

**Minutes**  
**Amherst Select Board**  
**4 April 2011**

**Present:**

Select Board: O’Keeffe, Brewer, Hayden, Stein, Wald

(Ms. Brewer arrived late; Ms. Stein left early)

Town Manager: John Musante

Library Trustees: Sarah McKee, Emily Lewis, Christopher Hoffmann, Michael Wolff

Appearances noted below at the appropriate points.

**Chair O’Keeffe convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.**

**JOINT MEETING WITH LIBRARY TRUSTEES TO ELECT A NEW TRUSTEE TO FILL THE VACANCY OF MS. WANG**

Chair O’Keeffe explained the procedure.

The three candidates made personal statements of intent, answered questions, and then offered closing remarks. All cited personal experience and dedication to the cause of libraries as well as more direct practical or professional experience.

**Opening statement, Richard Fein**

Mr. Fein called the Jones Library “one of the treasures of our community”: providing invaluable resources and services. He presented himself as able to offer the particular skills of both the author and the businessman: “I have published 9 books, some of which were bestsellers.” He cited previous board experience as Vice President at Congregation B’nai Israel in Northampton as good preparation. He moreover suggested that his personality would be well suited to the tasks: He often takes “a point of view that is often not of the majority, at least not in the beginning,” and is able to “uphold a minority view” while working for consensus. In summary, he would bring to the job writing and management skills and a view of the world conducive to both debate and cooperation.

**Opening statement, Carl Erikson**

Mr. Erikson stressed relevant governance experience and the idea of service: “I have used libraries all my life, sometimes greedily, . . . and it’s time for payback.” He cited a background in law and many years in nonprofit finance, boards and administration. A library, he said,

"creates a center of knowledge and understanding," especially in a world of so much information.

### **Opening statement, Austin Sarat**

Identifying himself as an Amherst College professor of legal studies, he quipped that, for an academic to have short time to speak "is a form of cruel and unusual punishment."

"One of your members said to me tonight, 'what form of insanity brings you forward'?"

He answered, "the name of that insanity is: love."

- 1) Love of the book: "what happens to books in the age of information technology," "when its acquisition budget is under stress and strain"?
- 2) Love of the library itself: "Our libraries are more than libraries: they're community centers." A library is "a great challenge and a great opportunity" for the community. We need to think of the challenge of information technology.
- 3) Love of the public: What does it mean to grapple with this, "some would say interesting, I would say, complicated, financial structure"? What would he bring to the job? "Respect." To be a trustee is to be an ethnographer: one needs to talk to staff at all branches, plus talk to ordinary citizens. One needs "to rationalize and help promote the development of the library." The task involves "preservation" "but also the desire to innovate." We need to "think more about the productive ways that the library can be connected to the arts and the historical community."

He cited a decade of experience on the Zoning Board of Appeals and in various offices associated with the Common School.

### **Dialogue With the Trustees and Select Board**

[Many of us noted that others have already asked our original questions/covered that ground in other ways.]

**Question, Trustee President Sarah McKee:** Where do you want to see the public libraries five years from now, and what actions would be necessary to get us there?

### **Answers**

-**Mr. Sarat:** He has read the 5-year plan, and it is good, but it cannot be allowed to sit on shelf. E.g. is there an implementation committee for the strategic plan? He would like to see library even more accessible; continue to raise staff morale; maintain and refurbish the facility.

**-Mr. Erikson:** Although he has done some digging, he does not feel he knows all the ins and outs, though that is what he had focused on, to date. A certain amount of financial reorganization seems to be in order. He had the “feeling that the finances have been a little ad hoc.” However, he is a bit skeptical of all such grand plans. He would like to get the public more involved in determining the future of the library. He would like to see it as about more than just books: a real community center.

**-Mr. Fein:** The 5-year plan is great, “in fact the best five-year plan I’ve ever seen.” But “the nature of books is going to change.” How do you maintain a sense of community when people are not physically present in same place? The financial situation: money comes from town, and will continue to be tight. There is in addition the trust fund: we need to build the capital.

