



Wednesday, August 16, 2017
Tri-Board / Select Board Meeting 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; Donald Pipczynski, Member, Gerald Devine, Member
Absent -John Waskiewicz, Member

Also present: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Tom Pitta, Fin Com; Gabriel Owen, Fin Com; Amy Fyden, Fin Com; Dan Zdonek, Assessor; Caryn Perley, Library Trustee; Michael Spanknebel, Fire Chief; Jane Nevinsmith, COA; Valerie Hood, Fin Com

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Molly Keegan, Chair at 7:00 pm.

The Finance Committee is also posted for a meeting. The School Committee was not able to attend the meeting due to scheduling. They are aware of the meeting and are comfortable with this meeting go forward.

We are going to focus on the August STM and the October 5th STM.

2. Tri-Board Meeting

2.1 Special Town Meetings Discussion

David Nixon addresses the fiscal health of Hadley and the possible contingency override for the October STM. Molly Keegan states that there are 2 articles for the fire substation - the land purchase and then the article addressing the additional costs of the placement of the fire substation on the NHVH site. If we are looking at resituating the site of the fire substation, it may make sense to hit pause on the NHVH site.

Michael Spanknebel states that the Fire Substation Building Committee met on Monday night and voted to appoint Edward Dudkiewicz as chair and that Gary Berg be made a voting member with Select Board approval to make up for the loss of 2 members. The committee voted unanimously to support the article to purchase the land for \$405,000 dollars and we want to do a little additional research on the amount that we are requesting for the building. They also discussed how to change the language making NH ball field the designation of the fire substation, and to see how to legally change it. I can apply for the Safer Grant every year, but I do not know if there will be a change. However, when we get the staffing we will still need our call force fire fighters. Staffing has always been a priority for the fire department.

Further discussion of the fire substation and staffing.

Gerald Devine states that he is ready to make a motion on Article 2

Motion that the Select Board recommend Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, authorize the Treasurer to borrow, transfer from funds available, or otherwise provide \$405,000 to purchase property located at the intersection of River Dr. and Stockbridge Rd. and containing approximately 9 acres (Assessors Map 12A, Lot 19) for general municipal purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 4-0-0

Molly Keegan reads Article 3 and then states that Chief Spanknebel is going to work with OPM to readdress the building costs.

The Finance Committee explains their vote on Article 3, which was 2-2-1. Terry Yusko abstained because she is an abutter.

Gerald Devine discusses the order of the warrant articles and suggest pulling them from a hat again.

David Nixon states that he feels that the 2 fire articles are tied together and would make sense to put them together.

Motion that the Select Board recommend Article 3



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Motion: Chunglo Second: No Second

Motion that the Select Board recommend against Article 3

Motion: Devine Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 3-1-0

Article 1 - Senior Center was then brought up for discussion.

Molly Keegan asks for clarity on Article 1, on the amount of \$1.8 million for the 12,000 sq. foot building.

Jane Nevinsmith states that when we came back 1.8 million over for the 12,000 sq. foot building, we asked the architect to come back to use with a 9,500 sq. building and that would still be 900,000 dollars over.

For the difference of 900,000 dollars, did not seem to be worth the loss of the additional 3,000 sq. Foot. The lack of the OPM at the beginning is what has caused the problem.

Further discussion of Article 1 and the Senior Center.

Donald Pipczynski asks that the Finance Committee explain their vote.

The Finance Committee explained that they felt that there are greater needs in the town and that the building is too big for our community.

Jane Nevinsmith addresses the concern of the larger building it is because a certain amount are fixed items such as mechanical, plumbing, etc. .

Chief Spanknebel states that a Senior Center as a heating/cooling center is the 2nd most important place in town. They will have a generator at the Senior Center.

Gerald Devine states that he is a member of the Senior Center Building Committee and he supports this article.

Motion that the Select Board recommend Article 1

Motion: Devine Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 4-0-0

Article 4 - Library was brought up for discussion

Caryn Perley offers the exact amount for the library of \$ 3,786,292, with the grant, fundraising and owning the land already.

Motion that the Select Board recommend Article 4

Motion: Devine Second: Keegan

Vote: 3-0-1

Donald Pipczynski explains his abstention, he feels that we shouldn't tear down the Hooker School, that it could be used for senior housing and he does not support the library.

Caryn Perley states that there will be a community meeting room that can be used after library hours, it will have a separate entrance and restrooms.

Allison Donta-Venman states that we are working with the town Historical Commission to document Hooker school and we are working with the architect to possibly work in elements of Hooker School in the library.

General discussion of the tax impact if all 4 articles passed on town meeting floor.

The Division of the motions for the Select Board

Article 1-Senior Center- Devine

Article 2-Hoynoski - Pipczynski

Article 3- Sub-station- Chunglo

Article 4- Library - Keegan

David Nixon explains the schedule of the upcoming STM and the ballot votes to for the Hoynoski vote and to set the tax rate for the upcoming year. Then discussed the date of the ballot which would be November 14th, with polling hours will be 12 - 8pm.



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2.2 Preparation of Public Forum for the August 23, 2017 Special Town Meeting

David Nixon states that it will take place on August 23, at Hopkins Academy Cafeteria, Hadley Media will be recording and we have a slide show for the forum.

Gerald Devine asks people to turn in questions and we will get them to correct groups to have the answers.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Consent Agenda

There was no consent agenda.

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

4.1 Public Comments

5. Town Administrator Report

5.1 Town Administrator Report

6. Appointments

There were no appointments.

7. Old Business

7.1 Special Town Meetings of August 29, 2017.

This item was discussed during the Tri-board meeting.

7.2 Special Town Meeting of October 5, 2017

David Nixon states that we are going to discuss the FY18 budget as we prepare for this meeting, because the Select Board and Finance Committee have made a commitment to hire 3 new firefighters to the force, this will cost about \$219,000 for the year. We raised the first \$50,000 but we will need to raise the rest. We are not anticipating any new revenue forms, so we need to shift the budget around to accommodate this, but still allow the rest of the town to function. We have discussed an override, but we have to opportunity to tonight to discuss a special kind of override, a contingent appropriation. This would provide with a department with a base appropriation, and then we would include a higher amount that would be based solely on the ballot vote. If it passes then we can set the tax rate and if it does not pass then it reverts down to the base appropriation. I believe that this is good choice, but it only good for one year. We would need a general override in 2018 to take care of FY19.

Donald Pipczynski asks if we have notified HCOG about the 45 days' notice and if the board needs to take a vote on it.

David Nixon states that we have not and that a vote should be taken.

Donald Pipczynski states that we should put them on notice and bring them in Motion to provide 45 days' notice to HCOG for non-renewal of membership

Motion: Devine Second: Keegan

Vote: 4-0-0

Brief general discussion of the October 5, STM warrant.

8. New Business

9. Other

10. Announcements

Finance Committee announces their meeting tomorrow night.

Gerald Devine announces that the MBC committee meets Monday night.

11. Executive Session



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12. Adjournment

12.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 4-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James

APPROVED