



Wednesday, September 20, 2017
 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; Todd Ford, HCOG Director; Linda Sanderson, Treasurer; Tom Pitta, Fin Com; Jane Nevinsmith, COA; Michael Spanknebel, Fire Chief; Jennifer Sanders James, Licensing Coordinator; Amy Fyden, Fin Com; Terry Yusko, Fin Com; Jane Paulson, Whole Foods, Rashi Monlik, Whole Foods

1. Call to Order

1.1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Molly Keegan, Chair. The Finance Committee is continuing their already scheduled meeting from yesterday.

2. Consent Agenda

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Minutes	August 9, 2017 - September 13, 2017
Warrants	AP1810, PR1809, PR1810, PR1811, AP1811S, AP1811
One Day Liquor	Top of the Campus - McGuirk Stadium 10/08/17- Tailgate Tent
One Day Liquor	Top of the Campus - Mullins Center 10/07/17,10/08/17 - Arena Floor - ADA Historic Deerfield Antique Show
COA Resignation	Resignation of Elsie Waskiewicz - September 20,2017

Motion to approve Consent agenda.

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

Donald Pipczynski asks for a friendly amendment to leave the minutes off until next meeting.

John Waskiewicz abstains on the COA -Resignation due to a conflict of interest.

Molly Keegan offers the town's appreciation for all of the good work that Elsie has done for the town over the years, it was time well spent serving your town.

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

3.1 Public Comments



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David Nixon responds to a question from the previous Select Board Meeting about the right of way on the Hoynoski property and I have time to research that question about the sewer line. The Hoynoski is not affected by the sewer and there is no easement.

Donald Pipczynski speaks to a meeting that he attended last night; it was a regional select board meeting where they addressed OPEB. The speaker said that what Hadley is doing is amazing, because most cities and towns are not doing anything.

4. Town Administrator Report

4.1 Town Administrator Report

David Nixon offers the updates on the following items - we have been addressing the STM, the Capital Planning Committee and Finance Committee have made their recommendations for balancing the FY18 budget. The HVAC and locker system are completed. The CPA approved funding for Zatyрка Park Phase III. I have also received the Ambulance RFP and it is almost ready to go out. The levee survey has begun it's drilling for subsurface.

5.1 Change of Beneficial Interest - Whole Foods

Molly Keegan states that this is a change of beneficial interest for Whole Foods.

Jennifer Sanders James states that this a public hearing for a change of beneficial interest for Whole Foods that was recently purchased by Amazon. Everything is in order, the application is complete, the CORI checks are complete and it has been advertised.

Rashi Monlik states that she represents Whole Foods and there is a representative from Whole Foods here Jane Paulson, and that they are here today to complete two simple transactions a change in beneficial interest and the change of officer/director. Amazon has acquired Whole Foods, but nothing will change except for the overall parent company.

Motion to approve the change of beneficial interest - Whole Foods.

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

6. Old Business

6.1 STM Warrant

Molly Keegan states that there was a proposal before us about a contingent override and there was angst over whether this was the best way to go forward. The Finance Committee went back and looked again, and the Finance Management team has also looked again and we have revised a plan.

David Nixon states that we have revised a plan, we have compromised. The shortfall is according to Draft #7 \$270,000 dollars. When we take a look at what we are for the firefighters we were asking for 4 firefighters for 12 months, instead of 3 firefighters for 6 months. We recalculated the ask with the changed numbers and came up with the correct number of \$136,000. We propose the following - the Select Board and Finance Committee give up their stipends - \$7,000, also that the Park & Rec. Commission and the Board of Assessors also



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voluntarily give up their stipends - \$8,000. We reduce the reserve fund from \$50,000 to \$40,000, for an additional \$10,000. By repositioning some of our debt we were able to add an additional \$50,000. To restore OPEB we will take \$50,000 out of the general Stabilization account, not free cash. This is a one - time expenses. We will use \$7,000 out of Free Cash to balance the budget that was not needed for stabilization. We will use \$19,000 out of the stabilization for an unfunded liability in our retirement account from an early retirement. The DPW was able to turn over \$742. The Town Administrator will turn over his expense account of \$500.00. The COA is able turn over \$10,000 because of gaps in their hiring and support of the Friends of the COA. The Treasurer's office is able turn over, by using less for tax title so she is offering \$1,500. That leaves about \$12,000 left to go if we are going to provide for the firefighters. We will close the gap with inspections for the firefighter. This will preserve the contribution for the capital.

Molly Keegan states that the proposal is that we would not go ahead with the contingent override but go forward with this plan.

Gerald Devine suggest that we use this plan as a plan B.

Donald Pipczynski asks if this is the plan that came from the Fin Com meeting.