**Question, Ms. Stein:** How do we enhance the finances?

#### **Answers**

**-Mr. Erikson:** There is no special answer, though he would probably start with grants, but that’s getting tighter, too. He considers fundraising events a mixed blessing: the actual benefit is sometimes questionable, though they clearly build community.

**-Mr. Sarat:** Four thoughts:

- 1) Use the Amherst Cinema gala as model (admittedly, complex)
- 2) Many people have no idea that the Library might be a good recipient of gifts. We need to publicize that opportunity.
- 3) Fundraising dinners with authors: “one of the members of this panel has written several bestsellers, so maybe we could start with him” (laughter)
- 4) He would like to see the new President of Amherst College approach the Trustees with some ideas about financing the Library.

**-Mr. Fein:**

At B’nai Israel, they used an easy, zero-risk fundraising method: scrip, i.e. purchase and resell store gift cards from local grocery stores. This easily raised c. \$ 40,000/year.

**Question, Trustee Emily Lewis:** How does each of you see a well-functioning group?

## **Answers**

### **-Mr. Fein:**

His sense from the minutes is that members are very dedicated, but committee structure and sequence of actions are unclear: "We need some clarity of goals, but also of execution." The board should not feel that all burden falls upon it: use resources of town, e.g. Eisenberg School of Management students have been very good at providing assistance to various groups. He also noted that some employees have unrealistic expectations.

### **-Mr. Erikson:**

Key traits are respect for one another, a willingness to "put ideas on the table without a lot of political baggage." He seconded Mr. Fein's call for clear goals. And he, too, has had good luck in bringing outsiders in (for participation and public education about mission as well as in search of assistance). Another idea; more use of email to communicate with public.

### **-Mr. Sarat:**

"On every board that I have been on, there is a tendency toward what I call mission creep." One therefore needs "clarity about the norms by which business is conducted" above and beyond the rules. Trust is built more through listening than speaking. A board has to remember in every part of what it does that its job is fundamentally to preserve and protect the long-term good of the organization that it serves.

**Question, Mr. Hayden:** What is the role of the trustees in all of those areas?

## **Answers**

**-Mr. Sarat:** The key is the "fiduciary role." Trustees need to be "good and effective workers in the processes of town government" and "ambassadors for the library." They need to stimulate thought "even in areas in which they have no jurisdictional authority" (see above on the distinction that he made.) However, they need to be clear as to where that authority lies and what it entails: "the board are outsiders to the library"—not professional staff.

**-Mr. Fein** cited the web site: the goal is to ensure that services effectively reach the community. How do we measure that? We need a central goal, so as to avoid straying from main path. Plus there is the immediate need to hire a new director: we "need to sit down and very carefully delineate" the responsibilities so that once he or she is hired, "we will be there not in oversight, but in support." He clarified this latter to mean: "We don't look over people's shoulders." "It is not putting your head in every nook and cranny of the library; that's the job of the director.

**-Mr. Erikson:** "Trustees are trustees": "leaders" "thinking far ahead," "protecting what you have," "supporting staff," and "setting goals." A lot "is about implementation," he has found, through his work as a volunteer shelver—"all of which adds up to very important information."

**Question, Trustee Christopher Hoffmann:** How to determine what the public desires?

### **Answers**

**-Mr. Erikson:** Ask staff to identify some of most frequent visitors, have conversations with them. He, too, mentioned email. Ms. McKee told or reminded him that there were limits on the use of some information from that source or questionnaires.

**-Mr. Sarat:** Use Town Meeting as a base for a start. Further: lots of people also don't use library; we need to find out why.

**-Mr. Fein** noted that he had done a lot of outreach in professional work for both nonprofits and business

"I'd like to leverage my time": go to groups whose input one desires, have THEM organize the meeting

**Question, Mr. Wald:** Given the transition from print to new media, what do you think about digital rights & finances, e.g. with regard to collection development choices, the increasingly aggressive policies of some publishers (e.g. HarperCollins capping the number of ebook loans, etc.)

