

Town Of Williamstown
Board of Selectmen Meeting

Williamstown Middle High School Library

9/14/215

7:00 PM

Board Members: **Larry Hebert, Chair**
Matt Rouleau, Vice Chair
Francis Covey, Selectman
Scott Vaillancourt, Selectman
Ed McGlynn, Selectman

Town Manager: Jacqueline Higgins

Administrative Assistant: Donald Angolano

Present:

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Call to Order: Larry calls meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Set Agenda: Matt moves to accept modified agenda, adding Town Plan to be discussed. Scott seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Review of Public Comment: N/A

Selectboard Announcements: N/A

Public Announcements: N/A

Review and Approve Minutes: Matt moves with correction from Werrick to Weiniki under Class IV road request. Scott seconds. 5-0/ So voted.

Review and Approval of Warrants: Scott moves to accept warrants. Matt seconds. 5-0 So voted.

Town Manager Report: SEE ATTACHED

New Business:

Aldrich + Elliott: Aldrich and Elliott was present to discuss a new State mandate regarding the water source currently used to discharge clean wastewater to. The state has indicated that they will not issue a permit going forward if the water is discharged into the current stream. The town will be up for a permit in 2019. It is discussed that it is best to address this issue now instead of waiting until 2019. The largest reasons for this is that this finding by the state places the town in a new category allowing for a higher percentage grant and thereby lessening the actual money borrowed by the town to complete the project. Previous estimate for borrowing was, \$1.7 million with a potential for a 35% grant, bring the borrowed amount to \$1.1 million. Under the current scenario being a health and environmental classification, the grant amount could be up to 60% and the borrowed amount being closer to the \$800,000 amount, thereby lessening the town's repayment obligation and lessening the load on the users and tax payers.

It is not possible to give precise figures without first hearing from the USDA in Washington concerning specific awards and loan amounts. When these figures are presented A+E will provide further information. They cannot guarantee grant amounts or loan amounts until released by the USDA. They do recommend completing the engineering study to run a waste pipe down to Steven's Brook for clean water discharge.

Matt moves to go forward with survey and soil testing. Scott seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Road Name Change Request: New property owners of Holt Rd (PVT) request to change the road name to Hart Rd (PVT). Francis moves to approve change. Matt seconds. 5-0. So voted.

Town Plan: Matt indicates that the Planning commission, while working every Wednesday evening since August, has not been able to complete the Town Plan for 2015. They have been granted an extension to submit, however, the state will recognize the Town as not having a Town Plan and will not consider the old Town Plan's suggestion in the event of Act 250 requests. Matt requests an extension from the board until the first meeting in January. Board approves by consensus.

Old Business: N/A

Open Public Comment and Questions: Jackie announces an auction to raise money for the Veteran memorial and the Ambulance. More information to come. All questions should be directed to the Town Manager's office. Please office donations if you're able.

Around the Table:

L. Hebert –

M. Rouleau –

R. Graham –

S. Vaillancourt – Thanks Horace and Cliff for their reports.

E. McGlynn –

Adjourn: Matt moves to adjourn. Francis Seconds. 5-0. So voted.