



Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Select Board and Tri- Board Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room 203 – 6:00 pm

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 7:00 p.m. in the in Room 203, Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; Gerald Devine, Member

Absent: John Waskiewicz, Member

Also present were: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Marlo Warner, DPW Director; Tara Brugger, School Committee; Gabriel Owen, Finance Committee; Michael Spanknebel, Fire Chief, Michael Mason, Police Chief; Eric Beal, UMass;

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Molly Keegan, Chair.

2. Tri-Board Meeting

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General discussion of the Tri-Board.

2.2 MMA Form of Government

General discussion of the MMA form of government.

2.3 Water and Sewer Rates

Marlo Warner discusses the water and sewer rates projections and why we need a study. The cost of the study will be \$18,000 dollars.

David Nixon states that there the project was already approved for \$50,000 dollars at Town Meeting. There is substantial savings to be had here.

Marlo Warner states that this will take about 8 weeks and the vendor performing this study is Tighe & Bond.

Gabriel Owen states that while working with HCG they are looking at strategic planning and regional services. They are trying to envision what HCG could be, they have had trouble in the past by telling communities that this is what they offer and not listening to what communities are saying that they need. As councilors, we are trying to come with ideas as individuals that will benefit communities. The idea that struck me is after conversations from last year about the school budget was how the funding for special education, for teachers and administrators, etc. My thought is a special education stabilization fund is this possible, is it legal. We have discussed this before internally, about how this cost can come up unexpectedly. How I envision HCG getting involved is by creating a special education stabilization fund, insurance program for the small towns. I know that special education costs per student can range from \$10,000 - \$200,000 per student; this is a lot for a small town like Hadley to absorb. By creating this fund, we pay into it with other small towns, thus creating a larger pot that could act like insurance. Then any town with a high cost would be able to be reimbursed for that over time. It would take a lot time and energy. Is the School Board even interested in this thought?



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Tara Brugger states that she feels that she should take this back to the school committee. Gerald Devine stated that we actually created a list of about seven things that we felt that we needed from HCG and it would be great if they actually used that list to see the things that we said were needed.

3. Consent Agenda
3.1 Consent Agenda

Minutes	November 1, 2018 and November 8, 2018
Warrants	AP1823-2, AP1826, AP1826-V, AP 1827, PR 1826, PR 1827, PR1823, AP1827
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus - Kevin Hart Comedy Show- Mullins Center Concession and VIP seat areas 3.9.18
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus- Client Reception - Trigger Burke Lounge- Champions Center 01.30.2018
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus - Commencement Ball - Arena Floor, Mullins Center 05.04.2018
Select Board Policy	Town of Hadley Facebook Page-
Conservation Commission Appointment	Adam Goodman - Associate Member
Agricultural Commission	Adam Goodman
Sewer Impact Fee Agreement	Hampshire Mall
Veteran's Tax Work Off Program	5 positions at \$500 each

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
 Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo
 Vote: 3-0-0

4. Public Comments: 7:00 - 7:15 pm
4.1 Public Comments

5. Town Administrator Report
5.1 Town Administrator Report

6. New Business
6.1 Fire Department Junior Firefighter Program
 This item is being passed over to another time.



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6.2 Bay Road Bridge Reconstruction

Marlo Warner states that he received the design for the Bay Rd. bridge design and it has been pushed back until 2019. We decided on one sidewalk and the water main. MASS Dot is looking for a letter from the town approving the dimensions of the bridge. The new bridge will wider and elevated.

6.3 UMass Party Registration Program

Chief Mason states that we are undertaking a new project at Hadley PD; we hope that it will have great benefit to the town. Eric Beal has been working with us to stem any issues that we may have with UMass students that live in Hadley. They started a party registration program in Amherst called Party Smart, we are going to implement this program in Hadley. This program allows students to register their parties with UMass, who will then notify the town. We do not have respond to every party and it allows for the students the opportunity to shut the party down before the police get involved.

Eric Beal from the office of external relations at UMass states, that this program was created by the Campus Community Coalition, where we looked at parties in other college communities. Last year we started a pilot program, and we have a very successful year. This allows for a phone call instead of having to send out the police.

Further general discussion of the UMass Party Registration Program.

The Select Board concurs that this feels that is a beneficial plan for the town.

7. Other

David Nixon states that the sewer and water rate commitments came in late and they need to be signed and returned. Also, the other involves North Hadley Village Hall, when the theater company was there they installed a series of braces to hang their lights on, now that we are planning on selling the building they would like their property back.

Molly Keegan asks for more clarification.

David Nixon states that they are asking for the metal poles that the lights hung on back.

Michael Spanknebel states that it will leave holes in the drop ceiling and that you may want to ask them to replace the tiles.

Motion to approve the water and sewer rate commitments.

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 3-0-0

David Nixon asks if the theater group can have permission to reclaim braces.

Joyce Chunglo states Gary Berg go with them and that they are not in the building alone.

Gerald Devine asks for a recommendation on whether or not the ceiling tiles need to be replaced from the DPW.

Motion to approve the request from theater company with conditions.

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo



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Vote: 3-0-0

8. Announcements

Joyce Chunglo extends condolences to Erin Rex and her sister Meg Ahern, they lost their mother Mary Ahern, she was a nurse at the hospital. I worked with her for many years and she will be missed by everybody.

Gerry Devine reads the open boards and committees for the Town of Hadley.

9. Executive Session

9.1 Labor Negotiations

Joyce Chunglo states I make a motion that the Select Board will enter into executive session as per the provision of MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares..." -- DPW, Dispatch, and Police Unions, and the contract negotiations – Chief of Police and not to reconvene into open session.

Molly Keegan states as chair of the Select Board I declare that having this discussion in open session could have a detrimental impact on the bargaining position on our public body.

Roll Call Vote:

Devine: Aye; Keegan: Aye; Chunglo: Aye

9.2 Contract negotiations -- Chief of Police

10. Adjournment

10.1 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned to executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James