

SELECT BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Monday, May 10, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

Music/Latin Room, Amherst Regional Middle School

Attendance:

Present: Stephanie O'Keeffe (Chair), Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden (Clerk pro-tem), Diana Stein, Jim Wald, Larry Shaffer (Town Manager)

Call to order:

Meeting was convened at 6:31.

Announcements:

6:30 New Common Victualler's Licenses:

Pizza House

Diana Stein moved to approve the new Common Victualler's for Pizza House, 15-17 Montague Road, Manager: Francisco Perez. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously with one absence.

Captain Candy

Diana Stein moved to approve the new Common Victualler's for Captain Candy, 103 North Pleasant Street, Manager: Normandy Krass. Jim Wald seconded and the motion carried unanimously with one absence

Bart's

Diana Stein moved to approve the new Common Victualler's for Bart's, 103 North Pleasant Street, Manager: Barry Roberts. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously with one absence.

Article 16 - Patterson Property – Update

Mr. Shaffer reported that articles 15 and 16 might be considered tonight. Article 15 deals with accepting the provision of MGL 43D which allows us to define a project as important and that the community wants to move along swiftly.

Article 16 involves a 3 year option for a parcel in the PRP zone in North Amherst. The time would allow us to prepare the infrastructure for a major project - It is very complicated and we don't have a firm offer. Mr. Shaffer suggested the Select Board recommend that Town Meeting Refer Article 16 back to the Select Board. He is a firm believer in the project and believes that without a concerted effort to increase its tax base it will be compelled to cut services going forward. It is a great project but there are some questions that should be answered to help get Town Meeting to a 2/3 vote on it.

Diana Stein asked whether a new agreement will have to be drawn up since the current agreement expires before ATM

Larry Shaffer has been improving the lease provisions and expects there to be more changes.

Stephanie O'Keeffe wants TM to have meaningful vote and so feels they need to understand it more fully: Getting everybody to a point of understanding will get more clarity to pursue this again this Fall. The conversations around this article have been very helpful in achieving this understanding and offered a special thanks to the boards and committees that have worked on this.

Diana Stein moved to recommend that Town Meeting Refer Article 15 and 16 – accepting MGL 43D and the Option on the Patterson Property - back to the Select Board. Alisa Brewer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Wednesday's meeting to cancel? Yes without objection.

The 5/20 meeting will be at Town Hall for Public Hearings on Two Liquor Licenses - Lord Jeffery Inn and Hampshire College's Red Barn.

Town Manager's Report

Kendrick Park Architectural RFP is out to get proposals for designs based on the Kendrick Park report. It is a first step to getting grants to improve the park. Funding will come from the Kendrick Park Trust Fund.

Palmer-Storrs-Amherst coalition to save our stop will be meeting in Palmer on May 15 with all the representatives of the towns between Storrs and Brattleboro to speak on the importance of this rail line and to build on the success of the Knowledge Corridor like building a political coalition, talking of the relative costs and the potential ridership. UMass UConn East Conn Coll, colleges in New London provide a critical mass that is larger than just Amherst and Palmer could create.

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will meet at Amherst College at Keefe at 6:00 June 10th.

Diana Stein noted that on 5/20, when we are having a meeting, the Council of Govts is having a strategy meeting in Hadley to figure out how to support small towns in West Mass.

Alisa Brewer, it would be nice to go but we can catch up and we don't have the time to catch up. We'll fill out the survey when we get it.

Special Liquor Licenses

Special Wine & Malt License – University of Massachusetts

Diana Stein moved to approve the Special Wine & Malt Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for May 11, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Polymer Science Conte Building Atrium for reception. YY seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Special Wine & Malt License – University of Massachusetts

Diana Stein moved to approve the Special Wine & Malt Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for May 14, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Durfee Garden for reception. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Special Wine & Malt License – University of Massachusetts

Diana Stein moved to approve the Special Wine & Malt Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for May 15, 2010 from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Durfee Garden for reception. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Special Wine & Malt License – University of Massachusetts

Diana Stein moved to approve the Special Wine & Malt Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for May 21, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Guinness Student Center for reception/dinner. YY seconded and the motion carried unanimously one absence.

Special All Alcohol Liquor License – University of Massachusetts

Diana Stein moved to approve the Special All Alcohol Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for May 21 2010 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Studio Arts Building for reception/dinner. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously one absence.

Special All Alcohol Liquor License – University of Massachusetts

Diana Stein moved to approve the Special All Alcohol Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for May 21 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at the Goodell Library for reception/dinner. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously one absence.

Special All Alcohol Liquor License – University of Massachusetts

Diana Stein moved to approve the Special All Alcohol Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for May 22 2010 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Goodell Library Lawn for reception/dinner. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously with one absence.

Special All Alcohol Liquor License – Sodexo @ Hampshire College

Diana Stein moved to approve the Special All Alcohol Liquor License for Sodexo @ Hampshire College for June 11, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. and June 12, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License – Annemarie E. Sagan

Diana Stein moved to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License for Annemarie E. Sagan, 4 Grover Street, Holyoke, MA.

Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

New Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License – Ramon P. Long

Diana Stein moved to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License for Ramon P. Long, 137 High Street, R-148, Florence, MA. Aaron Hayden seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Calendar Preview

5/10: Annual Town Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Amherst Regional Middle School; Other Reserved Dates: May 12, 17, 24, 26; June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 and 23

5/12: Chamber Breakfast: Business Improvement District (BID) Update; 7:15 a.m. at The Pub

5/17 – 5/21: Bike Commute Week; 5/21 – Bicycle Breakfast on the North Common, 7:00 a.m. to Noon

5/20 – **SB Meeting:** Public Hearings for Two Liquor Licenses - Lord Jeffery Inn; Hampshire College's Red Barn

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:07 was unanimously accepted.

Changes and comments encouraged.

Respectfully submitted

Aaron Hayden