### **Answers**

**-Mr. Fein:** That's not the job of the trustees or library. "We have bigger fish to fry. Smaller fish to fry? Smaller fish to fry." We should be on the lookout for these questions, so we can direct library staff to address it.

**-Mr. Sarat:** It's an important issue: The board can't ignore, but a question of how to deal with it.

1) A good board should be involved in a continual self-education process.

2) Something not in the five-year plan that we need to think about is "the reinvention of the library." The long-term health of the library—especially for those not comfortable with the physical place—requires thinking about that.

**Question, Trustee Michael Wolff:**

- 1) What would you cut if you had to cut something?
- 2) Regarding the physical plant: "I think particularly of a rather large and forbidding room on the first floor" [he means basement "Large Meeting Room"]

**Answers**

**-Mr. Sarat:**

Physical plant: a lot of work needs to be done around the entrances—they are "not particularly welcoming"; difficult to navigate. Deferred maintenance and greening are also urgent priorities.

Cuts: one needs to worry about maintaining collections (thinking most about what to avoid cutting).

**-Mr. Fein** applauded the prioritized list of cuts and restorations in the 5-year plan. "Cuts are never fun" –and it's hard to know what to do even when one does have money. You "need to put money aside for maintenance: it is SO boring, people forget to do it." But if you take care of it now, it won't be a problem later. "Are you more concerned in the long run with the size of the collection or the physical plant?" that's the crucial question. "Most of the budget is not under our control." He would need to spend a lot of time with budget and staff in order to come up with precise answers.

**-Mr. Erikson** seemed to take the question about the downstairs meeting room as involving lower-floor stacks, creating reading space, etc.

**Question, Ms. Brewer:** Praised the unusually thorough preparation and knowledge of all candidates and expressed the hope that all stay engaged. Based on her service on various Town bodies, she has found that each has a different relationship to the chief employee (e.g. Town Manager, School Superintendent, Library Director).

The question, then: "Who gets to decide" relations with staff? The Library Director is permanent, whereas trustees change.

**Answers**

**-Mr. Erikson:** His experience elsewhere was that staff came to trustee meetings to share information.

("If the director feels a part of the trustees rather than some confrontational position". . .)

**-Mr. Sarat:** The Director is "responsible for day-to-day operations of the library," is "hired by the board, supported by the board, and evaluated by the board." One can run into real problems if trustees "don't respect lines of communication." Who gets to decide depends on the question: e.g. endowment (trustees), staffing (Director). The best system is "one where there is an honest flow of info from the director." It is important for the Director to know the staff, but it is not the job of trustees to go to staff to determine how the Director is doing unless it is part of a formal evaluation.

**-Mr. Fein:** "We hire a director for a purpose"—running a library—and I don't want to make staff think they have more than one boss." The task is oversight, not day-to-day supervision. "You hire a director to direct . . . I would kind of want to be a trustee from 10,000 feet." Otherwise, the situation is just like the main problem in the schools: we don't let the teachers teach.

**Question, Chair O'Keeffe:**

In many ways, the school and library budgets are separate from that of town, yet we are all working from the same pool of resources: thus, for example, their joint representation on BCG and JCPC. "So how do you see the balance between advocating for your own area and collaborating for the larger picture?"

**Answers**

**-Mr. Fein** averred that this was the only question tonight he has never thought about. Despite the similarity to schools, the general public does not go to a school to borrow a book.

(Both he and the next respondent seemed to have misunderstood the question as pertaining to "school libraries" rather than "schools," as such.)

**-Mr. Erikson:** "Ultimately, the citizens are the bosses, and if they want to build new streets rather than repair the library [throws up hands], then they're the bosses." (The rest of the answer suggested that he was not familiar with some of the intricacies of our budget, such as level funding and the rationale behind prioritized cuts and restorations.)

