**SELECTMEN’S MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

**AGENDA**

6:30 PM Tax Classification Hearing

6:45 PM Department Reports

7:00 PM Bid Opening

Re: FY 14 Road Materials

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Other Business:

* Tuition Hardwick Student Attending School at Tantasqua Regional Technical School

Appointments

* Parks & Recreation Commission
* Tree Warden

Resignations

* Kate Morreale, Paige Library Trustees

Signatures and Approvals:

* Agreement Between the Town of Hardwick and Patriot Properties for Town Collector Software

2014 Liquor License Renewal Affidavits

* South Barre Rod & Gun
* Hardwick Rod & Gun Club
* American Legion Post #246
* Hardwick Market & Pkg. Store
* Hardwick Vineyard & Winery
* Clover Hill Country Store

2014 Liquor License Non-Renewal

* Molin Farms

2014 Class II & III License Renewals

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Monday, November 25, 2013

Minutes

Present: R. Kmiec, K. Young, H. Comerford, S.Patch, S. Krasnecky, E. Fleming, N. Noble, P. Hanon, J. Ayotte, B. Newton, J. Kolenda, G. Judd, J. Boissy

Chairman Richard Kmiec called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

FY 14 Tax Classification Hearing

A Public Hearing was held on the issue of tax allocation among the property classes for the fiscal year 2014. In attendance were Board of Assessors members Barbara Newton and Jennifer Kolenda. The Board of Assessors, pending final certification of the FY 14 tax rate by the Department of Revenue, recommended that the Board of Selectmen retain one tax rate for all classes of property. The pro tempore tax rates are as follows:

Single Tax Rate: $15.82

Shift Tax Rate: $15.01 Residential

$23.73 Commercial, Industrial and Personal Property

MOTION: Kenan Young to have on tax classification among the property classes for fiscal year 2014. SECOND: Harry Comerford. VOTED: Unanimously

Assessor Jennifer Kolenda noted that property values were down by 11%, which resulted in an increase in the tax rate. Ms. Kolenda notified the board that the excess levy capacity for FY 14 is $2,061.00.

MOTION: Kenan Young to close the hearing. SECOND: Harry Comerford. VOTED: Unanimously.

Department Reports

Council on Aging Chairman Gloria Judd reported that 40 people attended the forum at the Sr. Center on Saturday to discuss the Sr. Center Planning Project.

Chief Ayotte reported that there was a break in at Samek’s on Greenwich Road. The party involved is being held on $10,000 bail.

Chief Ayotte submitted for the board’s review, an agreement between the Town and the City of Worcester for Mutual Aid.

Chairman Richard Kmiec read a letter from Eagle Hill School Headmaster Dr. PJ McDonald announcing Eagle Hill School Board of Trustees vote to adopt a formal agreement to put back on the tax rolls all of the homes an properties purchased and taken off the tax rolls by Eagle Hill School since 2000 and that any future homes or properties purchased will remain on the tax rolls.

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*Note: Letter incorporated in these minutes.*

Bid Opening: FY Road Materials

A bid for road materials was received from R.J. McDonald Inc., 71 Worcester Rd., Barre, MA 01005.

MOTION: Kenan Young to award the FY 14 bid for road materials to R.J. McDonald Inc. SECOND: Harry Comerford. VOTED: Unanimously.

Other Business

Town Administrator Sherry Patch advised board of receipt of an invoice from Tantasqua Regional Technical High School of enrollment of Hardwick student. The cost for out of district tuition at Pathfinder is $10,000 per year. Ms. Patch advised the board that this amount was not budgeted for as the Town was not notified until last week of this matter. Therefore, the board will need to submit a request to the Finance Committee for a Reserve Fund transfer to cover the cost.

MOTION: Kenan Young to submit a Reserve Fund request for $10,000 to cover tuition costs for a student attending Tantasqua Regional Technical School. SECOND: Harry Comerford. VOTED: Unanimously.

Appointments

Chairman Richard Kmiec read a letter received from Penny Hannon requesting appointment to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

MOTION: Kenan Young to appoint Penny Hannon to the Parks & Recreation Commission term to expire June 30, 2015. Second: Harry Comerford. Voted: Unanimously.

Chairman Richard Kmiec read a letter received from Kate Morreale requesting appointment to the position of Tree Warden.

MOTION: Kenan Young to appoint Kate Morreale to the position of Tree Warden term to expire June 30, 2014.

Resignation

Chairman Richard Kmiec read a letter from Kate Morreale resigning her position as a Trustee from the Paige Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

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MOTION: Kenan Young to accept Kate Morreale from the Paige Memorial Library Trustees. SECOND: Harry Comerford. Voted: Unanimously.

Signatures & Approvals

The board signed the following approvals.

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2014 Class II & III Auto License Renewals

Gagne’s Garage

Anderson Restorations

Route 32 Auto

Hardwick Auto

Motor Specialties

L & L Associates

L & S Auto Body

L.J. Ostiguy Repair

Ed Banas Auto Repair & Appraisal

Regin’s Repair

MOTION: Kenan Young to adjourn the meeting. Second: H. Comerford. VOTED: Unanimously.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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Kenan P. Young

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Harry T. Comerford