

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mr. Seppala at 6:15 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly, Awad, Hubley  
Del Castilho, Burgess

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Citizen Request Town Counsel or Special Counsel representation for deponents in Andrews and LaVerdiere v. Town of Amherst.

VOTED: Awad, Hubley voted "Aye", Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly voted "No" to provide independent legal counsel to represent the interests of members of town meeting currently being deposed in the case of LaVerdiere et al vs. the Town of Amherst.

**SELECT BOARD'S ACTION**

**Public Hearing - Tax Classification**

- Public hearing called to order at 6:51 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to adopt a minimum residential factor of 1 (one), equal tax rate for all classes of properties, for the Fiscal Year 2004, and that no open space discount be granted.
- VOTED unanimously that no residential exemption be adopted for Fiscal Year 2004.
- VOTED unanimously that no small commercial exemption be adopted for Fiscal Year 2004.

**Public Hearing – Parking Regulations**

- Public hearing called to order at 7:02 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to approve the Parking Commission's recommendations to the Parking Regulations:  
Recommended Changes To Parking Regulations:  
ADD a handicap parking space on the north westerly side of Lessey Street.

**Proclamation – Human Rights Day**

VOTED unanimously to proclaim December 10, 2003 as Human Rights Day.

**Committee Appointment**

VOTED unanimously to appoint Magda Ahmed, Human Rights Commission, for a term to expire June 30, 2006.

VOTED unanimously to appoint Matt Blumenfeld, 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2006.

**250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee**

Dolly Jolly volunteered to be the Select Board liaison to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee.

## **Approve Minutes**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of December 1, 2003.

## **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

### **Annual Renewal of Licenses**

VOTED unanimously to renew the following licenses, for January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004, subject to the conditions that are attached to the licenses being renewed.

College Street Motors 260 College Street AmherstMA 01002	Class II - Used Car Dealer's License
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Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art d/b/a: 125 West Bay Road AmherstMA 01002	Common Victualler Museum Café
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Hampshire College Trustees of Hampshire College 893 West Street AmherstMA 01002	Common Victualler
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Marian Leonard d/b/a: 138 Sunderland Road N. Amherst MA 01059	Common Victualler Rooster's
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Starbucks Corporation d/b/a: 71 North Pleasant Street AmherstMA 01002	Common Victualler Starbucks Coffee # 7251
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VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Awad, Hubley voted "Aye", Jolly absent, not to renew the All Alcoholic Restaurant License for Prudencio Gomez, Pruddy's, 571 Main Street.

VOTED: Awad, Hubley voted "Aye", Seppala, Schiffer "No", Jolly absent, to approve the Common Victualler and Live Entertainment Licenses, subject to the approval of a site plan review, for Prudencio Gomez, Pruddy's, 571 Main Street.

### **Taxi Businesses and Driver Licenses**

No action taken.

### **Innholder and Common Victualler Licenses**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Innholder and Common Victualler Licenses for Susan and Stephen Mallett d/b/a Horace Kellogg Homestead, 459 South Pleasant Street from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004.

### **Change of Manager – Watroba's Liquors**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Change of Manager for Watroba's Inc. d/b/a Watroba's Liquors, 81 Sunderland Road from Stephanie A. Braman to Matthew W. Corcoran.

**ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly, Awad, Hubley voted “Aye”, to adjourn the open meeting at 8:08 p.m. and convene an Executive Session to discuss non-union compensation and pending litigation. The open meeting will not reconvene following the Executive Session.

Approved at the December 22, 2003 Select Board Meeting.