**-Mr. Sarat:** "If the trustees don't advocate for the library, who will?" "If the trustees advocate too stridently, who will listen to them?" The secret to the proper balance lies in a combination of communication plus education. "Conflict in itself is not bad": one simply has to advocate in

such a way that one is listened to. "In every act," one has to act "in what I would call a public-spirited way."

Chair O'Keeffe summarized: "This has been such a wonderful exchange."

### **Closing Statements**

-**Mr. Erikson** stated that he had "enjoyed enormously answering your questions." Referring to his background in nonprofits and the arts: "I can only underline the fact that I have actually participated in libraries as more than just a patron."

-**Mr. Sarat** observed that the role of trustee is "both a very burdensome and a very exciting one"; both the challenges and the opportunities are great. "To be a good trustee, you have to be willing to take more than your share of responsibility and less than your share of credit."

-**Mr. Fein** commented on the "different operating theories among the three of us": "not to be involved in the minutiae," not to have the employees feel that someone is looking over their shoulder; "to deal with the broader policy issues."

### **Votes**

McKee: Sarat

Hoffmann: Sarat

Brewer: Sarat

Stein: Sarat

O'Keeffe: Sarat

Wald: Sarat

Hayden: Sarat

Wolff: Erikson

Lewis: Sarat

Chair O'Keeffe closed by reminding us that the term, because it is a form of special election, to fill a vacancy, runs only for 1 year. She concluded by joking, "and the question is: "How come none of you ran in the election?"

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The regular Select Board meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

### **ELECTION OF SB OFFICERS**

Chair O’Keeffe explained the custom of holding the ballot after town elections.

Mr. Musante conducted the vote for Chair.

Ms. Stein nominated, Mr. Hayden seconded, and **voted, unanimously to re-elect Ms. O’Keeffe as Chair.**

It was further agreed to **continue practice of rotating the position of Vice Chair each month.** As Ms. Brewer summarized, “it’s weird, but it works.”

Ms. Stein moved, Mr. Wald seconded, **voted unanimously to elect Mr. Hayden as Clerk.**

Ms. Brewer reminded us and explained for the benefit of the viewing audience that this involves the role of official signer of documents—not taking minutes, which continues to rotate among the members.

### **CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR POTENTIAL/PENDING LEGISLATION (2 ITEMS)**

**Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution** (proposal from Recycling and Refuse Management Committee)

**Appearances:** Recycling Coordinator Susan Waite; Committee members Meg Vickery, Lucy McMurrer

The Committee members and Recycling Coordinator explained the logic and historical context of this environmental resolution.

The aim of an “extended producer responsibility”—EPR—resolution, Ms. Vickery explained, is to extend the useful life of products as far as possible. The goal is to provide producers with an incentive to design more sustainable and recyclable products. (Electronics are a prime target.)

As Ms. McMurrer explained, this is not a new concept. See for example, the Clean Water and Air Acts. At the state level, one can point to paint stewardship legislation in California (it has been estimated that 10% would otherwise be thrown away otherwise); our own Massachusetts bottle bill, and a recent mercury law (though weak). Some firms have already

voluntarily adopted such policies, e.g. Best Buy. Our own SB supported something of this sort in 2003. The idea is taking care of a "cradle to grave" product.

As Ms. Waite put it, measures such as this turn the responsibility back to the manufacturer. In the early 1900s, garbage was mostly animal waste and minerals. Today, most of our waste is packaging; focus here is on e-waste but this also reinforces concept as whole. To date, 20 states have passed such bills, including neighboring Maine, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. (see document)

Ms. Stein: Will retailers be required to take products back?

Waite: There are various options, ranging from physical return to financial compensation or mitigating environmental consequences.

Stein: Then what, e.g. if sent to third world?

Waite: A good question, but watchdog groups are working on this. Again the key concept=motivate better, safer design.

Mr. Wald noted that this sort of legislation is nothing new, and in fact, very much the rule in western Europe.

Ms. Brewer: regarding the language urging town to act "where feasible": any problem there?

