



**SELECTBOARD  
TOWN OF WESTHAMPTON  
TOWN HALL  
1 SOUTH ROAD  
WESTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01027**

June 13, 2016

The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Present were Art Pichette, Jim Huston, and Phil Dowling. Also present were Cheryl Provost, Steve Holt, and Thomas Martin.

Warrants were signed for:     Payroll: \$66,987.02  
   Vendor: \$99,967.08

Accepted minutes from May 31, 2016.

- Highway Superintendent, David Blakesley had no updates to report.
- Board of Health Chair, Tom Martin reported:
  - the board has been active and they are working well together and with Valerie Bird, Health Agent. Tom's term is up on June 30 and the other two members, David Blakesley and Silvio Baruzzi, asked Tom to stay on another term. Tom noted that David and Silvio are both doing well in their positions but agrees they need guidance a little longer, so he is willing to stay on. The appointment will be for three years, as the terms are overlapping.
- Tom Martin, Conservation restriction:
  - Tom Martin visited to submit a Conservation Restriction proposal. It will be held by the Town upon approval by the Selectboard and Conservation Commission. The area is approximately 40 acres in the area of Turkey Hill. The restrictions will be permanent regardless of owner and included in deeds. The area will be open to the public for passive recreation; no motorized vehicles and no hunting. Steve Holt, Conservation Commission Associate, stated that the goal of the Commission is to try to get conservation land that touches, or is close. This lot does and he believes the Conservation Commission is in favor of approving the request.
  - Voted 3-0 to accept the Conservation Restriction of Thomas P. Martin and Julia B. Held of 140 Easthampton Road, land as registered in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 11494, Page 14 containing 39.676 acres, as described in the Conservation Restriction on file.
- Campground inspection update:
  - The Board of Health minutes from May 5 report that no violations critical to campground operations were found during the inspection. Valerie Bird, Health Agent, provided a copy of the inspection checklist for family type campgrounds, indicating what was inspected. Art reported he was also at the inspection and viewed the campground. While there, he measured some of the smaller lots, including in the Safari Field, and determined they were all within the size regulation. Additionally, the number of sites on the campground has not reached maximum capacity. Chuck

Miller, Building Inspector, also visited the campground and found no violations of building codes. Reviewed with Tom Martin the complaints brought forth to the Selectboard on April 19 from the abutters of the campground. Tom will create a formal response to the complaints with the other Board of Health members and Valerie. Issues not under their jurisdiction will be taken up separately. One of the main concerns is the honking of horns thought to be from the fire truck displayed at the campground. It was noted that John Kelsey, owner, agreed to add to the rules no excessive honking of horns, however it may be difficult for him to regulate it throughout the campground and it's not conclusive where it comes from. No loud noise is allowed after 10 p.m. and violations are enforced by law. Discussion ensued regarding options to take action to enforce the deadline, if needed, such as monitoring activity or patrols. It was noted that the operations at the campground have improved over years and the Kelsey's have cooperated with Town Officials. Tom suggested that the Board of Health require the Selectboard, Building Inspector, and other relevant officials to be present at future annual inspections for compliance of the campground prior to issuing a permit.

- Selectboard reorganization discussion was held briefly. Voted 2-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain to appoint Philip Dowling as Selectboard Chair. Voted 2-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain to appoint James Huston as Selectboard Clerk.
- Voted 3-0 to approve the advertisement for a Council on Aging Coordinator and to post notice in the Hampshire Gazette, on the Town website, and on Craigslist, until the position is filled.
- Appointments:
  - Voted 2-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain to appoint Arthur Pichette as interim Hampshire Councilor until June 3, 2017 (at which time the remaining two-years will be placed on the ballot).
  - Voted 3-0 to appoint Brian Mulvehill as interim Library Trustee until June 3, 2017 (at which time the remaining two-years will be placed on the ballot).
  - Voted 3-0 to appoint the Administrative Assistant, Accountant, and Collector for three year terms (2019).
  - Voted 2-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain to appoint James Huston as Other Post Employee Benefits Trustee.
  - Voted 2-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain to appoint Philip Dowling to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.
  - Voted 2-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain to appoint Arthur Pichette as Franklin Regional Transit Representative.
  - Voted 3-0 to appoint all other officials as seen on attached appointment list.
- Town Hall roof repair estimates:

Art reported that Jesse Charbneau does not carry liability insurance therefore he is unable to complete the roof repair. Cheryl has two leads on roofers and will seek quotes.
- Reviewed correspondence:

The grants awarded to towns in a Community Compact agreement were announced and the Hampshire Regional School District towns did not receive one. They will continue to work together and re-apply in FY17.
- Administrative Assistant, Cheryl Provost submitted report for June 1-June 13.

- The Selectboard voted by roll call, 3-0 to enter into Executive Session at 8:22p.m. as the Chair declared that discussion in a public meeting may have detrimental effect on the towns' litigating position. The public meeting will reconvene at the end of the Executive Session.
- Closed the Executive Session and resumed Public Session at 8:30 p.m.
- Signed the Conservation Restriction of Thomas P. Martin and Julia B. Held of 140 Easthampton Road, land as registered in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 11494, Page 14 containing 39.676 acres, as described in the Conservation Restriction on file.

Adjourned meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Philip Dowling, Chair

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James Huston, Clerk

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Arthur Pichette