

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Logistics of Town Meeting

Jim Wald advised the Board of dates he would be absent. Board agreed without formal vote for Aaron Hayden to speak to *Article 28 – Duplexes* and Diana Stein to speak on Article 33-35 Accessory Livestock.

To take under consideration John Fox's proposed amendment to *Article 29 Zoning Amendment – Residential Parking Requirements* under logistics of Town Meeting on agenda of May 23, 2011.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager reported on plans for a Wednesday Farmers Market at the southern end of Kendrick Park from mid June to late November. A formal application for use of the park has been received and a letter has gone out to potential vendors. A request for reservation of parking spaces will be forthcoming to the Board.

Mr. Musante reported on ongoing discussions regarding the Crocker Farm After-School Program, noting no formal decision had been made. Board Members acknowledged contact from concerned residents on the subject.

Mr. Musante reported on the release of the Senate Ways and Means Budget, which conforms to the funding Joint Resolution for local aid, as expected.

Mr. Musante reported on a meeting with the Chair of the LSSE Commission, and LSSE and DPW staff. A consensus was reached to recommend against opening of the War Memorial Pool this summer. He reported that individuals felt they could not safely and responsibly recommend opening the pool with the number of outstanding public safety issues, which included lack of running water due to construction of the new restroom; leaks along the gutter line; issues with drain covers; heaving of the decking creating tripping hazards; in addition to concern about ability to recruit skilled/trained lifeguards at this late date. The full Commission will meet and forward a formal recommendation to Town Manager Musante.

Ms. O'Keeffe reported that she was participating in a Campus and Community Coalition panel presentation at the Northeast Regional Town Gown Roundtable meeting on June 7th in Worcester.

Liquor License Quota Increase

Board agreed without formal vote that this meeting would serve to announce availability of an on-premise wine and malt license, made available as a result of the increase in population in the 2010 Census resulting in an increase in the quota. It was also agreed that because there may be pent up demand for this license, the Board will consider proposals at their July 18, 2011 meeting. Members questioned whether a detailed letter of interest for consideration by the Board might suffice as an alternative to ABCC's full application, which may entail legal and other costs that might not be reasonable to expect an applicant to incur on speculation. Members noted uncertainty as to need for formal legal advertisement, or a simple notice of availability posted to the Town website. Ms. O'Keeffe agreed to explore with the office what form proposals might take and also what form of advertising the availability of such a license would be practical. She agreed to bring details back to the full Board in June for further discussion. It was agreed

that such details, once approved, would become the basis of a policy for availability of liquor licenses. It was also agreed that Town Counsel opinion would be sought prior to adoption of any formal policy.

Special Liquor Licenses

Special All Alcoholic Liquor License – Brenda Ryan-Newton on behalf of UMass Amherst

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special All Alcoholic Liquor Licenses for Brenda Ryan-Newton, on behalf of UMass Amherst on the following dates, campus locations, times and purposes, as noted: May 20, 2011 Reception on Goodell Library Lawn from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. and May 21, 2011 Reception on Goodell Library Lawn from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Committee Handbook

Members agreed without formal vote to be prepared at the next meeting to specifically amend or vote to approve Section 3 and further, to discuss Section 4 of the Appointed Committee Handbook.

Meeting Adjourned 7:19 p.m.

List of Documents Distributed at Meeting

All Alcoholic Application and Recommendation for UMass Amherst Special License May 20 – 21, 2011.

Handout for Draft Revisions for Section 3.2 Chair of Appointed Committee Handbook.

Notice to Amherst Farmers of Opportunity for Wednesday Farmers Market

Vision for After School Programming for Amherst Elementary Schools.

Correspondence to Crocker Afterschool Program owner Kathy Edgell dated May 16, 2011

Save Crocker Care Flyer

Correspondence from Crocker Care Afterschool Program to Parents/Guardians dated May 13, 2011.

Email from Resident Gerry Weiss Regarding Possible Closure of Crocker Care Program

Email from Town Manger to Select Board regarding Senate Ways and Means FY 12 Budget

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