



Thursday, April 12, 2018  
Select Board Minutes  
Town Hall Meeting Room 203 – 3:45 pm

Pursuant to notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Select Board was held at 3:45 p.m. in the in Room 203, Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Clerk; John Waskiewicz, Member; Christian Stanley, Member; David Fill, Member

Absent: Joyce Chunglo

Also in attendance David Nixon, Town Administrator; Representative John Scibak; Pat Carnavalli, Governor's Western Mass Office, Kate Liggett, Lt. Governor's Office, Karen Polito, Lt. Governor; Senator Stanley Rosenberg

## **1. Call to Order**

### **1.1 Call to order**

Meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm by Molly Keegan, Clerk.

## **2. Round table discussion**

### **2.1 Meeting with Lieutenant Governor, Karyn Polito**

Molly Keegan states that she understands that this is a listening session for the Lt. Governor, who has been visiting all of the communities in the Commonwealth.

Lt. Governor Polito states that she has a small amount left to visit and she knows that Hadley has plugged into the commonwealth compact and is following best practices. This is giving Hadley the opportunity for grants and we are doing a good job stacking them together. She would like to know how the grants are doing and to meet the leadership team.

Our unemployment is level is down across the board. We want to make sure that the people stay in their communities.

Rep. John Scibak states that is going to be a big change for the town as I retire and how the change is going to affect this community. I would like to add to the list for discussion the gas moratorium. We are looking at alternatives to this, perhaps bringing in compressed natural gas. Berkshire Gas has not responded at all. There seems to be no end in sight.

John Waskiewicz states the infrastructure of the state roads, we need grant money to help with this project.

David Nixon addresses that the project is a great opportunity but it is a greater scope than we can handle on our own.

Molly Keegan states that she hopes perhaps that the University would be able to help us with securing the funding.

Lt. Governor Polito asks if we had an updated housing plan.

Molly Keegan states that we just updated our Master plan and our zoning doesn't allow us to put condos. That is something that we are working on.



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Lt. Governor Polito states that we need more housing in the state; we are not an affordable place for housing. So we have created a bill called the affordable housing bill, and what it does is allow communities to choose one of 9 best practices that will allow you to adopt one of these best practice by a simple majority vote instead of the 2/3 vote that was required to change your zoning. That has been a barrier due to the parochial zoning in Massachusetts. The bill has been heard by the legislature and is supported by the MMA. Hopefully, it will pass by the end session. We need a town to make the decision about what kind of housing that they want in their town.

General discussion of stormwater/ wastewater and the mosquito control district, the PVPA.

Molly Keegan thanks Lt. Governor Polito for taking time to visit the Town of Hadley.

Lt. Governor Polito thanks the Town of Hadley and states that this is a relationship between us and we are always available to you.

Lt. Governor Polito leaves at 4:30.

Senator Rosenberg asks for John Waskiewicz to expand to discuss more about the anaerobic digest or in Greenfield.

John Waskiewicz states that they are in the development stage but there is a great need here is the western part of the date.

Senator Rosenberg comments on the PVTA it is very hard to remove a route, but we actually need to change the fleet not the route. We lost the RTA money last year but we are trying to get that money back.

3. Announcements - There were no announcements

4. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James