



Wednesday, September 6, 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: Joyce Chunglo, Clerk; Donald Pipczynski, Member, Gerald Devine, Member, John Waskiewicz, Member

Absent: Molly Keegan, Chair;

Also present: David Nixon, Town Administrator; Tom Pitta, Fin Com; Amy Fyden, Fin Com; Heather Klesch, School Committee, David Storey, COA; Tim Neyhart, Building Inspector; Chief Mason, HPD; Eric Kallio, Mobilitie, Keith Shannon, School Committee, Diane Keiras- Ciolkos, P&R Commissioner; Steve Higgins, Resident; Linda Sanderson, Treasurer;

Absent- Molly Keegan, Chair

1. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Joyce Chunglo, Clerk at 6pm.

2. Tri-Board Meeting

2.1 Special Town Meeting October 5, 2017

Members of the Finance Committee and the School Committee
Review of the Town Meeting Warrant review

David Nixon states that we have been working on the numbers all afternoon.

Article 1 is the Omnibus budget, I have included all of the numbers that people have asked for we will take this under advisement. There is a 1.5% COLA and that is in line with what the unions are receiving. We know that there is a shortage of \$1,000 dollars in line 193-property insurance due to a quote that came in after town meeting. In line 198 NHVH, we provided no money for that building, but we will need heat, electricity, oil, so I have put in \$5,000 for that line. Line 220 fire salaries this increase is for the three salaries for 6 months. There will be six firefighters. There will be additional expenses in amount 8,500 due to the increase of personnel - uniforms, air packs, fuel, and medical exams. In line 241 the building inspector expenses I cut those by 1,700, he has asked for those expenses back. Line 242 Highway salaries there is an increase for \$10,000, it will be the COLA for non-union employees and \$8,000 for a payout for vacation of a retiree. I have asked Marlo to try to put that payout in the regular budget. He asked for \$3,000 that was removed back. Hadley Media because we made the director a contractual instead a new hire we have made a change to that budget to make it a net zero position. In P& R budget, we have eliminated 1 position and funded the other position at \$20.02 an hour. In OPEB, we took \$50,000 for the fund the first firefighter and we are asking for that to be returned. In adding all of these numbers, it looks like we have a shortfall of \$215,000 dollars.

Joyce Chunglo asks for the number of certified Free Cash.

David Nixon responds that we have not received the certification yet, but it looks like \$485,000 dollars in Free Cash. I thought it would \$500,000; we are short of that by \$15,000. One strategy that we have to raise funds above Proposition 2 1/2 is to do an override for a contingency appropriation. This would not be a one-year solution, this is a permanent override.



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Further discussion of the contingency appropriation in reference to the firefighter salaries.

Amy Fyden inquires why departments are asking for money back.

Donald Pipczynski asks if there is any willingness on the board to cut the COLA back to 1% for the non-union.

Gerald Devine states that he thinks that consistency is good and no, there is no reason to cut back on the COLA for the non-union employees. We should not treat the nonunion employees different then the union employees in the town.

Article 2

David Nixon states that this is something that we can defer to the ATM. The Assessor's office is asking for \$60,000, to use in the defense of the assessed values with appellate tax board in FY18 and beyond. We do not know that we need this, but we may need it.

Article 3

This is a cleanup article where we transfer the remaining balances from projects that are completed and return the remaining balances to the original accounts. The Finance Committee has already voted on this. This cleans the old articles and gets them off the books. This increases our balances for borrowing in the future.

Motion to recommend Article 3

Motion: Devine Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 4-0-0

Article 4

David Nixon states that the DOR is a change in law for revolving funds, they now want us to do this as a by law. Town Counsel created the by-law for us and we need it in place.

Gerald Devine states that this means that we will no longer have to vote about revolving funds at each town meeting, that we actually have to fund. Can we include anything else?

Article 5

David Nixon states that this the amount of Free cash to put into capital stabilization. This is dependent on the number in Article 1.

Further discussion of the budget and article 5.

Article 6

This is the capital budget. This includes the SCADA budget. Includes public safety items, and DPW items. General discussion of Article 6.

Article 7

The dissolution of the Park and Recreation Commission.

David Nixon states that he feels that the Select Board should use a special act of legislation and this would just solve the current situation. It does not tell you what you would have in its place.

Motion to pass over until Annual Town Meeting

Motion: Pipczynski Second: Devine

Vote: 4-0-0

Article 8

Senior Center has already been discussed

Article 9



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Library has already been discussed.

Article 10 and Article 11

Fire Substation

David Nixon states that you can combine these 2 articles, but I do not recommend.

Article 10 is to amend the vote taken at last October Town Meeting that tied the money for the fire substation to the NHVH ballfield property; this article will allow the money to be used at any other location

Motion to support Article 10

Motion: Devine Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 4-0-0

Article 11

Donald Pipczynski states that he hopes that the Select Board would reduce the amount to \$400,000.

Gerald Devine states that he thought that we were holding on the amount so we do not have to go back to the town for a 3rd time.

Article 12

To end the Town of Hadley's membership in HCOG

David Nixon states that Todd Ford will come in to discuss HCOG.

The Select Board will hold on this article until after Todd Ford's visit.

Article 13

General discussion of the OPEB and the changing of the funding

Article 14

The Veteran's Tax work off program

David Nixon states that the next four articles are CPA articles.

The School Committee is here to discuss the CPA articles for the school projects - the fields and the pavilion.

