

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Harvey, Schiffer, Jolly, Seppala, Awad
Del Castilho, Scherpa, Wang, Patel, Evans, Kruger, Leaf, Levenson

QUESTION PERIOD

No Questions

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Campaign for Massachusetts' Future Endorsement

VOTED unanimously to endorse the Campaign for Massachusetts' Future.

Personnel Board Recommendations

VOTED unanimously to approve the Personnel Board recommendation of a 3% cost of living adjustment for non-union employees effective July 1, 2000.

VOTED unanimously to approve a 3% cost of living increase for the Superintendent of Public Works effective July 1, 2000 for an annual salary of \$84,512.

VOTED unanimously to approve a 3% cost of living increase and a merit increase for the Director of Administration and Finance effective July 1, 2000 for an annual salary of \$88,399.

VOTED unanimously to approve, subject to funding, the Personnel Board recommendation for non-union employees for Fiscal Year 2002 of a 2% cost of living adjustment and an amended longevity compensation plan that provides a payment equal to 1/20th of an employee's biweekly pay multiplied by the number of years of permanent employment for employees employed with the Town for ten or more years.

Special Municipal Employees

VOTED unanimously to designate the Moderator and Amherst members of the Hampshire Council of Governments as "special municipal employees" under the terms and conditions of G.L. c. 268A.

Academy Square

No action taken.

Fall Town Meeting Calendar

VOTED unanimously to approve the 2000 Fall Town Meeting Calendar.

Select Board Meeting Schedule

VOTED unanimously to set the following Select Board meeting schedule in 2000:

- August 7 and 21
- September 11 and 25
- October 2, 10, 16 and 23

Committee Appointment

VOTED: Harvey, Schiffer, Seppala, Jolly, voted "Aye", Awad absent, to appoint the following members to the Kanegasaki Sister City Committee for terms to expire on June 30, 2003:

- Florence Boynton
- Nancy Pagano
- Earline Robinson

Approve minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of May 24, 2000, as amended.

VOTED: Harvey, Schiffer, Seppala, Awad voted "Aye", Jolly abstained, to approve the Select Board Executive Session minutes of May 24, 2000, as amended.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of June 26, 2000.

VOTED unanimously to approve and release the Select Board Executive Session minutes of June 26, 2000.

PERMITS AND LICENSES

Public Hearing - Liquor License Violation – South Amherst Liquor Mart

- Public hearing called to order at 6:20 p.m.
- VOTED: Harvey, Schiffer, Seppala, Awad voted "Aye", Jolly absent, to close the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.
- VOTED: Harvey, Schiffer, Seppala, Awad voted "Aye", Jolly absent, to find that the violations described on the four police reports occurred on April 28, 2000.
- VOTED: Harvey, Schiffer, Seppala, Awad voted "Aye", Jolly absent, to issue a warning to Hsing An, Inc., d/b/a South Amherst Liquor Mart for four violations for sale to underage persons and that future violations may result in the revocation of the license.

Public Hearing – Transfer of License – South Amherst Liquor Mart

- Public hearing called to order at 6:50 p.m.
- VOTED: Harvey, Schiffer, Seppala, Awad voted "Aye", Jolly absent, to close the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.
- VOTED: Harvey, Schiffer, Seppala, Awad voted "Aye", Jolly absent, to transfer the all alcoholic package store license from Hsing An, Inc. d/b/a South Amherst Liquor Mart to Laxmikrupa, Inc. d/b/a South Amherst Liquor Mart (Praful D. Patel: Manager), 483 West Street.

One Day Wine and Malt License

VOTED unanimously to approve the One-Day Wine and Malt License for the University of Massachusetts for August 9, 2000 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the Metawampee Lawn for a conference.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED: Harvey, Schiffer, Seppala, Jolly, Awad voted "Aye", to adjourn the open meeting at 8:38 p.m. and convene an Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and the value of real property because public discussion would have a detrimental effect on the Town's position.