



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
July 18, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm, Room 203, Hadley Town Hall

Present: Gloria DiFulvio, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Daniel Dudkiewicz, David Moskin, Brian West

Absent: None

Also in Attendance: David Nixon (Town Administrator); Peg Jekanowski (Administrative Assistant); Richard Trueswell (TV-5); Merle K. Buckout, Arlene McGee, Cynthia R. Watson, Tom McGee, Gordon Smith, Atty. Jeffrey Roberts (Hadley Historical Society); Joe Fitzgibbon (CPA Chair); Ben Storrow, Daily Hampshire Gazette; Jo-Ann Konieczny, Beth Brown, Claire Carlson, Noel Kurtz, Caryn Perley, Alison Donta-Venman (Goodwin Library Trustees); Linda Meehan, Dennis Meehan (Friends of Goodwin Memorial Library); Ginger Goldsbury, John Silvestro, Marla Miller; Margaret Freeman (Hadley Historic Commission); Wilfred Danylieko (Electrical Inspector)

Approval of Warrants: Payroll #5:

Warrant #56-Z

Motion to Approve: Brian West

Second: Joyce Chunglo

Vote: 4-0-0 (Approved)

(David Moskin not present at time of vote.)

New Business #2 (Taken out of order)

1. State Primary Election Warrant (Thursday, September 6, 2012)

Motion to Approve: Brian West

Second: Joyce Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0 (Approved)

2. Open Special Town Meeting Warrant

Motion to Open Warrant for Special Town Meeting 10/25/2012: Dan Dudkiewicz: **Second:** Joyce Chunglo

A Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday October 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Hopkins Academy. This vote will open the Warrant; the Warrant will be closed on September 5, 2012. Notices will go out to all Boards and Committees and officers of the Town.

Vote to Open Warrant: 5-0-0 (Approved)

Appointment

7:05 pm Historical Society Library Use

Members of the Hadley Historical Society (HHS) and the Goodwin Memorial Library Trustees (GMLT) were present to follow up with the Board on previous discussions of the Library accessing and utilizing space on the second floor of the Goodwin Library where the Historical Society is currently housed. Gordon Smith, president of HHS stated that in order to house the collection safely there is need of a masonry building, size of 1800 square feet (possibly an additional 300'), the building needs to be secure and climate controlled. It is a priority to keep the collection together. Mr. Moskin asked about a building on Middle Street that the HHS owns, but he said that building is inadequate due to wood frame and location is not secure as you cannot see it from the road.

Jo-Ann Konieczny stated that the Library is critically short of space. Attendance is up and they have had to cancel programs due to space constraints, and there is a shortage of space for books that should be housed at the library. There is also limited computer use due to space. The GMLT obtained funds for a structural engineering study and a space plan study which have been completed. According to the reports, the second floor perimeter can be used for bookshelves, and the center for meeting space. The overall plan is to use the basement for children and teen area; first floor for adult fiction, nonfiction, and computers; 2nd floor for meeting space, administrative use, and local history. Eventually, additional books and computers will be housed on second floor. They would also like to hire an inventory specialist to act as a "neutral party" working with the Town, the HHS and the GMLT to determine original ownership of historical items. They asked the Select Board to appoint a member to a committee that represents all three groups...the timeline is early August, and the Library would begin to reconfigure the space for use in early September.



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Discussion ensued regarding issues of handicap accessibility and fire safety on second floor of the library. Also discussed was the fact that the library has to have use of the entire building in order to be eligible for grants through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commission, and these grants would help pay to bring the building up to code. The Board asked the Library to give a copy of the report from the structural engineer to the Town Building Inspector for his review and comment.

Mr. West stated that there are two issues: (1) the Town does not have a space readily available (for the HHS) and (2) ownership concerns. Mr. West asked (the GMLT) why the collection needs to be separated and distributed among the groups. He stated that he wants to leave the collection intact. Gordon Smith stated that everything there belongs to the residents of the Town of Hadley, and it should not be split up. Marla Miller stated that the reason it is important to identify ownership is when there are preservation/conservation costs associated with certain articles. Also, the GMLT also asked if they could have an interim transition time to reconfigure some space even while the HHS occupies the second floor.

Brian West made a motion to continue repairs at the Hooker School, renovating the space on the third floor so it is fit to be a museum for use by the HHS, and then move the collection in its entirety once repairs are done, and give the Library use of the second floor where the HHS is currently housed. Joyce Chunglo seconded the motion. Gloria DiFulvio raised the issue of a private entity being housed in a public building. Discussion ensued to consider the items in question as belonging to the Town of Hadley with the private entity (HHS) being stewards of the items.

GMLT asked if after the HHS's open house in September, the Library could begin to reconfigure space. It was stated that there is not a timeline on the project. Mr. Nixon stated that building renovations were set up in priority list; he asked if the Board was changing the list (as presented at Town Meeting.) Ms. DiFulvio asked the HHS opinion of moving with the collection before the Board votes, as this option may not even be viable for them. Brian West stated that the HHS should meet with Gary Berg, Building Maintenance Supervisor for the Town, and review the potential of the Hooker School.

