

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Select Board Members: Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden, Stephanie O'Keefe, Diana Stein and Jim Wald
Town Manager: John Musante

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. O'Keefe at 6:31 p.m.

WARRANT ARTICLES MAY 2, 2011 TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 10 – FY 2011 Budget Amendments

Part A. VOTED unanimously to recommend May 2, 2011 Annual Town Meeting Article 10, FY 11 Budget Amendments, as follows: To amend the action taken under Article 9 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting – Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget by increasing the appropriation and the amount to be raised by taxation for Community Services by \$100,000, and to meet such increased appropriation by decreasing the appropriation and the amount to be raised by taxation for Public Safety by \$100,000.

Part B. VOTED unanimously to Recommend Dismissal. Alisa Brewer assigned to speak to the Article on behalf of Select Board at Annual Town Meeting.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESTRICTIONS – Bridge Street, Jenks Street and Market Hill Road

VOTED unanimously to approve and accept the Affordable Housing Restriction granted to the Town by the Amherst Housing Authority pursuant to the vote taken under Article 17B of the May 3, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, as continued, and required by G.L. c. 44B, §12(a) on the following parcels of land:

- A. A parcel of land located at 99 Bridge Street, Amherst, shown as “Parcel 2 Area = 1.910 Acres” on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Amherst, Massachusetts Surveyed for Amherst Housing Authority,” dated October 6, 2003, prepared by Heritage Surveys, Inc., recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 197, Page 96, and being a portion of the premises described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 2868, Page 96 (the “Bridge Street Parcel”);
- B. A parcel of land located on Market Hill Road, and being the premises described in a deed in Book 3547, Page 90 (the “Market Hill Road Parcel”);
- C. A parcel of land located at 43-45 Jenks Street, and being the premises described in a deed in Book 3312, Page 323 (the “43-45 Jenks Street Parcel”);
- D. A parcel of land located at 47-49 Jenks Street, and being the premises described in a deed in Book 3312, Page 321 (the “47-49 Jenks Street Parcel”); and
- E. A parcel of land located at 52-54 Stanley Street, and being the premises described in a deed in Book 3137, Page 87 (the “Stanley Street Parcel”).

SPECIAL LICENSE

Special All Alcoholic Liquor License – Paul Hathaway on behalf of Edible Atoms, Inc. d/b/a Chez Albert

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special All Alcoholic Liquor License to Paul Hathaway on behalf of Edible Atoms, Inc. d/b/a Chez Albert for Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. in the Eric Carle Museum for a Graduation Event Dinner.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

VOTED unanimously to confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Connie Kruger to the Planning Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2013.

PARKING REQUEST – LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOOK SALE

VOTED unanimously to approve the reservation of eight (8) parking spaces from Wednesday, May 4, 2011 through Sunday May 8, 2011 for the Amherst League of Women Voters Book Sale, as follows:

Four (4) spaces along the west side of Boltwood Ave. and four (4) spaces on the south east side of the Spring Street lot Wednesday, May 4, 2011 through Friday, May 6, 2011 and Sunday May 8, 2011 from 8 a.m. through 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Eight (8) spaces along the west side of Boltwood Ave. beginning at the Spring Street heading south towards College Street Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

It was noted that the reservation would not involve the first handicapped space on the south east side of the Spring Street lot to ensure availability of minimum number of spaces.

SELECT BOARD SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

VOTED unanimously to approve the following Select Board meeting dates in July and August: July 18 and July 25; August 8, 22 and 29, with August 22 intended to be a single issue meeting to discuss the Town Manager's annual performance evaluation.

Previously voted meeting dates for June 13 and 27 were also confirmed.

REVISE APPOINTED COMMITTEE HANDBOOK

Ms. Stein to distribute the most recent versions of Section 3 and 4 of the Appointed Committee Handbook, and members should be prepared to deal with those as time allows during pre-Town Meeting Select Board meetings beginning May 4, 2011.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager reported that despite it being a busy party weekend, it was well managed with no major disturbances reported. Mr. Musante praised the coordination and work of the Amherst and UMass Police Departments, administration, local landlords and students.

Gateway Visioning Meetings April 28-30 reported as being successful with the creation of an initial vision for a plan taking shape; noted that many participants began the process skeptical and ended optimistic.

INFORMATION UPDATES FROM SELECT BOARD MEMBERS

It was requested that a motion to approve a Common Victualler's License application for Mission Cantina be added to the May 4, 2011 motion sheet.

Reminder from Ms. O'Keeffe to bring script for Annual Town Meeting, as there will only be the one script distributed, rather than a new one for each session as has been the prior practice.

Discussed possible date for ceremonial swearing in of recently promoted Amherst Fire Department members; June 13, 2011 suggested, as tentative date, noting preference of Town Hall Town Room as site.

Ms. O'Keeffe reported that a ruling had been received from the Attorney General's office, finding that the Select Board had not committed a violation of the Open Meeting Law, as had been alleged by Hwei Ling last fall.

Correction cited for Puffer Pond Breakfast to be held June 4th not 7th, as previously announced.

The details were reported on a reception to be held in honor of Jean Haggerty on May 9, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room on the fifth floor of the Ann Whalen Apartments.

Ms. Brewer reported that the North Amherst Visioning process will take place on Saturday, May 7th beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the North Congregational Church parish hall. It was noted the full schedule and details are available on the Town website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

List of Documents Distributed at the Meeting

2011-05-02 Final Agenda

2011-05-02 Draft Motions

Affordable Housing Restriction

Finance Director Memo Re Article 10 – FY 11 Budget Amendment

Attorney General Determination on 10-11-10 complaint by Hwei Ling Greeney RE Open Meeting Law

Press Release 4-28-11 Amherst Fire Department Achievements

Edible Atoms d/b/a Chez Albert Special Liquor License for 5-21-11 graduation dinner at Eric Carle

Town Manager Memo Re: Planning Board Appointment

Minutes Prepared by John P. Musante and Debra A. Roussel