Heather Klesch states that this is a 2-step process for the athletic fields

Further discussion of the remaining CPA articles.

Joyce Chunglo asks for numbers from the Assessor's office for the \$215,000 on how it will affect the taxes for next week.

2.2 Planning for FY 2019

Brief general discussion of the FY19 budget.

3. Consent Agenda

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Minutes	July 26, 2017; August 2, 2017
Warrants	WP1759; PR1808; AP1808
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus- UMass Soccer Reception - Football Performance Center,



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	October 7, 2017 5 -8 pm
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus - UMass Court Club Select Pre-season reception- Champions Center Lobby - October 26, 2017 5 - 9 pm
One Day Liquor License	Top of the Campus - UMass Hockey Game - Mullins Center Arena Floor, 6 -11 pm
Pump Station 1 Brick Repair	Galvin and Sons Masonry and Construction LLC.
Zatyarka Park CPA Application	Select Board submittal of CPA funding request.
Humanitarian Relief: Harvey	Declaration of surplus medical equipment and donation to the Hurricane Harvey relief effort.

Motion to approve the consent agenda

Motion: Devine for discussion Second: Pipczynski

Gerald Devine inquiries about the Zatyarka Park application and why we are submitting the application.

David Nixon states that because the Friends of Zatyarka Park submitted it does not qualify for CPA funding, so the friends need a government sponsor to submit to the CPA.

Vote: 4-0-0

John Waskiewicz abstains from the pump station repair Vote: 3-0-1

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

4.1 Public Comments

No public comments

5. Town Administrator Report

5.1 Town Administrator Report

David Nixon presents the updates of projects. We received a FLAP grant \$220,000 grant. Bay Rd. Bridge is coming along and working on the Stormwater permit. The Public Safety projects are done except for the punch list.

The sub-surface boring of the dyke is under way. We must be posted by September 20.

6. Appointments

6.1 7:30 - Public Hearing - Mobilitie Pole Hearing

Joyce Chunglo opens the public hearing for the Mobilitie Pole Hearing,

Erik Kaillo states that he is here to discuss a small cell installation on existing wood pole, located at the intersection of Rt.9 and North Maple Street. Our background is that we are infrastructure company that helps wireless consumers with their devices, and what we do is assist customers with Sprint to help them with ability to connect to the internet and their speed. It has also been helpful for public safety because they can use the small cell for GPS.

Gerald Devine inquires that if there is difficulty at this time right now.



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Erik Kaillo states that he is correct that this already exists, but this would help for Sprint Customers. We are in discussion with Eversource about signing a contract with them for use of their pole and Mass DOT is already knows about that project. We designed this to not have trench or dig for power for this.

Gerald Devine asks for the height of the pole.

Erik Kaillo states that it will be 3 ft. higher than the 41 ft. pole.

Donald Pipczynski asks how big an area will this help.

Erik Kaillo states it is about a quarter to half a mile of the pole.

Tim Neyhart states that this is new but we will be having more of these coming through.

Chief Mason states that we already can locate people up to a few meters.

Motion to approve the Mobilitie Pole Hearing

Motion: Devine Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 4-0-0

7. Old Business

7.1 Select Board Evaluation of the Chief of Police

Joyce Chunglo states that we have 4 evaluations.

John Waskiewicz apologizes that he just received them and will add a few statements.

Joyce Chunglo states that you were above satisfactory on most things and that you have worked greatly to improve your department.

Further discussion of Chief Mason's evaluation.

7.2 Select Board Evaluation of the Building Inspector

Gerry Devine asks Tim to explain where he was with his goals.

Joyce Chunglo states that I do not know exactly what it is you do.

Tim Neyhart states that he does not feel insulted by any of the evaluations; he feels that he has been on the side and that the public safety takes paramount. I thought that information was getting to you but I don't believe that it is and I would like to have sit downs with each of you. I find the lawsuits to be the most frustrating of all things that that I deal with, because the legal system does not back us up.

Joyce Chunglo states the evaluations of the other Select Board members.

Further discussion of Tim Neyhart's evaluation.

8. New Business

8.1 Park and Recreation Commissioner -Vacancy

Joyce Chunglo states that there is an opening on the Parks and Recreation commission, if anyone would like to apply to Park and Recreation or to the Select Board.

Diane Kieras-Ciolkos states that we did receive a letter of interest from Steve Higgins and I am submitting this letter to you. The Park and Recreation has already voted to approve Steve Higgins.

A brief discussion of the P&R Director position, this will be placed on the agenda for next week.

9. Other



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10. Announcements

Gerald Devine states that the collection from the Mother's Club was \$225.00 dollars and they are going to make a complete discussion for making a donation for Hurricane Relief. I would also like to thank Chief Mason and Sgt. Kuc for their assistance in getting the tractors across the bridge.

Joyce Chunglo announces the 9 -11-01 Memorial Remembrance at Town Hall. In addition, there is a letter from Superintendent McKenzie thanks the Public Safety Officers of the Town for the support that they offer our school. There is also a Legion Chicken - To -Go this weekend.

I would also like to offer our condolences to the family of Marjorie Babs, to the family of David Duchane and to the family of Clifford Peters, was a Marine Veteran. And to my neighbor Josephine Filipowicz, we offer our condolences to her family.

11. Adjournment

11.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Devine Second: Pipczynski

Vote: 4-0-0

APPROVED