Mr. Musante: no problem, as it is merely advisory

Mr. Hayden: The goals are good, but how do we serve notice to the Commonwealth?

Chair O'Keeffe: It helps to follow up.

Waite: The point is to convey to the legislature our community support.

**Action:**

Stein moved, Hayden seconded, and **voted unanimously to support the Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution proposed by the Recycling and Refuse Management Committee**, text as posted online.

## **"Act to Invest in Our Communities" (=Progressive State Income Tax)**

**Appearances:** Max Page Vice President , PHENOM (Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts)

This legislation is now in House and Senate: H2553 S1416.

Point 1: Professor Page explained how the fiscal crisis resulted from regressive legislation. One reason that people complain about taxes is because they are so regressive. This is a simple measure that would enhance both revenues and fairness, but it would require a constitutional change. It would return the rate to its former 5.9% (vs. current 5.3) but increase the exemption, so as to increase progressivity (would ameliorate though not reverse). It has the potential to bring in an additional \$1.2 billion per year at the current rate.

Point 2: We traditionally had different tax rate for interest income and capital gains. This rate would increase to 8.5% (with a targeted exemption for seniors).

Mr. Hayden: What about the effect on business for whom capital gains reflect growth?

Prof. Page: This legislation retains the lower rate for investments in smaller Massachusetts companies.

### **Action:**

Brewer moved, Hayden seconded, and **voted unanimously to support "An Act to Invest in Our Communities," (current bill numbers House -- H2553 and Senate -- S1416)**, legislation that will allow the Commonwealth to invest in our community by making the tax system more fair and equitable, as described in materials provided by the Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts (PHENOM) Vice President, Max Page, dated March 12, 2011.

### **Action:**

Chair O'Keefe agreed to **create letters conveying the Select Board support** for the EPR Resolution and progressive income tax proposal to our legislators and other legislators as appropriate.

## **BUDGET UPDATES**

**BCG** (see summary points in the documentation) (Chair O'Keefe)

Interspersed are the highest priorities of the individual budgets (see sheet)

One important recommendation: if actual revenue proves higher than anticipated, that money would go to reserves did serve as well.

See the Memorandum to BCG from John Musante, Tevis Kimball, and Maria Geryk of 1 April: (separate sheet)

Calendar: We are expecting the House to take up the budget around April 13-23, which will give us a hint before the Finance Committee gets down to work on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Chair O’Keeffe linked this subject to the preceding conversation, reminding us that this is the fourth year of such cuts, and citing Mr. Musante’s charts, showing that we are around 2000 levels in real dollars.

Ms. Brewer noted that the memo and its documents are not entirely clear, e.g. why list Library certification separately?

Mr. Musante: Originally, the list had included the certification in addition to the base.

He reminded us that the list on p. 3 beyond \$ 690,000 is a prioritized list.

Chair O’Keeffe underscored point that it has been to our advantage to have our priorities set early.

## **JCPC**

Ms. Stein noted that we (JCPC) did not meet last week because our priorities were already set. But felt need to speak yet again about the inability to replace two school doors, which she considers a great setback for energy conservation, health, and safety.

Chair O’Keeffe noted that, despite her traditional reluctance to tax to the levy capacity, this is not possible now. She realizes and accepts this.

## **WARRANT**

Action: decision whether to support; assignment of SB speakers to these items at Town Meeting.

Voted unanimously to recommend the following:

- Article 1: Reports of Boards and Committees: Stein

- Article 2: Transfer of Funds/Unpaid Bills (if there are any unpaid bills, or to support dismissal if there aren't): Stein
- Article 3: Optional Tax Exemptions: (for seniors etc.): Stein  
(motion on 1-3: O'Keeffe; second: Hayden)
- Article 4: Local Acceptance of Senior Work-Off Abatement by Proxy (MGL work-off (allowing one senior to serve for another who needs the abatement but cannot do the work for him- or herself—a one-time thing): Stein  
(motion: Stein; second: Hayden)
- Article 9: Compensating Balance Agreements (allows treasurer to seek better interest-bearing accounts. never invoked, but provides flexibility): Stein
- Article 11: Retirement Assessment (required by membership in session): Brewer
- Article 12: Regional Lockup Assessment: Brewer  
(motion on 9-12: Stein; second: Hayden)

