



TOWN OF HADLEY
SELECT BOARD
December 5, 2012
Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Acting Chair Joyce Chunglo, Daniel Dudkiewicz, David Moskin, Brian West

Absent: Gloria DiFulvio

Also in Attendance: David Nixon (Town Administrator); Peg Jekanowski, (Administrative Assistant); Connie Mieczkowski (Treasurer); Michael Klimoski (Tree Warden); Judy Pelis, Joseph Pelis (Hopkins 350th Committee); Bob Kuzmeski, Andy Klepacki, Ken Berestka, (Park and Recreation Commission), Cathy Zaturka (Park and Recreation Dept.); Atty. Ellen Freyman, Tom Nolan (Verizon Wireless); John Mieczkowski, Sr., Willy Danylieko, Leonard Gnatek, John Yusko.

Approval of Minutes: Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to approve minutes of 11/0/2012, 11/08/2012 and 11/14/2012, seconded by Brian West and approved by a vote of 3-0-0. (David Moskin absent at time of vote.)

Tree Hearing-Michael Klimoski

Acting Chair Chunglo announced that the Board would conduct a hearing on the application of the Tree Warden to cut down and remove trees. Michael Klimoski identified 30 trees to be cut. Motion was made by Dan Dudkiewicz, seconded by Brian West to approve the list as recommended by Michael Klimoski. Approved 3-0-0.

Old Business

#1 Fire Department Appointments:

The Board reviewed a list of appointments to the Hadley Fire Department that expire as of December 31, 2012. David Nixon recommended appointing the fire fighters that were appointed in June 2012 through June of 2013. Ms. Chunglo stated that she wanted to talk to the Fire Chief and make sure all training has been completed before a decision is made to reappoint. Deferred until 12/19/2012.

#2 Fire Chief Job Description:

The Board reviewed the draft of the new Fire Chief Job Description, along with suggested changes/edits from Fire Chiefs from surrounding towns. (Amherst and South Hadley.) Mr. West suggested that the Board closely review the suggested changes and make a final decision at the next meeting on 12/19/2012.

#3 FY 2014 Budget:

Town Administrator David Nixon presented the Board with initial guidelines for the budget including a memo and analysis for review in anticipation of budget discussions.

Verizon Wireless

Atty. Ellen Freyman and Tom Nolan from Verizon Wireless were present to update the Board on the status of the tower(s) proposed for Hadley. One is proposed for a tower at the Public Safety Facility on East Street and one on River Drive at the Montgomery Rose site. Verizon needs FCC to sign off on the project in order to move forward with the East Street tower. Verizon proposed changing one provision of the lease that states that Verizon must start paying rent prior to getting all approvals. Since the permitting process takes a long time, they would like to change the language to: ***“Upon full execution of this Lease, Lessee agrees to promptly apply for such Governmental Approvals [as hereinafter defined] as may be necessary and to diligently undertake reasonable efforts to obtain any such Government Approvals. Upon receipt of all required Governmental Approvals, Lessee shall forthwith apply for a building permit to commence the installation of Lessee’s facility.”*** This triggers the rent payments. At this time we are waiting for Town Council to advise on this language.

Mr. Moskin asked Verizon to provide more information from Verizon on the improvements that the new tower will provide. ***Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to sign the lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for the new cellular towers, pending approval of Town Counsel, motion seconded by Brian West and passed 3-1-0. (David Moskin dissenting.)***



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Hopkins Academy 350th Anniversary Committee

The committee requested permission to construct a monument on the Hopkins Academy grounds (proposed in the circle near the sidewalk in front of Hopkins.) The sculpture will be of a hawk standing on an approximately 5-6 foot pedestal. **Brian West made a motion to approve the concept of installing a sculpture of a golden hawk on the grounds of Hopkins Academy, seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz, and passed with a vote of 4-0-0.**

7:45 pm Park & Recreation

The Park & Recreation Commissioners were present to discuss the status of Zaturka Park, and Andy Klepacki commented that the Commission was surprised to read the vote of the Select Board regarding the warrant article at special town meeting was 0-4 against the warrant article, as their impression was the Board approved the sale of Zaturka Park. The Board explained that the concern is the liability that the Town could incur if the field is dug up. There was discussion of the plans for the future for the field and placing a warrant article to sell the property, and place certain stipulations on the terms of the sale of the property to protect the Town.

Mr. Nixon stated that there are two paths: sell the property or not sell and make a determination on possibly rehabbing it. A two-step process was presented. First, Mr. Nixon will contact Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to see if grant money could be obtained for core sampling. Second, Park and Rec Commissioners will contact neighbors and members of the general public for opinion on the park.

