

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Mr. Weiss at 6:16 p.m.

**QUESTION PERIOD**

- The Board was asked to consider holding a hearing to review the Town's response since a non-binding 2000 Town Meeting article was passed to de-prioritize police response to marijuana.
- The Board was asked by a citizen to consider changing parking enforcement policies to allow the enforcement officer to void tickets in the field and allow Amherst property owners up to three voided tickets per year.

**ATTENDANCE**

Weiss, Awad, Greeney, Hubley, Kusner

Musante, Burgess, Mooring, Baron, Peterson, Moore, Erwin, Kaufman-Ballis, Kruger

**SELECT BOARD'S ACTION**

**Public Hearing - Tax Classification**

- Public hearing called to order at 6:50 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

**Public Hearing – Five College Net, LLC**

- Public hearing called to order at 7:58 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to approve, pending permit from the Department of Public Works, the petition from Five College Net, LLC to install and maintain fiber optic telecommunications facilities on the following routes on existing poles and within existing conduit in the public way, consisting of aerial and/or underground facilities.

**Routes into the University of Massachusetts**

*First route into UMass:* From pole numbered E73-13, T-1 on Amity Street at the intersection of Lincoln Street the cable travels west on **Amity Street** to pole E-2, T-20 where it enters the University conduit system. The cable continues west from pole E-2, T-20 on poles on Amity Street to the border with Hadley.

*Second route into UMass:* From pole E73-13, T-1 on Amity Street at the intersection of Lincoln Street the cable also heads north on **Lincoln Street** to the Lincoln Street Apartments where it enters the University of Massachusetts conduit system.

**Route from University of Massachusetts to Hampshire College**

From pole E73-13, T-1 on **Amity Street** at the intersection of Lincoln Street the cable will travel south on Lincoln Street to **Northampton Road (Route 9)**. The cable continues on Northampton Road east to pole E-96/4, T308-1 where it transitions into Amherst College conduit and the existing Verizon conduit system. The Verizon conduit system takes the cable south on **Route 116** where it rises again on pole E-33, T-21 in front of Orr Rink.

From Orr Rink the cable continues traveling south on the existing pole line on 116 to pole E-98, T-99. The cable splits at this location and enters Hampshire College conduit and continues south on 116 to pole E-157/116, T-119 at the intersection with Bay Road. From pole E-157/116, T-119 the cable splits and travels west on **Bay Road** to pole E-7, T-7 where the cable transitions into the

Hampshire College conduit system. Also from pole E-157/116, T-119 the cable crosses route 116 and enters the existing aerial right-of-way and continues along the right-of-way pole line to the access road at the gravel pit on the notch. At this location the cable splits, turning onto **Military Road** where it enters the Amherst College Bunker and continues south on 116 to the Amherst town line.

#### **Cushman Store – Tax Incentive Financing Letter of Support**

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Chair sign the letter with edit deleting the word “Member” in support of the Tax Incentive Financing Plan for review by Massachusetts Office of Business Development.

#### **Set Select Board Meeting Schedule**

VOTED unanimously to set the Select Board schedule on the following date in 2006:

January 9, 23 and 30

February 6, 13, 21 (Tuesday), and 27

March 13, 20 and 27

#### **Subprecincts**

VOTED unanimously to instruct the Town Manager to prepare a contract to support subprecincts subject to the University agreeing to elements of a contract for subprecincts outlined in the Town Manager’s summary dated December 2, 2005.

#### **Amity Street Crosswalk Study**

VOTED unanimously to accept the Jones Library Crosswalk Study and to remove the necessary parking spaces to install a temporary crosswalk for the purpose of determining if a designated mid-block crosswalk would improve the existing situation. If the crosswalk does not degrade the level of service, the crosswalk shall be made permanent during the Downtown Improvements project on Amity Street.

#### **SB/PB Joint Task Force on FPC Zoning**

VOTED unanimously to appoint Robie Hubley and Rob Kusner as liaisons, as assigned by the November 2, 2005 Special Town Meeting Articles 23 and 24, to the Select Board/Planning Board Task Force on Flood Prone Conservancy Zoning.

#### **Consent Calendar**

VOTED unanimously to approve the following items on the December 5, 2005 Consent Calendar:

##### **Approve Minutes**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of November 28, 2005.

##### **Proclamation – Human Rights Day**

VOTED unanimously to proclaim December 10, 2005 as Human Rights Day.

### **Committee Reappointments**

VOTED unanimously to reappoint Chris Ryan, Community Preservation Act Committee, term to expire June 30, 2006.

VOTED: Weiss, Awad, Hubley voted "Aye", Greeney, Kusner abstained, to reappoint Peter Grandonico, Jr., Town/Commercial Relations Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2008.

VOTED: Weiss, Awad, Greeney, Hubley voted "Aye", Kusner abstained, to reappoint Mark Parent, Town/Commercial Relations Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2008.

VOTED unanimously to endorse the recommendation of Larry Kelley as the Governor's Appointee to the Amherst Redevelopment Authority.

### **Committee Appointment**

VOTED unanimously to appoint James Oldham, Comprehensive Planning Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2006.

### **Town Manager Selection**

A motion was made and defeated (Weiss, Awad "Aye", Greeney, Hubley, Kusner "No") to eliminate Mr. Shaffer from consideration for the Town Manager position.

VOTED unanimously to add an interview time for Mr. Schafer on December 10, 2005, for 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Town Manager Finalist Interviews**

VOTED unanimously to set the Town Manager finalist interviews for January 21, 2006 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

### **Renew Annual Licenses**

VOTED unanimously to renew the attached list of licenses, for January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, subject to the conditions that are attached to the licenses being renewed.

### **Lunch Cart License – Pizza Shark**

VOTED: Awad, Greeney, Hubley, Kusner voted "Aye", Weiss excused himself from discussion, to approve the Lunch Cart License for Robert Pollak, Pizza Shark, 1185 North Pleasant Street.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 10:11 p.m.