

Town of Amherst
Minutes of the Select Board

April 30, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. – Music Room, Amherst Regional Middle School

Members present: Chair Doug Slaughter; Alisa Brewer, Connie Kruger, Andy Steinberg, Jim Wald
Members absent: None
Staff present: Town Manager Paul Bockelman
Other present: Scott Merzbach, Daily Hampshire Gazette; Peter Vickery, Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce; John Hornik, Amherst Municipal Affordable Housing Trust; Joel Bard, Town Attorney

Meeting called to order by Mr. Slaughter at 6:05 p.m.

Vote and Assign Positions on Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Hornik, representing the Amherst Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, stated the Trust's interest in securing the old East Street School and surrounding land for development of affordable housing. He said preliminary analysis showed that most of the property surrounding the building including the field was buildable. Members of the Board stated that they continued to be in support of Article 27 which would authorize the Select Board to transfer the property to the Trust. The Board took no action at this time.

Mr. Slaughter discussed Article 28, which would reduce the number of members on the Agricultural Commission. He noted that the reason Town Meeting could vote on this article under the Transition Provisions of the Town Charter is that the Agricultural Commission was unable to achieve a quorum with its current large membership. The Board took no action at this time.

Licenses

Ms. Brewer moved to approve the items listed on the Consent Calendar for the April 30, 2018 agenda, removing the metered parking and road closure request for the Taste of Amherst. Mr. Wald seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Vickery presented a request for parking and road closure modifications in conjunction with the Taste of Amherst. After discussion, Ms. Brewer moved to approve the following street closing/parking request from the Amherst Business Improvement District and Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual "Taste of Amherst" event: 1) to place "No Parking" bags on parking meters around the perimeter of the Town Common, including the north and south sides of the Spring Street lot beginning Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 12:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M., Friday, June 15, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 17, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to accommodate Taste vendor parking; and 2) to close Boltwood Avenue between Spring Street and Route 9 on Friday June 15, 2018 and Saturday, June 16, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., peak pedestrian crossing times for the beer and wine tasting on Amherst College property, 49-62 Boltwood Avenue. Mr. Wald seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Town Meeting Updates

Mr. Bockelman introduced Town Attorney Joel Bard who reviewed his memo on Article 1: An Act to Hold Special Election of the April 30, 2018 Special Town Meeting. Board members engaged in conversation with Mr. Bard. The Board took no action.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 6:55 p.m. to attend the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m. with no further discussion or action.

Submitted by: Paul Bockelman, Town Manager

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting – Available in the Online Packet for Meeting Date

Agenda and Draft Motions

Town Manager Memo on Article 1 of Special Town Meeting

4a K-P Law memo to tmgr re special election date and questions

4a K-P Law memo to tmgr re special legislation for special election

4a K-P Law special act main motion clean copy 2

4a K-P Law main motion strike through 2

7a-i Taste of Amherst Parking Request & Road Closures 2018 Mapped

7a-i Taste of Amherst Parking Request 2018

7a-ii Special Wine and Malt 05.04.2018 Integrated Learning Center - Lobby Area UMass

7a-ii Special Wine and Malt 05.16.2018 PVHH Cowls Building Supply

7a-ii Special Wine and Malt 06.08.2018 Hampshire Dining Common UMass

7a-ii Special Wine and Malt 06.14 -06.17.18 Chamber Taste of Amherst

KP Law New Charter Transition Provisions 4.17.2018

Approved by the Select Board: July 23, 2018