the Town will vote to amend the map of Overlay Zoning Districts by including Assessor's Parcels 131 – 901 through 906 in the Cable Mills Redevelopment District.

ARTICLE D: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Williamstown Zoning By-Laws, §70-7.1 by reducing dimensional requirements for new housing within the Cable Mills Redevelopment District.

ARTICLE E: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Williamstown Zoning By-Laws, §70-3.3 by changing permitting requirements for hotels in the Southern Gateway District from by right to requiring a special permit for developments over 20,000 square feet.

Mr. Hogeland made a motion to have the planning board hold a public hearing on the five amendments presented to the select board. Ms. Patton seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Special Town Meeting Warrant-

Article 1. Regionalization. The Board will announce their recommendation at Town Meeting assuming that the final regionalization agreement has been approved by the Department of Education and Secondary Education prior to October 30, 2017 at 4:00pm.

Article 2- Acquisition of Property for Police Station. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to recommend the article. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 3- Acceptance of Donated Land. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to recommend this article. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. the motion passed 5-0-0.

Article 4- Grant of Easement to Berkshire Gas. Mr. Hogeland made a motion to recommend this article. Ms. Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1. Ms. O'Connor abstained.

Article 5-9 Planning Board Zoning Bylaw Changes- The Board will make its recommendation pending receipt of articles from the November 8, 2017 Public Hearing.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT-

- a. Police Station Update-Mr. Hoch is asking to borrow \$300,000 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase the Turner House for a new police station. This strategy was approved by the Finance Committee. The town needs to vote their approval for the purchase at the November 14, 2017 Special Town Meeting.
- b. The Council on Aging is sponsoring Winter Blitz with Williams College students offering winterizing of your homes.
- c. Special election for state representative is happening November 7, 2017 from 7am to 8pm at the elementary school.
- d. Hotel tax previous down 2% from 2016-2017. Reporting from the summer on hotel revenue was up 10%. Meals were down .12% from 2016-2017 but revenue is up 9% for the summer.
- e. There will be art installations in town hall during November and December.
- f. Halloween- Trick or Treating is October 31, 2017 from 5-7pm.

OTHER BUSINESS- Public hearing on 25% design for Syndicate Road bike path. Prudential committee meets tomorrow night to purchase the Lehovet property for future development as a fire station. Support was expressed from Mr. Daley, Hogeland and Thomas for the purchase of the Lehovet property..

ADJOURN- Mr. Hogeland moved to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0-0.

Jeffrey Thomas
Secretary