Amy Fyden states that we felt like we need time to go back to all of the departments, and to make sure that we are using the money wisely. We know that next year we will probably need an override, and we want to be able to say that we are confident in how we are using the town money when we go forward.

John Waskiewicz states that this will not fix the problem in the long term.

Molly Keegan states that we need to look at the revenue side of this and there are pieces that need to be looked at holistically. We need to look at the single tax rate, and we need to look at the split tax rate, with the possibility of exemptions. I think that we need to hold on the override and have a more focused look at the future.

Donald Pipczynski asks if they put the contingent override on the warrant would the finance committee support it.

Tom Pitta states that they would not support it.

Further discussion of the STM warrant and the budget shortfall.

Molly Keegan asks how for the Select Board feels about this plan, she further states that she is in favor of the plan.

Joyce Chunglo states that she is in favor of the new plan.

Donald Pipczynski states that he feels that the town has the right to vote on both plans.

David Nixon asks that the discussion return to the Town Meeting Warrant for Article 1.

Motion to move forward with plan B in Article 1.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine

Vote: 4-1-0

The Finance Committee voted for the recommendation of the plan 5-0-0.



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Donald Pipczynski asks if the members of the boards must voluntarily return their stipends, I spent over \$5,000 dollars to become a Select Board member and when you add in the ethics vote it is closer to \$10,000 for this year. I look at the \$1,200 as gas money, if I started claiming my mileage for every meeting that I attend, I will quickly be over the \$1,200.

Molly Keegan states that everyone will have to do their own soul searching about that.

Terry Yusko inquired if the boards do refuse to voluntarily return their stipends, could the Select Board vote to make them advisory.

Molly Keegan states that we are cutting the budgets of these departments.

Linda Sanderson states that this is just a one year solution and that it may change in the future.

David Nixon states that Article 2 is a housekeeping item. I would like to put this on the Consent agenda.

Motion to put on Consent Agenda.

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine for discussion

Vote: 5-0-0

Article 3 - Revolving funds

David Nixon states that he would like to put this on the consent agenda, this is based on the DOR requirement

Motion to place Article 3 on the Consent Agenda

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine

Vote: 5-0-0

Article 4- Stabilization \$53,402 from Free Cash to the stabilization account.

Motion to in favor of Article 4

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine

Vote: 5-0-0

Article 5

Capital Article

Gerald Devine states that the Capital Planning Committee recommended for everything except the fire administrative vehicle, because no one was there to discuss it so it was passed over.

The Finance Committee approved the whole slate.

David Nixon states to Chief Spanknebel that did invite you.

Chief Spanknebel states that we are running out of vehicles, the one that we have now has caught on fire twice now.

Motion to recommend Article 5.

Motion: Pipczynski Second: Devine

Vote: 5-0-0

Article 6- NHVH Ballfield

Motion to support Article 6

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo

Vote: 5-0-0

Article 7 - HCOG



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Molly Keegan states that she had spoken to Todd Ford, about our concerns over their fiscal responsibility, that their audit has some concerning language in it and that they had a major PR problem.

Further discussion of the HCOG.

Donald Pipczynski states that I asked them to speak to new revenue coming in, and new ventures but they did not speak to any of them that night. The HCOG asked the trust move out of the building.

Motion to support Article 7 to remove the Town of Hadley from the HCOG effective July 2019.

Motion: Keegan Second: Devine
Vote: 5-0-0

Article 8 -

Motion to support and place on the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Devine Second: Chunglo
Vote: 5-0-0

David Nixon states that the 3 remaining articles are CPA articles and that the Select Board does not typically recommend them.

Division of Motions

Article 1 - Tom Pitta

Article 2 - Moderator

Article 3- Moderator

Article 4- Chunglo

Article 5- Devine

Article 6- Moderator / Chunglo

Article 7 - Keegan and Pipczynski

Motion to sign the warrant for Special Town Meeting

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine
Vote: 5-0-0

8. Other

9. Announcements

Gerald Devine offers condolences to the family of Charlie Aberson.

Joyce Chunglo announces that the students at Hopkins Academy are helping the students of Hurricane Harvey, by donating school supplies to Orange County Schools in Texas.

Jane Nevinsmith announces the Fashion Show this Saturday and the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser for gift cards.

Chief Spanknebel the Firefighter Association is doing their Annual Fundraising.

Gerald Devine states that there is a forum next week, ask that you be ready to speak to your articles, and we will have a PowerPoint.



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Forum is at 7:00 at Hopkins Academy.

10. Adjournment

10.1 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Chunglo Second: Devine

Vote: 5-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Sanders James

APPROVED