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Regarding the first two items—the **solar project** on the old landfill and the **Road Improvement Plan** schedule—Mr. Musante observed, “2011 is really shaping up to be a year of inconvenient truths for the Town of Amherst.” The climate-change predictions of 1980s were far too low. Now we “need to act locally to take concrete steps to reverse the effects of global warming.”

- **Solar array:** Mr. Musante reviewed the plan and its benefits. It will provide enough electricity to power town buildings and schools. It will eliminate 6000 tons of carbon, or the equivalent of that produced by 1200 cars, and have potential to save \$25 million or more over 30 years. He reminded the public of a meeting for presentation and (mainly) conversation: Wednesday, at Fort River School.

(Further reminder: The warrant article simply allows the Town Manager to enter into negotiations for a lease of more than 3 years—as required by law.)

- **Road Improvement Plan:** Our roads have undergone serious deterioration over the last 15-20 years. We have now gotten favorable bids—which will allow us to start incorporating some of the “complete streets” features recommended by Public Works and Public Transportation Committees (e.g. bus pull-offs, bike lanes, etc. (NB when possible; sometimes more complex, requiring major design effort).

He further provided a weekly schedule of work through early May.

Chair O’Keeffe, in an extended question about whether any further input from us is needed?

Answer: “We’re making a really good faith effort to get started.”

Ms. Brewer expressed her thanks for press releases, doing better at keeping the public informed.

### **Regionalization:**

**-Emergency Dispatch:** The various locales are not quite ready to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), but making good progress. We are still hoping South Hadley (notes their unusually complex structure/division of authority) will join, making a group of 5 contiguous communities. We are in addition talking to UMass, though their condition for participation is that it be located at their new center and they run it. The Town Manager and his two Chiefs concluded that this would not fit (which does not contradict the good and growing relationship with the University, including security). We hope for MOA later this spring, and can then start to access pre-construction grants from Commonwealth. We expect that the process will take about two years from start to completion.

**-Public Health:** Referred us to an earlier mention of grant prospects. We will explore possibilities ranging from shared services to going to new plan

### **Recent and Upcoming**

Mr. Musante noted “a particularly busy weekend,” especially on the Fire Dept. and EMS side due to events at Mullins Ctr. c. 1 call every 40 min. (mostly drugs and alcohol), required use of mutual aid partners from surrounding towns while our forces are tied up. He promised to work closely with the University as we go forward. Ms. Brewer expressed gratitude that the University is now taking responsibility for the Mullins Center.

-Olympia Oaks affordable housing grant: HAP got \$ 95,000 for preliminary planning.

-Finance Committee for FY13: The preliminary recommendation is for 3.8% growth, projected. These revised figures would lead to a projected gap of only around \$ 250,000.

## COMMITTEES

Mr. Wald announced the passing of **Historical Commission** Clerk and former head of the Hampshire College Library Gai Carpenter. The Select Board expressed surprise and sadness at the news.

**-Agricultural Commission:** Ms. Stein reported on overwhelmingly enthusiastic response to Future of Food in Amherst event here last Thursday (will be on ACTV). Chair O'Keeffe, who also attended, noted the relation to the larger discussion on the **Conservation Commission** about possible farming on public conservation land.

In relation to the foregoing, Mr. Wald announced the backyard chicken coop tour at John Gerber's home (10 April) as it pertains to the upcoming zoning and general bylaw amendments on urban farming, to be presented to Town Meeting.

**-Energy Task Force:** Ms. Stein announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sustainability Festival (23 April) and Daffodil Fun Run (May 1) for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, which ceased to receive **CDBG** funding this year. She noted that she attended **Kendrick Park** design meeting.

