

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Select Board Members: Stephanie O’Keeffe, Aaron Hayden, Diana Stein and Alisa Brewer

Absent: Jim Wald

Town Manager John P. Musante

Other: Superintendent of Public Works Guilford Mooring; Public Works Committee Members Steve Braun and Charles Moran; resident John Fox.

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

Public Way Approvals

VOTED Four in Favor (O’Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to approve the traffic calming measures for Lincoln Ave., Sunset Ave. and McClellan Street, as shown on the plan dated May 18, 2011; implementation to occur with resurfacing of Sunset and McClellan during 2011 paving season and on Lincoln during the 2012 paving season.

VOTED Four in Favor (O’Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to approve the Spring Street Parking Lot improvements as Shown on the plan dated Feb 2, 2011.

VOTED Four in Favor (O’Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to approve the Proposed Crosswalk for South East Street to the Common, as shown on the plan dated June 14, 2010.

Town Meeting Logistical Issues

VOTED Four in Favor (O’Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to recommend Article 22 – Free Cash, in the amount of \$65,250 for War Memorial Pool. Discussion stressed the Board’s intention to do everything in its power to open the pool in June of 2012, including further appropriations as necessary at the Fall Town Meeting to achieve.

Mr. Fox presented to speak in favor of an amendment he intended to present for *Article 29 – Zoning Amendment – Residential Parking Requirements*, arguing that that infill development was not a goal of the Master Plan; preservation of residential character was noted as a priority of the Gateway visioning; no plan to replace phased growth bylaw was in place; and, there was no urgency to adopt, proposing the Town wait until Fall Town Meeting and present in combination with an overlay district. Ms. O’Keeffe agreed with encouraging density in densest area, R-G; two spaces required presently too onerous. Article was initiated because current regs encourage unnecessary cars, paving. Ms. Brewer noted infill development not necessarily student rentals. Mr. Hayden questioned what Town Meeting vote in 2009 accomplished related to reduction of parking requirements. Mr. O’Keeffe noted strong disagreement that Article 29 intent to reduce number of parking spaces would encourage infill development; requires all parking on paved surfaces, which reduces minimum number, but increases parking requirement if occupancy greater than one person. VOTED Three in Favor (Hayden, Brewer, O’Keeffe) One opposed (Stein) and One Absent (Wald) to recommend Article 29 without John Fox’s amendment, which proposed removal of the R-G district in the area included in the reduction of the minimum parking spaces required per dwelling unit. Majority sentiment was that the Fox amendment gutted the intent of the proposed change. Minority sentiment was that the Fox amendment would prevent additional unwanted infill development in R-G and stay true to the sentiments expressed in the Gateway visioning process.

Cultural Survival Bazaar – Parking Reservation

VOTED Four in Favor (O’Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to approve the reservation of ten (10) meter bags on the West Side of Boltwood Avenue originating at Spring Street

intersection, moving towards College Street for vendor use for Cultural Survival's 6th Annual Bazaar on the South Common from 8 a.m. Friday, May 27, 2011 through 8 p.m. Monday, May 30, 2011.

Special Wine and Malt Liquor Licenses –

VOTED Four in Favor (O'Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to authorize issuance of a Wine and Malt Special License to Tony Maroulis on behalf of Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Taste of Amherst to be held on the grounds of Amherst College 5 to 9 p.m., Thursday, June 16, 2011; 5-10 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2011; 4-10 p.m. Saturday, June 18, 2011 and 12-4 p.m. Sunday, June 19, 2011.

VOTED Four in Favor (O'Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to authorize issuance of a Wine and Malt Special License to Steve Angel on behalf of River Valley Co-op, Northampton for a Wedding Reception to be held at the Eric Carle Museum, 125 West Bay Road, Amherst from 5-11 p.m. on May 28, 2011.

Appointment

VOTED Four in Favor (O'Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to approve the appointment of Ron Bell, 60 Grantwood Drive, Amherst to the Personnel Board for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

VOTED Four in Favor (O'Keeffe, Hayden, Stein and Brewer) with One Absent (Wald) to approve the appointment of Miriam (Colly) Jagger, 109 Spencer Drive, Amherst to the Amherst Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2013.

Review of draft minutes and Appointed Committee Handbook revisions postponed to future meeting, due to lack of time. Members to bring copies of draft minutes and revised sections distributed for this evening to next meeting.

It was noted that if Town Meeting adjourned this evening, the Board would not need to meet Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

List of Documents Distributed at the Meeting

Cultural Council Recommendation for Appointment
Citizen Petition Regarding Traffic Calming Requested on Public Ways
Cross Section of Spring Street Parking Lot
Cultural Survival Bazaar Parking Request and Map
DPW Recommendations to Select Board 05-18-11
Appointed Committee Handbook Section 4
Invitation for July 4, 2011 Parade
Letter to Appoint Ron Bell to Personnel Board
Speed Hump Locations Proposed
Recommendations from Public Works Committee
South East Street Cross Walk
South Pleasant Street Plan
River Valley Coop Special License Application 05/28/11
Taste of Amherst Special License Application 06/16-19/11
Spring Street Parking Plan
Weekday Farmers Market Application for Kendrick Park

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