Brian West amended the original motion to have the HHS review the potential site at Hooker School with Building Maintenance Supervisor Gary Berg, and have Mr. Berg report back to the Board, who will generate a time line for renovation and moving of HHS to this space based on what is needed, motion seconded by Joyce Chunglo. Vote is 3-2-0. (Gloria DiFulvio and Dan Dudkiewicz dissenting.) Ms. DiFulvio stated she was dissenting due to lack of time line. Mr. West stated that he felt this could be accomplished fairly quickly.

The Library Trustees asked if they could reconfigure some of the second floor space after the HHS's open house in September. **Gloria DiFulvio made a motion that the library be allowed to access the second floor space after the HHS's open house, motion seconded by Brian West. Vote is 1-3-1 (Brian West, Joyce Chunglo and Dan Dudkiewicz dissenting, and David Moskin abstaining.)** Joyce Chunglo stated she wanted more information from the Town Building Inspector before allowing the Library Trustees to start to reconfigure space on the second floor.

Old Business:

1. Appointments to Historical Commission

- Status of 2012 Appointments to Historic Commission

At the Select Board meeting of June 20, 2012 there was a split vote as to whether to reappoint two members of the Hadley Historical Commission. Ginger Goldsbury and John Silvestro were the members and both were present to speak on their own behalf. Ms. Goldsbury reiterated information that she wrote in a letter to Select Board member Dudkiewicz and copied the rest of the Board, summarizing that she joined the Commission as she is interested in the welfare of the Town, especially as it relates to Town history, and views her role as part of a team with the Select Board, but states she feels it has become "antagonistic" and she "doesn't want that and didn't expect that." Mr. Silvestro stated that he has been on the Commission less than a year and is impressed



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with the Commission's work and Ms. Goldsbury's leadership. He stated that if he had done something wrong or did not provide appropriate service to the Town he would understand not being reappointed, but to use the power of appointment as a way of getting back at the committee seemed inappropriate. Dan Dudkiewicz stated that the reason he made his original motion not to reappoint was based on Historic Commission minutes that reflected that the Historical Commission had not come to a Select Board meeting when asked. Ms. Goldsbury stated that was a misunderstanding, that she was not available to come to the meeting in question, and after that she simply forgot, however the Select Board never communicated back to invite the Commission to subsequent meetings.

Brian West stated that the reason not to reappoint was based on the perception of lack of communication (from the Historic Commission), but after having read Ms. Goldsbury's letter he (Mr. West) plans on reappointing the two members. He also stated that the lack of communication was probably on both sides. Also, Margaret Freeman stated that the Historical Commission had been to subsequent Select Board meetings to discuss CPA funds, but no one on the Board had ever expressed their dissatisfaction with any Commission members.

Dan Dudkiewicz stated that he wanted to rescind his original motion. Joyce Chunglo stated that she was upset that the Historical Commission went against a unanimous Town Meeting vote regarding the proposed Verizon Wireless Tower. Chair DiFulvio stated that it is not right to not reappoint based on actions of a group, and asked the Board to consider the appointments and voting actions separately. Dan Dudkiewicz stated that he made his (original) motion based on the fact that he thought the Select Board was being ignored, but now sees it was a communication issue. Marla Miller wanted to state for the record that the communication problem was on both sides, which was agreed. David Moskin offered the Commission members an apology. ***Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to reappoint Ms. Goldsbury and Mr. Silvestro to the Hadley Historic Commission, motion seconded by Brian West, and passed unan. with a vote of 5-0-0.*** Ms. DiFulvio thanked the members for their service.

- New application for appointment to Historic Commission – Matt Lustig

The Board reviewed an application from Matt Lustig for a position on the Historic Commission. The current Historic Commission recommended the appointment to the Board, however under MGL Ch. 40 Sec 8D, there is only room for an alternate member. ***Brian West made a motion to appoint Matt Lustig as an alternate member of the Historic Commission. Motion was seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz, and passed by a vote of 4-0-1. (David Moskin abstaining.)***

3. Verizon Wireless

Joyce Chunglo stated that the location of the proposed Verizon Wireless tower (East Street Safety Complex) was not in a historic district and wanted to know why the Historic Commission voted against it. Members of the Historic Commission stated that it is in a National Registered district. Ms. Chunglo stated that she was bothered by the fact that after a unanimous Town Meeting vote approving the tower; the Historic Commission sent a letter to the MA Historic Commission. Marla Miller stated that they (the Commission) received a letter from the State Commission asking "would [the tower] have an adverse effect on the historic integrity?" They could not say it would not have an impact, and were also thinking about precedent. Mr. West stated that precedent was not an issue as it was not a new tower but a replacement. He stated that this might be a lost opportunity to a revenue stream. Discussion continued regarding the Commission decision regarding the adverse effect on the historical district versus the Town Meeting vote. (Ms. Miller stated that the Commission's decision can be overruled by the state commission.) Mr. Moskin stated that the Commission did their job, and that the Board cannot be mad at them for doing what they felt they had to do. Joyce Chunglo stated that sometimes issues need to be looked at in a larger frame, and not from a limited purview, and the impact of a decision for the Town as a whole has to be considered. Further discussion was regarding whether there is still viability at all for the project to move forward. Mr. Nixon stated that there is a critical impact for public safety, and the Town is also looking to create new revenue. Therefore, how can this move forward? Next steps would be to contact Verizon and to contact MA Historic Commission regarding their response to the Hadley Commission's letter.



