

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Weiss at 6:34 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Weiss, Brewer, Greeney, Awad, Shaffer, Stern, Rosenblatt,
N. Gregg, Cofrin, Maron, Chalfant, Vickery
Kusner absent

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Committee on Homelessness

VOTED unanimously (4-0), to receive the Majority and Minority Reports read and submitted by the Emergency Homelessness Task Force. The Emergency Homelessness Task Force having fulfilled their charge was thanked for their effort and dissolved.

Regional School Agreement Task Force

The Select board agreed to appoint Ms. Brewer to the Regional School Agreement Task Force.

Town Manager Report – Pool Swimming

The Town Manager reported that he had spent a lot of time looking into the issue of the Middle School Swimming Pool and concluded that the operating costs generated were not being adequately covered by revenue. A formal agreement has been drafted and submitted to Superintendent Hochman for further discussion.

Town Manager Report – Lincoln Avenue Update

The Town Manager reported that he has instructed Guilford Mooring Public Works Superintendent, to modify the three foot traffic pillows to work with the bike lane to achieve modifications that will work with the original plan.

Lincoln Avenue – Traffic Pillows

VOTED: Weiss, Brewer, Awad voted “Aye”, Greeney “No” to amend the vote taken on August 13, 2007 to read: voted unanimously to deploy along Lincoln Avenue, on an experimental basis this fall, three sets of traffic pillows.

Energy Task Force Anti-Idling Campaign

Peter Vickery asked for the Select Board's support for the Anti-Idling Campaign the third week in September. He discussed the high gas costs, contributions to global warming, and the unhealthy effects of fumes from idling vehicles.

No Parking – Amherst Renewable Energy Fair

VOTED unanimously (4-0), to approve the request from the Energy Task Force to have no parking on September 15, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Common side of Boltwood Avenue, from Spring Street to Route 9 for the Third Annual Amherst Renewable Energy Fair.

Fall Special Town Meeting Checklist

The Select Board discussed and agreed to insert September 24, 2007 as the deadline date for the Select Board to insert an article on the Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Annual Election Calendar

The Town Manager was instructed to check with Town Counsel and the Town Clerk having the Annual Town Election on March 4, 2008, the same day as the Presidential Primary. The Select Board also discussed the feasibility of having future Town Elections in the fall.

Select Board Meeting Structure

Mr. Weiss will combine the original document and edits for the Select Board meeting structure and send to the Board for their review and discussion on the September 17, 2007 agenda.

Shop Locally First Initiative

No action taken.

Schedule for Four Town Meeting – Select Boards/Finance Committee

No action taken.

Budget Development Calendar – Set Schedule

The Select Board a public hearing on September 20, 2007 in the Town Room, Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. to solicit comment on budget priorities. There will be a press release issued and flyers prepared to distribute.

Town of Watertown Proclamation

The Select Board discussed the Town of Watertown's Proclamation relative to the "No Place For Hate" Program. The Board will solicit a response on the program from Reynolds Winslow Chair of the Human Rights Commission, and take the matter up at a future Select Board meeting.

Approve Minutes

No action taken.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

VOTED unanimously (4-0), to approve the Lunch Cart License for Anthony Gomez, d/b/a Tony's Hot Dogs, 97 Worthington Street, Chicopee, MA and the extension of hours from 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. during the period August 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008.

(SB Information Note: *Lunch Cart Hours Per License States:* You may not sell between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. during May, June, July, and August; between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. during September; and between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. during the rest of the year)

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously (4-0), to adjourn the open meeting at 9:36 p.m.