

**Select Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Policy Guidelines for FY 09 Priorities  
October 19, 2007  
4:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mr. Weiss at 4:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad, Brewer, Shaffer

1. The Select Board discussed a variety of potential policy guidelines for fiscal year 2009 with the goal of guiding the Town Manager in its preparation for the proposed Town of Amherst budget for 2009.
2. The Select Board wanted to save comments on their survey that dealt specifically to the library of the school identified and sent off to the respective body.
3. The Select Board had a discussion about cutting or merging the Information Technology Department of the Town and School and to review the various municipal functions to see if there's an opportunity to contract for service with schools.
4. The Select Board discussed creating a bylaw for false alarm.
5. The Select Board discussed making the Police Force smaller.
6. Mr. Kusner suggested focusing on items where large savings might accrue in concert with the effort of Blue Ribbon Panel/Budget Coordinating Group effort.
7. The Select Board made a motion instructing the Town Manager to report back to the Select Board on budget outlines by December 17, 2007.
8. The Select Board discussed reviewing every department to look at expense.
9. The Select Board had a discussion about Leisure Services and whether or not it made sense to make it free of property tax support.
10. The Town Manager explained a number of different re-organizational issues that he was reviewing to include his look at Leisure Services.

**Voted** unanimously to adjourn meeting at 6:07 p.m.