

## **MINUTES**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:35 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Present: Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden (arrived at 6:46), Diana Stein, Jim Wald (left at 6:46), Stephanie O’Keeffe

Absent: None

Town Manager: Larry Shaffer

Town Staff: None

Members of the Public: Peter Shea, Douglas Sudnick, Michelle Tourangeau, Michael Lesy

### **OPENING REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. O’Keeffe noted that this was a special Thursday meeting scheduled to deal with the two liquor license applications.

### **SELECT BOARD'S ACTION**

#### **Public Hearing – Liquor License Transfer – Lord Jeffery Inn, Amherst College**

Public Hearing Opened: 6:36 p.m. Public Hearing Closed: 6:38 p.m.

Ms. O’Keeffe announced that Mr. Hayden was not present for this hearing because he is employed by Amherst College. Peter Shea, Amherst College Treasurer, explained that the Lord Jeffery Inn is currently under construction, and that its liquor license is in the name of the former Inn operator. The College wants to transfer the license to itself during the construction period, and will return to transfer it again once there is a new operator for the Inn. No one from the public offered comment on this transfer.

**VOTED** 4 - 0, 1 absent (Hayden) to approve the transfer license – all alcohol liquor license – from Baron Jeff Corp to The Lord Jeffery Inc.

#### **Committee Appointment – Amherst Cultural Council**

**VOTED** 4-0, 1 absent (Hayden) to appoint Arnold Friedman to the Amherst Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2013

#### **Update: Regional Dispatch**

Mr. Shaffer said that information was received about the expected State 911 subsidy for regionalizing dispatch is now expected to be in the range of \$540,000 - \$650,000 – less than the \$1 million that had been hoped for, but still considered financially beneficial for all participants. Calculating predicted cost savings per town, including the subsidy amount, is being done for the various scenarios of how many towns might participate, and another meeting with the full group of towns considering this option is planned.

**Public Hearing – Liquor License Transfer – Red Barn, Hampshire College**

Public Hearing Opened: 6:46 p.m. Public Hearing Closed: 7:24 p.m.

Mr. Wald announced that he was recusing himself from this hearing because he is employed by Hampshire College, and he left the room. Mr. Hayden was present for this hearing. Douglas Sudnick, Food Service Director at Hampshire College, and employed by Sodexo, the College's food service contractor; and Michelle Tourangeau, Hampshire College's Director of Event Services, explained that the Red Barn holds many functions for which special one-day liquor licenses are sought, and as part of their effort to provide full-service catering, they considered it to be simpler and more economical to bring their ability to sell and serve alcohol in-house by obtaining a liquor license. Michael Lesy of 10 Mountain View Circle is an abutter to the property and expressed concerns about excess noise and drunk driving. Ms. Tourangeau said that it is important to the College to be a good neighbor, and she will be in touch with Mr. Lesy so that he can report specific noise episodes to her office. There was discussion about necessary server training, corporate liability, the all-alcohol licenses held by UMass and Amherst College, and the many layers of approval from the local Police Chief up through the State ABCC on alcohol licensing issues.

**VOTED** 4 – 0, 1 absent (Wald) to approve the New All Alcohol Liquor License – from Sodexo Management, Inc. d/b/a Sodexo Management, Inc. (Red Barn, Hampshire College)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**By consensus**, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

-- Respectfully submitted by Stephanie O'Keeffe