



Wednesday, April 25, 2018
Select Board Minutes
Town Hall Meeting Room 203 – 7:00 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; John Waskiewicz, Member; Christian Stanley, Member; David Fill, Member

Also in attendance were David Nixon, Town Administrator; Gabriel Owen, FinCom, John Mieczkowski, resident; George Moriarty, Ambulance Work Group; Barbara O'Connor, Ambulance Work Group, Amy Fyden, FinCom; Hank Barstow, Ambulance Work Group; Marlo Warner, DPW Director; Jessica Kem, Resident; Evan Briant, Deputy Fire Chief; Cathy Zatycka, FinCom;

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Joyce Chunglo, Chair.

2. Consent Agenda

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Minutes	March 28, 2018
Warrants	
FLAP Grant MOA - Moody Bridge Road	Sign MOA Agreement
PVPC - CPC	Agreement Amendment #2

Christian Stanley asks if the FLAP grant is already in the budget and in the works.

David Nixon and Marlo Warner both state that is already in the budget because it 20% matching grant.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion: Keegan

Second: Fill

Vote: 5-0-0

3. Public Comments: 7:00 - 7:15 pm

3.1 Public Comments

Jessica Kem states I wanted to speak about the police department Facebook post over the weekend, which expressed an idea that was based in racism and the idea that caring about racial bias meant that you did not care about the police. The post was removed and Chief Mason apologized and has offered a meeting to discuss this further. I am concerned that citizens in our community maybe live in danger due to racial bias. I will be attending Chief Mason's meeting and I encourage the Select Board to continue this conversation. I wonder if recently expanded police department needs more funding for racial bias training included in the budget. Is the one day training enough? I have had concerns about the department Facebook page for a while,



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sometimes there is about community events, but other times it has photos of car accidents and seems to be about public shaming. It also has a public comment thread that is not moderated. Does this serve a productive need for our community? The incident this weekend was a serious matter and I hope that Select Board continues to discuss this with the police department.

Joyce Chunglo states that we are not allowed to discuss personnel issues in open session with notice, and the meeting open to the public and anyone who would like to come is welcome.

John Mieczkowski states that he received the minutes from Senior Center building committee and does not feel that they were complete. Also, that he has a complaint about Select Board member Stanley that he sent an email about my attendance at the Wine Tasting at the COA and that email violated his civil rights.

4. Town Administrator Report

4.1 Town Administrator Report

5. Old Business

5.1 Ambulance Service

The Select Board hears and acts on the report of the Ambulance Study Subcommittee. The recommendation of the Subcommittee is to award the three-year contract for ambulance service to Action EMS.

Barbara Connor from the Ambulance Work group offers a scope of the work group. We have done lots of research sent out an RFP and only received one response. So we met with the Town of Amherst and Action Ambulance, but after much research and discussion we recommended that the Town of Hadley go with Action Ambulance. They will give us 24 hour/7 day week with an ambulance located here in town and are willing to work with us to bring our own ambulance to town.

Motion to accept the recommendation of the Ambulance Work Group to move forward with contract negotiations with Action EMS subject to final approval of the Select Board.

Motion: Keegan Second: Stanley

Vote: 5-0-0

Joyce Chunglo thanks the Ambulance Work Group for all of their hard work and asks if they would be willing to meet and look over the contract.

5.2 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and FY2019 Budget Preparation



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The Select Board will meet jointly with the Finance Committee to finish any remaining work on the Annual Town Meeting warrant and FY 2019 budget.

The Select Board and the Finance Committee discuss the ATM.

The Finance Committee votes to support Article 13 to change the demand fee from 15 to 30 dollars. It passes 3-0-0.

Molly Keegan states that people are asking what the stance is of Select Board on the petitioned articles.

The consensus is that the Select Board does not give opinions on petitioned articles.

The Select Board then discusses the FY 2019 budget

David Nixon suggests that the Select Board approve Option 2.

Motion to approve Option 2 for the FY19 Budget.

Motion: Keegan

Second: Stanley

Vote: 5-0-0

Finance Committee

Vote: 3-0-0

6. New Business

6.1 Code of Conduct

The Select Board has adopted a Code of Conduct, and the Board is asked to reaffirm it.

The code of conduct adopted by the Board provides the following benefits:

1. Perspective: It allows the Board to focus on the big picture issues and make it less likely that the Board will be distracted;
2. Productivity: A clear code of conduct enhances the Board's ability to make good decisions;
3. Predictability; The code allows for the orderly progression of work and the planned transition from project to project; and
4. Prosperity: A Board that functions well means good decisions that enhance the well-being of the community.

6.2 Water and Sewer Rates

The DPW Director offers his final recommendation on increasing water and sewer rates. His recommendation is 5% for water and 15% for sewer. The Select Board is asked to accept his recommendations tonight.

The Select Board will hold a public hearing for water and sewer rates next Wednesday, May 2 at 8 pm.

6.3 Baku Care Sign in Town Right – of- Way

Baku Care is asking to place a sign on town right of way.

David Nixon states that he does not recommend allowing this.

The Select Board denies the request.



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7. Other

8. Announcements

9. Executive Session

10. Adjournment

10.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion:

Second:

Vote: 5-0-0

APPROVED