Old Business

#6 Town Owned Property: Lease

The Town now owns property due to tax issues. There is a tenant in the home (without a lease) and necessary (life safety) repairs are adding up in terms of expense to the Town. The Town has to wait a year (until 09/19/2013) before we can do anything with the property. If the town signs a lease with the tenant the Town becomes obliged as landlords to the tenant, and there is no budget for this. The other choice is to issue an eviction notice which means the Town is not obliged as a landlord (but still needs to address life safety issues.) **The Board discussed the risks and benefits of each option. David Moskin made a motion to issue an eviction notice as of May 1, 2013, motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a motion of 4-0-0.**

Alina's Pledge of License

Alina's Ristorante applied for an additional pledge of license to the United States Small Business Administration in addition to the pledge to Greenfield Savings Bank which was granted with the original application. **Brian West made a motion to approve Alina's Ristorante Petition for change of license with a secondary pledge to the United States Small Business Administration, motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a vote of 4-0-0.**

Old Business

#4 Sign Warrant for Special Election 01/08/2013 (Debt exclusion)

Brian West made a motion to sign the warrant for the Town of Hadley's special election to be held at Hopkins Academy on January 8, 2013 from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm, motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

#5 Hopkins Land Rental

Mr. Rex approached Town Administrator David Nixon to see the Town would continue to rent land on Hopkins Academy grounds for summer crops. **Brian West made a motion to allow Rex Farm to continue to rent the land on Hopkins Academy fields at the current rate until such point of the development of the land, motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a vote of 4-0-0.**



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New Business

#1 License Renewals

Brian West made a motion to renew licenses as presented, holding the license for those establishments that outstanding paperwork or inspection issues, and that Dan Dudkiewicz recuses from licenses associated with the Hadley Young Men's club. Motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

#2 Massachusetts Clean Energy Center: Community Energy Strategies Pilot Program

David Nixon asked the Board permission to submit an application for grant for clean energy project with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Brian West made a motion to submit the application for a grant for a clean energy project, motion seconded by David Moskin and passed with a vote of 3-1-0. (Dan Dudkiewicz dissenting.)

#3 Proposal for Land Use in Hadley

This is placed on hold until there is more information.

#4 Winter Parking Ban

Dan Dudkiewicz made a motion to approve the winter parking ban in the Town of Hadley in effect for all streets beginning December 1, 2012 through April 1, 2013, 24 hours per day, motion seconded by Brian West and passed by unanimous vote.

#5 Sunderland Proposal

The Select Board of the Town of Sunderland has asked the Town of Hadley to meet regarding The Board reviewed a request from the Select Board of the Town of Sunderland for preliminary exploration of sharing equipment and or operations between towns. David Nixon stated this is a leadership level and asked that a member of the Select Board meet with member(s) from the Town of Sunderland. The Board agreed and Mr. Nixon will look into meeting opportunities.

#6 Appointment to Council on Aging: David A. Storey (term through June 2013)

Brian West made a motion to appoint David A. Storey as a Council on Aging Member for the Town of Hadley, filling the unexpired term of former member Bertha Baranowski, term expiring June 2013. Motion seconded by Dan Dudkiewicz and passed with a vote of 4-0-0.

Announcements:

David Nixon shared that a local business, Valley Malt, had a write up in a publication Commonwealth Capital.

There is a Select Board meeting on 12.12.12 with the School and Finance Committee.

There is a meeting with DEP on 12.13.12 regarding the proposed anaerobic digester plant at Umass.

Town Moderator Gerry Devine has appointed Matt Lustig to the Finance Committee.

April 9, 2013 is the Town Election and nomination papers are available in the Clerk's office.

The Board instructed that Town employees continue with past practice concerning closing Town Offices on December 24, 2012 and use leave time to account for the hours not worked.

The Town of Hadley has been invited to a meeting with the Town of Holyoke regarding regional impact of a proposed casino in Holyoke.

Condolences were offered to the Zgodnik family for the loss of their son.

Thank you to Hadley Garden Center for the wreaths place on Town Hall.



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Joyce Chunglo read a letter to the Board from Town Collector Sue Glowatsky regarding Select Board member David Moskin's evaluation of the Town Administrator David Nixon on November 14, 2012. Ms. Glowatsky asked that the letter, attached here for review, be read in open meeting.

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

Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz-Yes: Chunglo – Yes: Moskin – Yes: West – Yes

Executive Session

The Board discussed points of the contracts with Dispatch and DPW negotiations.

A motion was made and seconded regarding contract language, motion approved by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz-Yes: Chunglo – Yes: Moskin – Yes: West – Yes

Adjournment

At 9:50 pm D. Dudkiewicz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by J. Chunglo and passed by roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: Dudkiewicz-Yes: Chunglo – Yes: Moskin – Yes: West – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Jekanowski
Administrative Assistant

Approved 12/19/2012