

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad, Brewer,
Shaffer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Weiss gave the “Unsung Hero Award” to Alan Root (not present) for his many contributions to the Town, mentioning specifically his photography and his service on the Board of Directors of ACTV.

SELECT BOARD’S ACTION

Mass Recycle Resolution

The Board heard from Susan Waite, Part Time Recycling Coordinator for the Town of Amherst, about the resolution and why it was so important to join the list of Cities and Towns across the State to support the effort. Waite said that the kickoff date for the campaign is November 15, 2007.

VOTED unanimously, to support MassRecycle’s “Mass Recycles Paper!” Campaign.

Town Manager Report

Shaffer spoke to the Board about a couple, who wished to remain anonymous, who made a donation of \$100,000 to the Town of Amherst so that senior citizens could receive health care free of charge. Shaffer and the Board thanked the couple for their generosity.

Joint Meeting with Library Trustees

A joint meeting of the Select Board and Library Trustees was opened at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of electing a new member of the Library Trustees. Initially, four candidates submitted letters of interest, however, one candidate, Alexandra Leras, was ineligible as she was an employee of the Jones Library. The remaining three candidates, Louis Greenbaum, Naomi Ossar, and Christopher Hoffman stated their interest in becoming a Trustee. Each member of the Jones Library Trustees and the Select Board, with Weiss being the exception, asked each candidate a question. The roll call vote was as follows:

Ann Grose – Christopher Hoffman
Patricia Holland – Louis Greenbaum
Anita Page – Christopher Hoffman
Merrylees Turner – Louis Greenbaum
Kathleen Wang – Louis Greenbaum
Gerald Weiss – Naomi Ossar
Hwei-Ling Greeney – Christopher Hoffman
Robert Kusner – Louis Greenbaum
Anne Awad – Louis Greenbaum
Alisa Brewer – Christopher Hoffman

The vote total was as follows: five votes for Greenbaum, four votes for Hoffman and one vote for Ossar. Due to the need for a majority vote, Weiss asked that his vote be changed to Greenbaum. Weiss then

asked if members from other Boards would like to change their votes. No responses were made, so the final count was six votes for Greenbaum, four votes for Hoffman, and no votes for Ossar. Louis Greenbaum was elected to the Jones Library Trustees, for a term to expire April 1, 2008. The Joint Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Liaison Assignments

No action taken.

Citizen Complaints

No action taken.

Downtown Graffiti Problem

No action taken.

Aquifer Protection Task Force

No action taken.

Select Board Meeting Structure

No action taken.

Select Board Meeting Schedule

No action taken.

Executive Session

No action taken.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 12 - Zoning Bylaw - Accessory Light Manufacturing

Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director, spoke about the contents of the Article. Tucker stated that this article was an amendment to the current Zoning Bylaw, and described accessory uses, and the need to define them in the Bylaw.

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Article 12 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Article 20 – Petition – Waiver of Effluent Fees to UMASS – Strategic Partnership Agreement

Stan Gawle and Larry Kelley, members of the Taxpayers for Responsible Change group spoke to the Board about their Article. Kelley went into the specifics of the water rates, and how it might affect the Town over the next five years. The Board discussed what the effects on the Strategic Partnership Agreement would be if Article 20 passes.

Prior to voting, Mr. Kusner and Ms. Brewer orally disclosed their ties with the University of Massachusetts.

VOTED Weiss, Kusner, Brewer, “Aye”, Greeney, Awad “No”, to not recommend Article 20 of the November 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting.

Approve Minutes

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad “Aye”, Brewer abstained, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the October 1, 2007 Select Board Meeting.

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad “Aye”, Brewer abstained, to approve the minutes, as amended, of the October 15, 2007 Select Board Meeting.

VOTED Weiss, Greeney, Kusner, Awad “Aye”, Brewer abstained, to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2007 Select Board Meeting.

Committee Appointments-Select Board

VOTED unanimously, to appoint Jacquelyn Smith-Crooks, Personnel Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

VOTED unanimously to appoint Jonathan O’Keeffe, Nyeri Sister City Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously, to adjourn the open meeting at 9:40 p.m.