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Old Business (continued)

- 1. Select Board Priorities – based on past discussion, Chair DiFulvio determined the following three items as Select Board priorities.**
 - a. Fire Management Plan**
 - b. Buildings/Capital Needs**
 - c. Economic Development**

The Board decided to start with the Fire Management plan. There are several recommendations in the recent study of the department and a priority needs to be decided on. Mr. West stated that due to the fact that the current Fire Chief is due to retire in 2013, the Board needs to look at that position and decide on its make-up, what the Board expects out of that position moving forward. This needs to start happening now. The recommendation in the study is to move from a part time call Fire Chief to a Full Time Chief. Joyce Chunglo stated she is in favor of a full time chief, that there needs to be a full time leader to facilitate decisions and “making things happen.” Discussion ensued regarding part call, part career department going forward and how to serve the Town’s growing community. Mr. West stated that the main concern is Fire Safety, and that there is a major morale problem with the on call force. It (morale) will be one of the top priorities for the fire chief – that a strong leader will help with this problem. Mr. Moskin also supported the position of a Full Time Chief. Next steps are to review and develop a job description, and then appoint a search committee. This should start now as it is only a year away.

Brian West made a motion to create a Full Time Fire Chief Position for the Town of Hadley Fire Department, motion seconded by Joyce Chunglo and passed with a vote of 4-0-1. (Dan Dudkiewicz abstaining from vote and discussion.

The next step is to review job descriptions from other Towns and develop a job description that will fit the needs of Hadley – this should happen in the next two weeks. There was also discussion regarding hiring an outside firm to assist with the candidate search, as an outside firm will provide a wide pool of candidates and will know the right questions to ask. Joyce Chunglo stated that she did not support paying an outside consultant, stating that the Town has the ability to perform their own search. Ms. Chunglo stated that Chiefs from neighboring towns have offered to sit on the search committee and assist with the assessment of candidates. There are other resources available to help evaluate appropriate candidates.

The conversation then turned to the Select Board as Fire Commissioners having hiring/firing authority. It was determined that the Board would like to maintain control over the configuration of the Department, but the Chief will screen potential candidates for hire then bring them to the Board, in the same way the Police Department screens its candidates and then brings the candidate for hire in front of the Board for appointment. This issue will be place on the warrant for Special Town meeting.

In terms of buildings, Chair DiFulvio asked a public hearing be scheduled for ideas and concerns regarding the future of Town Buildings before any decisions are made. A public hearing will be scheduled for a later date.

Other:

Joseph Fitzgibbon, Chair of the CPA committee was in front of the Board stating that he wanted notification of any discussion of CPA funding with ample time to notify his committee. August 1, 2012 will be the scheduled meeting, time to be determined.



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3. Veterans' Services

Chair DiFulvio stated that the Town's Veteran's Service Officer Paul Corbeil is ill and the Board wishes him a speedy recover. Further, the Board thanked Belchertown and Northampton for assistance with Veteran's matters that have come up during this period of time.

Announcements

Joyce Chunglo announced that Tom Waskiewicz is looking for help with his Hadleyopoly game, specifically looking for assistance with developing game pieces.

The Board thanks Town Employee Joan Zuzgo for the flowers around the exterior of Town Hall. They also thanked Deb Windoloski and the people who keep up the flowers in front of the Welcome to Hadley sign.

Brian West made a motion, seconded by Joyce Chunglo, for the Board to sign the Sewer and Water Commitment for winter bills: Motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0.

Chair DiFulvio stated that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 7:00pm at Hopkins Academy.

At 9:15 pm, Joyce Chunglo made a motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and not to reconvene in open session, Motion seconded by Brian West. Chair DiFulvio stated "As Chair of the Hadley Select Board, I state that the Board has moved and seconded to enter into executive session, and that I state that discussing the matter in open session will have an adverse effect on the Town of Hadley."

Roll Call Vote: West-Yes; Chunglo-Yes; DiFulvio=yes; Dudkiewicz=yes; Moskin=yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A discussion was held regarding litigation. A motion was made and seconded, and passed by a roll call vote: Dudkiewicz=yes; Chunglo=yes; Moskin=yes; West=yes

At 9:50 pm Brian West made a motion to adjourn Executive Session, seconded by Joyce Chunglo.

Roll Call Vote: West-Yes; Chunglo-Yes; DiFulvio=yes; Dudkiewicz=yes; Moskin=yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant