

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Others: Attorney Diane L. Fernald, Praful and Nutal Patal; Rich Spurgin; Carolyn Holstein and Mike Olkin.

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:30 p.m.

Public Hearing – Petition for Transfer and Change of Location - All Alcoholic off-premise Liquor License - South Amherst Liquor Mart to Cousins Market. Public hearing opened at 6:30 p.m. No one from the public offered comment and the public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m. Mr. Musante provided public disclosure of his relationship to **Bartmon**, however noted he had no involvement in liquor license approval process. VOTED unanimously to **approve the Transfer of Ownership** of the All Alcohol Off Premise Liquor License, ABCC License # 2400051, from Laxmikrupa, Inc. d/b/a South Amherst Liquor Mart, 483 West Street, Amherst, MA to Shilpa Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Cousin’s Market, 11 East Pleasant Street Amherst Massachusetts; AND, further, to **approve the Change of Location** for said All Alcohol Off Premise Liquor License, ABCC License #2400051, from the 483 West Street, Amherst, MA location to 11 East Pleasant Street, Amherst MA; said approvals contingent upon the condition that Shilpa Enterprises d/b/a Cousin’s Market, 11 East Pleasant Street Amherst Massachusetts relinquishes their existing Wine and Malt Off Premise Liquor License, ABCC License #2400075 upon approval of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission of tonight’s action.

Taste of Amherst – Parking Reservation and Street Closing

VOTED unanimously to approve the following street closing/parking request from the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual “Taste of Amherst” event:

- To Place “No Parking” bags on parking meters around the perimeter of the Town Common, including the north and south sides of the Spring Street lot for Thursday, June 16, 2011 from noon to 9:00 p.m.; Friday June 17, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 18, 2011 from noon to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday, June 19, 2011 noon to 4:00 p.m., to accommodate Taste vendor parking.
- To Close Boltwood Avenue between Spring Street and Route 9 on Friday, June 17, 2011 and Saturday, June 18, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., peak pedestrian crossing times for the beer and wine tasting.

Districting Advisory Board Update

Board reviewed and agreed without formal vote to support the Proposed Precinct Boundaries for 2011 presented by the Districting Advisory Board. It was suggested a news item be placed on the Town website announcing the Advisory Board’s upcoming meeting to allow the public the opportunity to provide feedback before the final plan is presented to the Board for formal vote on June 13, 2011.

Liquor License Quota Increase

Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

FY 10 Select Board Report

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board Annual Report for FY 2010, as written.

Town Meeting Logistical Issues

Article 24 - Old Landfill Lease

Rich Spurgin presented his intended Article 24 amendments, regarding inclusion of minimum profit thresholds in the Power Purchase Agreement, and the prohibition of solar equipment placement in certain

locations based on 1985 site criteria. Upon discussion, Select Board members opted not to support the amendment. Members cited reasons for opposition included unsubstantiated assumptions in regard to electricity pricing and cap safety; arbitrary financial and environmental standards set, both having negative implications and done outside the larger context of a complex contract; and that they decreased the likelihood of negotiating a successful deal for the Town.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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

List of Documents Distributed at Meeting

Application Package for a Transfer and Change of Location of All Alcohol Off Premise Liquor License from Laxmikrupa, Inc. d/b/a South Amherst Liquor Mart to Shilpa Enterprises d/b/a Cousins Market

Proposed Precinct Boundaries for 2011 Report from Chair of Districting Advisory Board dated May 13, 2011

Precinct Boundary Descriptions approved by the Districting Advisory Board on May 5, 2011.

Map of Current Voting Precincts dated May 13, 2011

Map of DAB Endorsed Voting Precincts dated May 13, 2011

Map of each Precinct with Proposed Precinct Boundaries Outlined dated May 13, 2011f

Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce Correspondence requesting parking reservation and street closing for Annual Taste of Amherst; Approval by Chiefs of Police and Fire and DPW Superintendent.

Correspondence from John Fox dated May 12, 2011 regarding intent to amend Town Meeting Article #29.

Draft of Select Board 2010 Annual Report

Email from Assistant to Town Manager regarding change in Amherst's quota for liquor licenses.

Email from Town Counsel regarding questions on liquor licenses

Town of Amherst Liquor License Quota Report