

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Seppala at 6:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly, Awad
Maglione, Mitchell, Zahradnik, Schaffer Bacon

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Water Rates

VOTED unanimously to approve the revised water rates, dated April 18, 2003, effective with bills beginning July 1, 2003.

Water, Sewer and Public Ways Fees

VOTED unanimously to approve the revised water, sewer and public ways fees, dated April 11, 2003, effective immediately, except that the \$1,000 stub fee shall not apply to currently authorized sewer extensions for connections applied for prior to October 1, 2004.

Economic Development District

VOTED unanimously to authorize the chair to sign a letter of support for the Franklin Regional Council of Governments application to the Economic Development Administration to become an Economic Development District.

Zoning Reform Coalition

VOTED unanimously to join the Zoning Reform Coalition.

Committee Appointments

VOTED unanimously to appoint Bob Mitchell as the Amherst Representative to the Greater Franklin Regional County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee.

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of April 14, 2003, as amended.

WARRANT ARTICLE

Article 7 – Petition – Conservation Land – Wentworth Farm (V. Morales)

VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly voted “Aye”, Awad “No”, to not recommend Article 7.

Article 20 – Cushman School Transfer

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 20.

Article 21 – Cushman School Conveyance

VOTED unanimously to recommend the sale of the building and lease of the land for 99 years to the Cushman-Scott Children’s Center.

Article 2. Zoning Map – Common Land Protection

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 2.

Article 3. Zoning Bylaw - Professional Research Park District

VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly voted "Aye", Awad "no", to recommend Article 3.

Article 4 – Affordable Housing Restriction

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 4.

Article 5 – Petition - Zoning Map - Old Belchertown Road – PRP to R-O (Zahradnik, Palley, Schaffer Bacon)

VOTED: Seppala, Jolly, Awad voted "Aye", Schiffer abstained, to recommend Article 5.

Article 14 – Sidewalk Easement – Amherst Housing Authority

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 14.

Article 12 - Simmons Property Conservation Restriction

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 12.

Article 6 – Petition – Special Act- Resident Aliens (V. Morales)

VOTED: Seppala, Awad voted "Aye", Schiffer, Jolly voted "No", to not recommend Article 6.

VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly voted "Aye", Awad voted "No", to take no position on Article 6.

Article 10 – Petition – Council on Youth (E. Morales)

VOTED unanimously to refer Article 10 to the Select Board, School Committee and the Library Trustees.

Article 25 – Retirement Assessment

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 25 in the amount of \$2,080,289.

Article 23 – Authorization for Compensating Balance Account

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 23.

PERMITS AND LICENSES

One-Day Wine and Malt License – Newman Center

VOTED unanimously to approve the One-Day Wine and Malt License for the Newman Center, 472 North Pleasant Street, on May 11, 2003, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for an event.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Question period

No questions.

Statement of Support

VOTED unanimously to recommend a statement of support for the Human Rights Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 9:28 p.m.