

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Weiss at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Weiss, Brewer, Greeney, Kusner, Awad,
Shaffer, Musante

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

New ACTV Executive Director

Isaac BenEzra introduced the new Executive Director for ACTV, James Lescault. Mr. Lescault spoke briefly to the Board about his experience and vision for ACTV.

539 Market Hill Road Parcel 03D-001-037 (Town's Right of First Refusal)

The Board heard and discussed the recommendations from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Watershed Task Force pertaining to the property located at 539 Market Hill Road.

VOTED unanimously, to decline the right of first refusal to purchase the property located at 539 Market Hill Road.

Timing of Water Rate Increase Implementation

The Board heard from Paul Koss of Stagecoach Road regarding the implementation of the raised water/sewer rates before the July 1, 2007 effective date. Mr. Koss explained that there should be a process in place that would ensure that citizens would not pay the increased water/sewer rate before the established effective date. Mr. Shaffer and the Board discussed methods that could be taken to try and remedy the situation, and agreed that the topic should be placed on a future agenda. Mr. Koss requested to be notified when the Board would discuss this in the future. Proration was recommended as one method for making this equitable.

Apple Harvest Craft and Family Festival

The Board was briefed on the new information pertaining to the request that the Apple Harvest Craft and Family Festival made to the Board the previous week. Mr. Shaffer spoke to Lisa Vote from the Amherst Family center to clarify the questions that were raised at the September 17, 2007 Select Board meeting.

VOTED unanimously, to authorize the bagging of 35 parking spaces between College Street and Spring Street on the west side of Boltwood Avenue and the east side of South Pleasant Street from 10:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2007 until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 29, 2007, and the continued bagging of up to five meters until 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2007 to accommodate vendors with handicapped parking permits.

Town Hall Masonry Project – Discussion with Historical Commission - CPAC

The Board reviewed financial data relative to the Historical Town Hall Project and discussed the possible recommendations to the Historical Commission and Community Preservation Act Committee.

VOTED Weiss, Brewer, Greeney, Awad voted "Aye", Kusner "No", to recommend to the Historical Commission that the entire estimated debt service of the Capital Restoration for the Historic Town Hall Project be recommended to the Community Preservation Act Committee for consideration to bring before Town Meeting for approval.

Environmental Certifying Officer - CDBG

The Board was briefed by Mr. Shaffer about the purpose of appointing an Environmental Certifying Officer, and its parameters.

VOTED unanimously, to authorize the Chair of the Select Board to execute all documents authorizing the Town Manager to serve as the Environmental Certifying Officer for the project described, and to designate Laurence Shaffer, Town Manager, as the Town's Environmental Certifying Officer for the Town's 2006 HDSP project and the Town's FY 07 CDBG activities.

Street Closing - Overlook Drive Block Party

VOTED unanimously to approve the blocking of the eastern end of Overlook Drive on September 29, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., providing that there is someone stationed at the barrier to allow emergency vehicles to pass through.

Financial Projections for Fiscal Year 2009

John Musante, Finance Director, gave a detailed presentation regarding Financial Projections for Fiscal Year 2009. The Board briefly discussed the presentation, and the questionnaire that was distributed at the Public Forum on September 20, 2007.

Town Manager Report (School Zone, ARMS Pool & McClellan Street Parking)

The Town Manager had no new information to report on the proposed School Zone as research is still being conducted. The Town Manager gave a status report on the Middle School pool, stating that a meeting was taking place on September 25, 2007 to continue the discussion. The Town Manager explained that letters would be going out to McClellan Street residents to gather information on their thoughts on the current parking arrangement.

Homelessness in Amherst – Next Step, Committee on Homelessness

Ms. Greeney gave a report on the committee charge that was drafted. The Board discussed forming a committee and what their role would be. A sixth item was added to the committee charge summary that stated, "To make recommendations to the Amherst Housing Authority and the Community Preservation Act Committee."

VOTED unanimously, to create a committee on homelessness to include items one through six on the Committee on Homelessness charge summary.

Schedule for Four Town Meeting - Select Boards/Finance Committees

VOTED unanimously, to propose a Select Board/Finance Committee Four Town Meeting for Saturday, October 13, 2007 or Saturday, October 20, 2007.

Continuance of Open Meeting

VOTED unanimously to continue the Open Meeting after 9:30 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to discuss the committee appointment of Stephen Braun to the Public Works Committee.

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the *August 13, 2007* Select Board meeting.
No action taken on *August 15 2007 (2), August 20, 2007, and August 27, 2007.*

Committee Appointments-Select Board

VOTED unanimously, to appoint the following:

- Louis Greenbaum, Community Preservation Act Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.
- Stephen Braun, Public Works Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Special Wine & Malt Liquor License – R & P Liquors

VOTED unanimously, to approve the Special Wine and Malt Liquor License for the R&P Liquors on October 27, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Eric Carle Museum, Bay Road for a reception.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 9:48 p.m.