

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:03 p.m.

### SELECT BOARD’S ACTION

#### **Take Positions on Town Budget to Inform Finance Committee Recommendation**

It was decided that Ms. O’Keeffe would move to adjourn Town Meeting until June 15, 2009 rather than June 1, 2009, to allow for additional time to receive budgetary information from the State, so that the Finance Committee can generate more accurate recommendations. In addition, it would allow Town Meeting members more time to review the Finance Committee’s report before taking action on the FY 2010 Operating Budget.

The Board requested that the Town Manager’s Budget Recommendations be made available to the public as soon as possible.

#### **Take Position on Reserve Use Proposal**

This item was postponed to a future agenda.

#### **Town Manager’s Report**

Mr. Shaffer updated the Board on the status on the Town’s Vehicle Use Policy, which is currently in draft form, undergoing revision. Mr. Shaffer had attended the swearing in ceremony for Johnny Whitehead, the new Chief of Police for University of Massachusetts. Additionally, Mr. Shaffer stated that the Search Committees for the Police and Fire Chief positions had met and the process of selecting new chiefs was starting to take shape.

Mr. Shaffer had participated in several events over the past weekend; he had attended the Ultimate Frisbee tournament, took a turn sitting in at the Survival Center’s dunk tank, attended a retirement party for a Public Works employee and attended a benefit for A Better Chance.

#### **Committee Appointments – Town Manager**

**VOTED** unanimously, to appoint David Webber to the Planning Board for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

#### **Approve Minutes**

No action taken.

#### **Approve April Select Board Report**

This item was postponed to the May 18, 2009 Select Board meeting.

#### **Decision Regarding Wednesday Meeting**

The Board agreed not to meet on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 as previously scheduled.

**Miscellaneous Items/Discussion**

The Select Board agreed to cancel all of its scheduled meetings that were currently set for Wednesdays and Thursdays leading up to June 15, 2009 in light of the planned adjournment of Town Meeting, and to keep the scheduled Monday meetings with the location changing to the Town Room at Town Hall. Additionally it was agreed that the Board would not meet the week of Memorial Day.

Mr. Weiss discovered a scheduling conflict that would prevent him from representing the Select Board in Kanegasaki Japan in the Fall. The Board nominated Mr. Hayden, who accepted.

**VOTED** unanimously, to have Mr. Hayden represent the Select Board in Kanegasaki Japan in the fall of 2009.

The Board agreed that Ms. O’Keeffe would move to postpone Article 13 to follow Article 30.

Ms. O’Keeffe stated that she would consider the proposed changes the Mr. Hayden made to the draft committee term expiration email that Ms. Stein sent, and coordinate with Judith Arcamo in the Town Manager’s Office so that the Board would have a document to view in the next week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED unanimously, to adjourn the open meeting at 7:23 p.m.

--Respectfully Submitted by Kate Seaman

Appendix

**Ms. O'Keeffe's May 11, 2009 Post Meeting List**

Called to Order at 6:03, adjourned at 7:23

**Voted:**

- Unanimously, that Aaron would represent the Select Board in Kanegasaki, Japan (Gerry had been nominated last week, but found he had a scheduling conflict)
- Unanimously to approve the Town Manager's appointment of David Webber to the Planning Board, for a term to expire June 30, 2010, filling the unexpired term of Susan Pynchon

**Agreed, without votes:**

- To seek to adjourn Town Meeting to June 15th instead of June 1st, to allow more time to learn State budget details, so as to better inform budget recommendations and the Finance Committee's report to Town Meeting; and to let Town Meeting members know that they might possibly receive that report with less than the usual two-weeks advance time
- To cancel the Select Board meetings scheduled before Town Meeting sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays leading up to June 15th, and to change the location of the Monday meetings to Town Hall
- To affirm the recent decision that we will not meet the week of Memorial Day
- That Stephanie will consider Aaron's proposed changes to Diana's draft committee term expiration e-mail, incorporate them as she sees fit, and coordinate with Judith so that those can go out this week or next
- That Stephanie would move to postpone Article 13 to after Article 30

**Requested:**

- That the Town Manager's budget recommendation document be made available to Town Meeting members and the public as soon as possible, perhaps by posting it on the Town Web site

**Items to be added to the 5/18 agenda:**

- Approve April Select Board Report (draft was not ready for this meeting)

**Items to be added to a future agenda, not necessarily the next one:**

- Taking positions on the proposed Town budget and on a pending proposal for reserve use

**Materials to be brought back to the next meeting:**

- None

**Issues not resulting in actions:**

- Larry's Town Manager's report included: an update on the progress of the Town's draft vehicle use policy; the swearing-in ceremony of the new UMass Police Chief and the opportunity for closer collaboration between the Amherst and UMass departments; active assistance to help Amherst College identify a partner for the Lord Jeff project; the first meeting of the Fire and Police Chief search panels; participation in an forum about issues facing the schools; and participation in and attendance at multiple recent events (Ultimate tournament, Survival Center dunk tank, DPW retirement party; A Better Chance benefit)