

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Brewer, Shaffer
Awad, (left the open meeting at 9:40 p.m.)
Jessop, Burgess, Friman, Tucker, Skeels, Lind, Morales, Elsasser

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Special Municipal Employee Status - Community Preservation Act Committee

Mr. Jessop, Chair of the Community Preservation Act Committee, stated that the committee voted to request Special Municipal Employee Status for its members, given that the committee currently has a member who is a substitute teacher in the Amherst School system.

VOTED unanimously to grant Special Municipal Employee Status to the Community Preservation Act Committee.

Liaison Assignments

No action taken.

Town Manager's Report

No action taken.

Sign November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting Warrant

VOTED unanimously (4-0) to sign the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting Warrant with the following changes:

- Article 12 (Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map – Research & Development Overlay District), becomes Article 10.
- Article 13 (Zoning Bylaw – Research & Industrial Uses), becomes Article 11.
- Article 14 (Zoning Bylaw – Accessory Light Manufacturing), becomes Article 12.
- Article 15 (Zoning Bylaw – Technical/Professional Office), becomes Article 13.
- Article 10 (Zoning Map & Bylaw – Spring Street Rezoning and General Business Lodging Uses), becomes Article 15.
- Article 11 Zoning Bylaw – Zoning Map – College/South East Street), becomes Article 16.
- Article 16 (Petition – Zoning Map – 500-502 Sunderland Road), becomes Article 18

The petition for the Coalition of Sustainable Neighborhoods was added as follows:

- Coalition 3 (Petition - Allowing Professional Offices Accessible by Appointment in Some Zoning Districts - *Coalition for Sustainable Neighborhoods*, becomes Article 14.
- Coalition 2 (Petition - College/South East Street and Belchertown Road Rezoning-*Coalition for Sustainable Neighborhoods*, becomes Article 17.
- Coalition 1 (Petition – Main/Dickinson/High Street Rezoning - *Coalition for Sustainable Neighborhoods*, becomes Article 19.

Select Board Meeting Schedule

No action taken.

Aquifer Protection Committee

No action taken.

Approve Minutes

No action taken.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 4 – Accept MGL Ch. 59, C1.5 Sec. 5B Property Tax Exemptions for Veterans’ Organizations

The Board heard from Mr. Burgess regarding the extension to \$700,000 in property tax exemptions for Veterans Organizations for veterans who have served in wars of the United States. Mr. Shaffer disclosed that he is a member of the Veterans’ Foreign War and that he did not participate in any discussions for this article.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Article 4 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 9 – Petition – Resolution – Fair Trade (Yuri Friman)

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 9 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 5 – Capital – Mark’s Meadow Portable Classrooms

Mr. Kusner disclosed that he is an employee at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Ms. Brewer disclosed that her husband is an employee at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst

VOTED Weiss, Kusner, Awad, Brewer voted “Aye”, Greeney abstained to recommend Article 5 on the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 16 (Previously Article 11) – College/South East Street Rezoning – Official Zoning Map

Mr. Tucker explained why there should be infrastructure changes on South East Street. Mr. Skeels made a presentation on retention storage.

No action taken.

Article 1 – Reports of Boards and Committees

No action taken.

Article 2 – Transfer of Funds – Unpaid Bills

No action taken.

Committee Appointments-Select Board

VOTED unanimously to appoint the following:

- John Thibbitts, 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee, for a term to expire December 31, 2009.
- Vernon Francisco, Committee on Homelessness, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.
- Joan Hansen, Committee on Homelessness, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.
- Stanley Maron, Committee on Homelessness, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.
- Tracey Levy, Committee on Homelessness, for a term to expire June 30, 2009.
- Reikka Simula, Committee on Homelessness, for a term to expire June 30, 2009.
- Robert Ackermann, Committee on Homelessness, for a term to expire June 30, 2009.
- Denise Barberet, Community Preservation Act Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.
- Julie Jones, Nyeri Sister City Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Awad, Brewer voted “Aye”, Kusner abstained to appoint Stan Ziomek, Community Preservation Act Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Special Wine & Malt Liquor License – UMASS

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special All Alcoholic Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts on October 19, 2007 from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall for a dinner.

Special Wine & Malt Liquor License – Trustees of Amherst College

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special Wine and Malt Liquor License for the Trustees of Amherst College on October 20, 2007 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Coolidge CAGE Gym, for a Homecoming Fest.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously (4-0) to adjourn the open meeting at 9:44 p.m.