

**TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN**  
**WILLIAMSTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**January 09, 2023 – PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

**Present:** Jasmin Couillard, Clayton Woodworth, Rodney Graham, Chris Peloquin

Town Manager, Jackie Higgins

**Call to Order** - Jasmin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Set the Agenda:** Chris P. made the motion to set the agenda. Clayton seconded. So moved.

**Review of Open Public Comments**

**Selectboard Announcements:**

**Public Announcements:** Barbara Graham announced the Town Clerk's Office has Covid-19 Tests available provided by the Health Department.

**Commissions/Committees/Trustees/Other Board Announcements:** Helen Duke spoke on behalf of the Library, giving a report during the announcements and was asked to request a spot on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Chris Dessureau spoke for the Recreation Board and announced the Bingo Night on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the Williamstown Elementary School from 5-8pm.

Jill McGlynn announced that the Holiday Gingerbread House competition was a success for the Library.

**Approve Payroll Warrant and SB Warrants:** Chris P. made the motion to approve warrant SB 22022, SB 22023, SB22024, PW 12/18/2022 & 1/5/2023 as written. Rodney seconded.

**Selectboard Meeting Minutes:** Chris P. made the motion to approve SB Meeting Minutes from 12/12/2022 as written. Clayton seconded. So moved.

**Town Manager's Report: See attached.**

**New Business:**

**ATV Ordinance Annual Review:** Gordon Pirie spoke on behalf of the ATV Club submitting 2 requests to be revised in the ATV Ordinance.

Request 1. Adjust language to state that Everyone must wear a helmet while riding in an ATV.

Request 2. Under Section 4 Sub-Section M – Town residents may travel ½ mile from their residence to the Trail Head on public roads.

After some discussion, it was questioned why Grandview hadn't been removed from the list of roads. Jackie stated that is was an error on the website and would be corrected. Rodney stated that the Selectboard was elected to represent the people in town. There are several people that do not like the ATV's and we need to have respect for those individuals. Jackie suggested to give the ATV club the opportunity and see if it works for them. Clayton made the motion to approve the purposed changes. Chris P. seconded. So moved. Rodney voted – no.

**Fire Department Account Funds/Policy:**

Chris P. stated for the record, the Recreation Board would not be supporting this policy as well as the Selectboard having to approve incoming donations. Chris P. stated that the Recreation Board has given all donations to the Town Treasurer for accounting purposes.

Chris P. made the motion for all donations to go through the Town Treasurer. With the Selectboard approving expenditures. Clayton seconded. Rodney amended the motion to add that the accounts be Reserve Accounts. So moved.

**ARPA Fund Allocations:** Jackie purposed the Waterline construction on High Street. The galvanized pipe needs to be replaced. A potential bid from Hebert Excavation was submitted to the Town for this project.

Also a 150KW Propane Generator for the Water Tower for power outages. Ballpark figure was purposed of \$85,000 with a 2,000 gallon fuel tank installed.

Chris P. made the motion to set aside \$200,000 ARPA Funds for these projects. Clayton seconded. So moved.

Clayton questioned the new Town Garage and if it has a generator in the new building plans. Which it does.

Megan Keys spoke on behalf of the Recreation Board, the board has requested 4 bids from local builders for the Pavilion for Hoyt-Seaver Field.

**Clock Tower Update:** A purposed Clock Tower was suggested for the property where the Williamstown United Federated Church stood. Jackie purposed the future building for the property to utilize the church bell as well as town clock. Chris P. made the motion to share the photos as well as the idea with the towns people at Town Meeting Day for a survey. Clayton seconded. So moved.

**Lister – Errors & Omissions:** Chris P. questioned the effect on the Grand List that has with the Exemption Reduction. Chris P. requested to have the Listers join our next meeting to discuss this. Clayton seconded. Jasmin abstained. So moved.

**The Pub – Liquor Licenses (3):** Clayton made the motion to approve the licenses. Chris P. seconded. So moved.

**Around the Table:** Chris P. said that Adam Stone had purchased a Road Side Mower and there was opportunity for the town to rent it.

Rodney spoke regarding the Equalization Study Report. The CLA at 85% and the COD 16%.

9:10pm Chris P. made the motion for a 10-minute recess and then enter into Executive Session. Clayton seconded.

**Executive Session:**

9:20pm Enter Executive Session

9:50pm Exit Executive Session

Chris P. made the motion to deny appropriation request to Downstreet Housing. Clayton seconded. So moved.

Chris P. made the motion to approve the Warning with discussed changes. Clayton seconded. So moved.

Chris P. made the motion to approve the Budget as presented. Clayton seconded. So moved.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 10:05pm by Chris P. Clayton seconded. So moved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Keys

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Jasmin Couillard

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Clayton Woodworth

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Chris Peloquin

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Rodney Graham

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