

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Weiss at 6:32 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad, Brewer (6:45p.m.),
Shaffer

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Puerto Rican Day Proclamation

Vladimir Morales spoke to the Board about the proclamation, which the Board has made for the past 11 years. He asked that the Puerto Rican Flag be raised on the Town Common from November 1, 2007 through November 20, 2007.

VOTED unanimously, to proclaim November 19, 2007 Puerto Rican Day and to permit the Puerto Rican Flag to be flown from November 1 to November 20, 2007

Town Manager Report

Shaffer spoke to the Board about a recent meeting regarding health insurance, and what the pros and cons of the State GIC program would be. Shaffer updated the Board on the status of Plum Brook. Shaffer stated that the weather had been favorable to this project, and that the soccer fields should be ready for next fall.

Approve Minutes

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad, "Aye", Brewer abstained, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the *August 27, 2007* Select Board meeting.

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad, "Aye", Brewer abstained, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the *September 10, 2007* Select Board meeting.

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad, "Aye", Brewer abstained, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the *September 17, 2007* Select Board meeting.

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad, "Aye", Brewer abstained, to approve the minutes, as amended of the *September 24, 2007* Select Board meeting.

Committee Appointments-Select Board

VOTED unanimously, to appoint:

- Denise Barberet, Hampshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2008.
- Jon Nelms, Committee on Homelessness, for a term to expire June 30, 2009.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Pledge of Liquor License – Delano’s

VOTED unanimously, to approve the Pledge of an All Alcoholic Restaurant License for Delano’s, 57 North Pleasant Street to Easthampton Savings Bank, 36 Main Street, Easthampton, MA.

Special All Alcoholic Liquor License – Amherst Firefighters Local 1764

VOTED unanimously, to approve the Special All Alcoholic Liquor License for the Amherst Firefighters Local 1764 on November 30, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Valentine Hall at Amherst College for a dinner.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1 – Reports of Boards and Committees

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Article 1 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 2 – Transfer of Funds – Unpaid Bills

VOTED unanimously, to dismiss Article 2 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 3 – FY 08 Operating Budget Amendments – Part A – Health Insurance

John Musante, Finance Director, spoke to the Board regarding the Health Insurance projections presented at the September 24, 2007 Select Board meeting. Musante explained the purpose of the Article was to generate an Appropriation from Free Cash to the Health Claims Trust Fund to increase the reserve for incurred but not reported claims to required levels.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Article 3 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 15 – Zoning Map & Bylaw – Spring Street Rezoning & General Business Uses

Jonathan Shefftz, Vice Chair of the Planning Board, and Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director, summarized the Article for the Board, stating that one of the main purposes of the Article was to change a procedure for acquiring approval from obtaining a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals to going through Site Plan Review with the Planning Board. Shefftz explained the advantages of said change, and mentioned the perception that developers have pertaining to the current Special Permit process.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Part A of Article 15 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Brewer “Aye”, Kusner, Awad “Nay”, to approve Part B of Article 15 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 11 – Zoning Bylaw – Research & Industrial Uses

Article 11 and Article 10 were presented to the Board collectively, as one Article related to the other. Aaron Hayden and Jonathan Tucker outlined the purpose of the article and gave examples of the definitions that would be added to the Zoning Bylaw should Articles 10 and 11 become approved at Special Town Meeting.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Motion A of Article 11 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Motion B of Article 11 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Motion C of Article 11 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 10 – Zoning Bylaw & Zoning Map R & D Overlay District

Article 11 and Article 10 were presented to the Board collectively, as one Article related to the other. Aaron Hayden and Jonathan Tucker outlined the purpose of the article and gave examples of the definitions that would be added to the Zoning Bylaw should Articles 10 and 11 become approved at Special Town Meeting.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Part A of Article 10 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Part B of Article 10 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 8 – Town Hall Historic Preservation (CPAC)

Peter Jessop, Chair of the Community Preservation Act Committee gave a report on the recommendations of the Community Preservation Act Committee and the Historical Commission relative to the funding of the Town Hall Restoration Project. After hearing the recommendations and discussing them, the Board decided to postpone their motion to the October 29, 2007 meeting at which time language would be prepared that would allow the Board to make a more specific motion.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously, to adjourn the open meeting at 10:00 p.m.