



Wednesday, August 9, 2017
 Tri-Board / Select 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 6:00 p.m. in the in Room 203, Town Hall, 100 Middle Street, Town of Hadley.

Present were: Molly Keegan, Chair; Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; Donald Pipczynski, Member

Absent were: Gerald Devine, Member and John Waskiewicz, Member

Also present were: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Tom Pitta, Fin Com; Terry Yusko, Fin Com; Linda Sanderson, Town Treasurer; Amy Fyden, Fin Com; Gabriel Owen, Fin Com; Richard Tessier, Board of Health; Bill Dwyer, Planning Board; Jim Makismowski, Fin Com; Jane Nevinsmith, COA; Chief Michael Mason, HPD; Andy Klepacki, P&R; Allison Donta-Ventman, Library Trustees; Maureen Devine, Library Trustee

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Molly Keegan, Chair.
 The Finance Committee is also posted for this evening.

2. Consent Agenda

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Live Entertainment permit	The Tap Room, 1 Mill Valley Road
Warrants	

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda for any live entertainment per any conditions from the Fire Chief

Motion: Chunglo Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 3-0-0

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

3.1 Public Comments

Molly Keegan has a request from a citizen that had sent a letter where one of our dispatchers with Henry Baj, helped them with an erratic driver and that he displayed professional conduct. They wanted to publicly acknowledge him for a job well done.

4. Town Administrator Report

4.1 Town Administrator Report

5. Appointments

5.1 Finance Committee

David Nixon begins with the August STM - 4 warrant articles.

Linda Sanderson states that there were lots of articles on the warrant last fall with 2 buildings and capital items, we also included the library and we had good idea for what was going forward. The graph had us going up to \$95 and staying there for 5 years and then starting going down from there. She provides further information about a new borrowing schedule that is able to stay with in the \$95 range, it will not go down but remain the same over a longer period of time. Basically extending the time of the loan. This was with 5% interest which is on the conservative side, it may be lower. Also, that the 95 dollar increase on the average household was in addition to the 2017 rate. The average household is over \$300,000.

Further discussion of the rate of increase and the tax impact.

General discussion of the warrant by the Select Board and the Finance Committee.

The Trustees of the library state that the amount that they are requesting is the whole amount, and they will not request any additional. Also, if the cost does go down, the amount of the grant does not go down.



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The Finance Committee makes a motion to revoke their recommendations on the warrant articles.
Gabriel Owen makes the motion to revoke their recommendations. Terry Yusko seconds. All members vote aye.

The Finance Committee makes their recommendations for the August STM

Article 1 (2-3-0)

Article 2 (5-0-0)

Article 3 (2-2-1)

Article 4 (3-2-0)

6. Old Business

6.1 Senior Center, Library, and Fire Substation Updates

No Senior Center update.

North Hadley land borings are in and the 3 borings show site stability.
The Fire Substation Committee voted at their last meeting to purchase the land.

6.2 Financial Planning for the August and October town meetings

This was discussed during the

6.3 Sign and Post the August 29, 2017 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion to sign the August STM warrant at your convenience, to allow the Finance Committee to make their recommendations and to post the warrant.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Pipczynski

Vote:3-0-0

6.4 Review of the Draft October 5 Special Town Meeting Warrant

The Finance Committee discusses whether the amount of a possible override would be available in time for the forum, so the voters can start getting their heads around the amount.

David Nixon has discussed this with the finance management team about have a contingency override vote and that people can vote on those specific budget items and if they vote no then the original amount stands.

Further discussion of the contingency override and the free cash amount being used to balance budget.

General discussion of the budget.

6.5 IT, HR, Charter, Public Safety, Revenue Enhancement

This item was discussed as part of a the general discussion

7. New Business

7.1 Part-time Elected Officials Health Insurance

Molly Keegan provides the history of the discussion referring discussion from 2010, and put a sunset provision on health care insurance for part time elected officials. The Select Board grandfathered in all people who were elected officials and did not include the sunset clause.

The Finance Committee has made a recommendation to discuss this again to either eliminate or grandfather the part time elected officials health insurance. The cost to the town is about \$60,000.

Molly Keegan states that there may be greater costs to removing this insurance from elected officials.

Further discussion of the part-time elected officials and their health care insurance.



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Motion to reconfirm the original vote of the Select Board in 2010 for the grandfathering of part time elected officials.

Motion: Pipczynski Second: Chunglo
Vote 2-1-0

7.2 Chief of Police Self-Evaluation

Chief Mason states that all information is available on the webpage. He then discusses his goals and objectives from the previous year and whether they were met or not. He has met all of his goals and objectives or is actively working on them. He hired 3 new hires, he has created new positions, including a community liaison position. The grant writing position has been filled, and been successful with \$30,000. We decided not to lease cars, it does not make financial sense for our town at this time. We were able to cut 104 overtime hours with our new hires. The Select Board thanks Chief Mason for his hard work and time.

7.3 Building Inspector Self-Evaluation

Tim Neyhart, Building Inspector presents his self-evaluation based on last year's goals and objectives. This is the first year that the Building Inspector has participated in the evaluations.

Tim Neyhart states that they have raised the fees for building inspections and electrical to bring them more in line with surrounding towns, but let gas and water where they were since they were already inline. The Plumbing and Gas Inspector does receive mileage for using his personal vehicle, and he came up short. We cannot know what the mileage is for every year and we need to formulate a better plan. I need to speak to David and work on this. Another issue is software, and we rent this, they did an upgrade and our hardware was not compatible with the new program. This took a long time to work through. We are waiting for Northampton to finish their new program and then we may be able to use their program with them. The Planning Board is getting a scanner and they will scan their documents, this will make it so easier for me. We do need a full time secretary. Also, the weights and measures is working out extremely well.

Further discussion about zoning

The Select Board thanks Tim for his service and dedication

7.4 Water Abatement Request - 27 East Street

DPW states that the meter is working fine.

David Nixon states that this is a rental property, no leaks.

Motion to deny the water abatement for 27 East Street

Motion: Chunglo Second: Pipczynski
Vote: 3-0-0

7.5 Invitation to Celebrate the Town of Granby's 250th Anniversary in June 10, 2018.

Select Boards answers that they are interested and will confirm at another date.

8. Other

9. Announcements

Joyce Chunglo offers condolences to Joel Greenbaum on the passing of his father. Ruth Danylieko sister Barbara passed and we offer her our condolences. We also offer our condolences to the family of Patsy Kelly Lewis and finally to the family of Norm Barstow who passed away this week.

Molly Keegan offers the condolences to John Peterson's family.



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10. Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn

Motion: Chunglo

Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 3-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James

APPROVED