-Further: the **Audit Committee** is also at work. Mr. Musante supplemented this report by explaining that it was another clean audit: there were no material weaknesses; the few problems are minor and easily resolved. He thanked Controller Sonia Aldrich and her staff (also for the internal audit, which he called "in a municipal setting, highly unusual but appropriate). He closed by reminding us of our positive bond rating:

-Ms. Brewer reported that the **Housing Partnership** and **Leisure Services** about to meet again, and will convey to Town Manager their recommendations on the Hawthorne property.

-**CDC** is looking at a draft charge

Chair O'Keeffe noted the frequent positive feedback about Ms. Brewer's facilitation of the public meeting on Hawthorne.

-Mr. Hayden: **ARA** will begin stakeholder meetings on Gateway in mid-month, followed by public meetings.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. O'Keeffe attended the UM off-campus housing fair. Health Director Julie Federman was likewise there, with a brochure and other materials, and is making plans for next year.

Ms. O'Keeffe met with the new student government president, Yevin Roh. He talked about his plans while in office, and she answered his questions regarding Town government; further: provided Town contact information and links to League publications "Your Amherst Government" and Town Meeting Handbook."

## **UNTIMED ITEMS**

- The Select Board agreed, without voting, to **sign the 5/2/11 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

- **Annual Parking Request for Sustainability Festival**

Stein moved, Hayden seconded, voted unanimously to approve the reservation of twenty two (22) metered spaces on the west side Boltwood Avenue from Spring Street to College Street on April 23, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Amherst Sustainability Festival.

- **TAXI LICENSES**

- Safari Transit Company**

Stein moved, Hayden seconded, voted unanimously to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License for Elly Tuti, 351 Pleasant Street, Suite 180, Northampton, MA 01060 with the Safari Transit Company.

[Ms. Stein departed after this vote, because of the late hour.]

- Green Transportation Company**

Brewer moved, Hayden seconded, voted 4-0 (Stein absent) to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License for Charles White, 62 Kimball Street, Belchertown, MA with the Green Transportation Company.



### **Green Cab Company**

Brewer moved, Hayden seconded, voted 4-0 (Stein absent) to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License for Alan Rulewich, 375 West Mount Road, Bernardston, MA with Green Cab Company.

### **Tik Tak Taxi**

Brewer moved, Hayden seconded, voted 4-0 (Stein absent) to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License for Christopher Blake, 1 Edgehill Place, Amherst, MA for Tik Tak Taxi.

## **• LIQUOR LICENSES**

### **Special Wine & Malt Liquor License – Nathan Day doing business as R&P Liquors for Hampshire College**

Brewer moved, Hayden seconded, **voted 4-0 (Stein absent) to approve the Special Wine & Malt Liquor License** to Nathan Day doing business as R&P Liquors for Hampshire College, Amherst, MA for Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. on the Library Lawn for concessions for Spring Jam.

### **Special Wine & Malt Liquor License – John Davis for Hampshire College**

Brewer moved, Hayden seconded, **voted 4-0 (Stein absent) to approve the Special Wine & Malt Liquor License** to John Davis doing business as Sodexo for Hampshire College, Amherst, MA for Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 8 a.m. – 12:00 midnight at the Robert Crown Center for a banquet event.

## **• APPOINTMENTS**

### **Human Rights Commission**

Voted 4-0, 1 absent (Stein) appoint Gregory Bascomb, 8 Chadwick Court, Amherst, MA to the Human Rights Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2013

**ADJOURNED: 9:57 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,  
James Wald

## **Documents**

2011-03-31 BCG summary

DRAFT Warrant ATM050211

EPR info

Exemptions Memo to SB

Library Trustee Vacancy

Parking Reservation Request

Press Release - Solar Project at Landfill

Proposed EPR resolution

Recommendation

Reorganization

Safari Taxi License Renewal

Select Board AHA Restriction letter

Solar public information meeting

Special License

Taxi Drivers License applications

<http://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenterii.aspx?FID=665>