

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Schiffer at 6:47 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly, Awad, Goldberg
Del Castilho, Westover

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Public Hearing – Verizon Connected Solutions, Inc.

- Public hearing called to order at 7:23 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to approve, pending permit from the Department of Public Works, the petition from Verizon Connected Solutions, Inc., a division of Verizon New England, Inc., to install three fiber optic cables on existing poles along the streets listed below from the network connectivity points of Amherst College to ten off-campus dormitories provided that Verizon Connected Solutions, Inc. accept full responsibility for code compliant installation, maintenance and repair of the lines and should the lines be abandoned, the cable will be removed by Verizon New England, Inc. or another qualified company, cost of said removal shall not be the responsibility of the Town.

Lincoln Avenue	Triangle Street
Route 9	Lessey Street
South Prospect Street	Kellogg Avenue
College Street	South Pleasant Street
Dickinson Street	Snell Street
Main Street	

Public Hearing – WMECO and Verizon New England, Inc.

- Public hearing called to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to approve, pending permit from the Department of Public Works, the petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. to relocate a pole including wires, cables and fixtures and the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public way as indicated in WMECO plan marked 6A210131:
Dickinson Street: - relocated one (1) jointly owned pole north of College Street.

Public Hearing – WMECO

- Public hearing called to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to approve, pending permit from the Department of Public Works, the petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company to install and maintain underground cable including the necessary wires, cables, transformers, switches, protective devices and other appurtenances, and likewise the manhole and vault construction connected to lines on the following public ways as indicated in WMECO plan marked 6A210131:

Dickinson Street: - install approximately 40 feet of primary underground cable northwest of College Street.

College Street: - install approximately 70 feet of primary underground cable south of Dickinson Street. Care must be exercised when crossing College Street. The conduit will have to cross or go under two major water lines.

Option to Purchase Real Estate

VOTED unanimously not to exercise the Town's option pursuant to the Option to Purchase Real Estate on property owned by Tracy Q. Farnham and Steven C. Farnham, 50 Station Road, and listed on Official Tax Map as 20D, Parcel 73, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds book 5877, page 8, pending the recommendation of the Conservation Commission.

Sign Amendment to Conservation Restriction

VOTED unanimously to sign the amendment to the conservation restriction for the Common School Inc., 521 South Pleasant Street, as voted in Article 21 of the April 24, 2002 Town Meeting.

Conservation Restriction

VOTED unanimously to approve the conservation restriction and public trail easement to the Town of Amherst on South East Street and listed on Official Tax Map as 20D, a portion of Parcel 55.

Amherst Senior Center Mobility Grant Application

VOTED unanimously to approve the Amherst Senior Center Mobility Grant Application.

Acting Town Manager

VOTED unanimously to approve compensation of \$200 per week for eight weeks for the Acting Town Manager.

Committee Appointments

VOTED: Schiffer, Jolly, Awad, Goldberg voted "Aye", Seppala abstained, to reappoint the following members:

- Charles Hopkins, Amherst Cultural Council, for a term to expire June 30, 2005.
- Kenneth Mosakowski, Reprecincting Task Force, for a term to expire June 30, 2003.
- Earl Smith, Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate, for a term to expire June 30, 2003.
- Erica Gees, Design Review Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2005.
- Carl Seppala, Reprecincting Task Force, for a term to expire June 30, 2003.
- Jeannie Jones, La Paz Centro, Nicaragua Sister City Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2005.

Approve Town Manager's Appointments

- VOTED unanimously to approve the Town Manager's reappointment of James Stephen Hickman, Board of Health, for a term to expire June 30, 2005.
- VOTED unanimously to approve the Town Manager's appointment of David Kastor, Planning Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2005.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 45 – Free Cash

VOTED unanimously to recommend that the Town appropriate and transfer \$1,206,363 from Free Cash in the Undesignated Fund Balance of the General Fund to reduce the tax levy of the 2003 Fiscal Year.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

One-Day Wine and Malt License

VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Awad, Goldberg voted "Aye", Jolly abstained, to approve the One-Day Wine and Malt License for the Marafioti Memorial Golf Outing Committee on July 29, 2002, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at a tent on land adjacent to Rafter's, 422 Amity Street, for a golf tournament dinner.

One-Day Wine and Malt License

VOTED unanimously to approve the One-Day Wine and Malt License for the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce for the following dates and times at a tent erected on Amherst College property next to the Lord Jeffrey Inn on Boltwood Avenue for the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce's Taste of Amherst:

June 20, 2002	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
June 21, 2002	4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
June 22, 2002	4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
June 23, 2002	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Question period

Will the Select Board move to reconsider the June 3 dog pound vote?

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.