

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. O'Keeffe at 6:33 p.m.

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Youth Action Coalition Parking Request

VOTED unanimously to approve reservation of eight parking spaces on the east side of the Amity Street Parking lot (that closest to the Cinema) on Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the unveiling of the Youth Action Coalition's Get Up Get Down youth members' mural as part of the Art Walk festivities, blocking both ends of the lot section for safety.

Proclamation - Bay State Bike Week

VOTED unanimously to support the proclamation as presented, and, to proclaim May 20, 2011 as Bike Commute Day in the Town of Amherst.

Bay State Bike Week - Breakfast and Show Parking Request

VOTED unanimously to approve the reservation of thirty-six parking spaces by closure of the Main Street Parking lot on Friday, May 20, 2011 from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. for the Annual Bike Breakfast and Bike Show, allowing for demonstrations of a variety of bicycles and use of the 'Rack and Roll' bike racks on transit buses.

Tapestry Health Parking Request

VOTED unanimously to approve reservation of four parking spaces on the North side of the Spring Street Parking Lot on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. for the Tapestry Health mobile van to provide access to rapid HIV testing to the Amherst community.

Logistical Issues Related to Town Meeting

Article 14 - Reconsideration and Amendment of Community Services Budget

Board reviewed electronic correspondence from resident regarding intent to move for reconsideration and amendment of Community Services Budget for the purpose of opening the War Memorial Pool for this summer. Members acknowledged strong community support, however noted costs to be moved are an approximation and do not include probable capital costs. Understanding of Members was Director of LSSE did not submit an operating budget for the Board's consideration, as the Capital request submitted by the Commission indicated opening was predicated on needed capital improvements. Unknowns include capital repairs, maintenance expense and lack of options for consideration produced noted apprehension. Suggestion for creation of committee to develop short and long term recommendations for Town Manager to include War Memorial Pool and Community Field. Concern noted that larger scale improvements necessary for Community Field may delay people's enjoyment of the pool unnecessarily. In context of budget cuts and state aid uncertainties over the past several years, in addition to need to build up reserves rather than draw from has not allowed inclusion of pool as priority for consideration. Lost time for marketing the pool, hiring lifeguards etc. also brought forth uncertainty about the possibility or wisdom of opening the pool for this year.

VOTED four in favor (Brewer, Hayden, O'Keeffe and Wald), one opposed (Stein), to not recommend reconsideration of the Community Services budget, as will be proposed from the floor at Annual Town Meeting this evening.

VOTED four in favor, one opposed to not recommend motion to increase Community Services budget in the amount of \$65,250.

Article 20 - Community Preservation Act

Board agreed that Ms. O’Keeffe to make motion to postpone consideration of Article 20 – Community Preservation Act to Wednesday, May 11, 2011 per the request of the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC).

Key Information from Town Manager/Select Board

Deferred discussion on New Liquor License Quota to May 16, 2011 agenda, due to time constraints.

Taxi License – Efrain Maldonado Jr. – GOTTA GO TAXI

VOTED unanimously to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffer License for Efrain Maldonado Jr., of 180 Ontario Ave., Holyoke MA with the Gotta Go Taxi Company.

Members requested that the Select Board Office white out drivers’ license numbers, dates of birth and other personal information prior to issuance for packet.

Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the Select Board’s April 20, 2011 meeting, as amended.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

List of Documents Distributed at the Meeting

Agenda 05-09-11
Draft Motions 05-09-11
Bike Commute 2011 Proclamation
Bay State Bike Week Requests
Bay State Bike Breakfast and Show Parking Reservation Map
Tapestry Health Mobile Parking Request
Tapestry Mobil Health Van Parking Map
Youth Action Parking Request
Youth Action Parking Reservation Map
Liquor License Quota Memo
Town Counsel Opinion Re Quota
Liquor License Quota Report
Minutes 4-20-11 draft
Efrain Maldonado Taxi Driver License Application

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