

## MINUTES

Meeting Called to order: 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Ms. O’Keeffe, Mr. Wald, Ms. Stein, Mr. Hayden and Ms. Brewer; Mr. Musante.

### **Public Comment:**

Gretchen Fox expressed her concerns about DCAM's communication and process related to 93 Fearing Street.

### **Meter Bagging Request: Lieberman’s Textbook Buyback Company**

The Board agreed without formal vote that the Lieberman Books textbook buyback meter request not be considered precedent-setting by the SB; rather it is a continuation of a past agreement with this vendor until the SB has a real policy regarding charging for-profit entities for meter bagging. Board requested the Town Manager ensure the Lieberman Books meter bagging and fee is handled by the Collectors Office and that the Parking Enforcement folks are notified.

VOTED Unanimously to approve the meter request for Liebermans's/ Penn Text for a meter bag for December 13, 2010 through December 18, 2010 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM for one metered spot on the 30 block of North Pleasant Street at approximately #33 North Pleasant Street and as per past practice with this vendor, \$5 per day will be paid to the Collectors Office.

## LICENSES AND PERMITS

VOTED Unanimously to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffeur License - Entric L. Fluitt, Tik Tax Taxi and Ian Walton, Celebrity Cab Company.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special All Alcohol Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for Wednesday, November 3, 2010 from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Isenberg School of Management Atrium for a reception; for the University of Massachusetts for Friday, November 12, 2010 from 5:00 – 7:30 PM at the Herter Gallery for a reception; AND for the University of Massachusetts for Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the Fine Arts Center Lobby for a reception, Brenda Ryan-Newton as Manager.

Board requested an updated liquor license quota list include pending licenses for the scheduled November 10, 2010 license application hearing.

### **Vote Select Board Positions on November Ballot Questions**

VOTED Unanimously to recommend a NO vote on Question 2 – Repealing 40B, Comprehensive Permits for Low-Income Housing.

VOTED Unanimously to recommend Article 7, part A to Town Meeting.

VOTED Unanimously to recommend Article 7, part B to Town Meeting or to support its dismissal.

VOTED Unanimously to recommend Article 7, part C to Town Meeting.

VOTED Unanimously to recommend Article 12 – Town and School Purchasing Food from Local Farms to Town Meeting

VOTED Unanimously to recommend Article 13 – petition on Dog Welfare to Town Meeting. Ms. O’Keeffe agreed to speak on behalf of the Board

Discussion on Assignment of speakers for Articles 7 and 12 scheduled for next agenda.

Andy Steinberg provided updates on the preliminary Finance Committee guidelines to be issued after the election; and about Michael Widmer talking about a "new normal" for State aid after economic crisis ends, including smaller increases while Rainy Day Fund is built up again. Steinburg cautioned possible effects on morale of listing positions on cut list if not expected to cut that deep. Ms. O’Keeffe referenced and commented on several e-mails the SB had received on the subject.

Board agreed, without formal vote to support the draft budget policy guidelines presented. Ms. O’Keeffe to formalize based on discussion and present for approval next week. Also agreed to not issue the formal memo until after the election, with the understanding that if Question 3 passes, the Board will withdraw the memo, and reconsider on November 8th.

Town Manager gave a recap of last week's water event, including the coordination and response by the Town and its partners. Board requested a copy of UMass’s long-term plan, if it is a public document.

#### **Town Manager's Report:**

**Transition Update:** employee meetings continue; actively recruiting for Finance Director and Assistant to Town Manager positions

**Update - 93 Fearing St.:** A meeting is being planned with UMass reps; Chancellor has indicated goal is to create a buffer -- faculty or grad housing -- to stabilize neighborhood. Musante to obtain more info at the meeting, and also get clarity on the discrepancies with info provided by DCAM and whether or not they are compliant with the necessary process/notifications.

**Update - Longmeadow Drive:** Town staff went out to the site with the developer to check for compliance with regulations and the terms of the Special Permit. Musante provided a report showing the project is in compliance. The Health Director and Board of Health Chair have indicated that soil issues were appropriately addressed, and no hearing is necessary.

**Neighborhood Safety:** the North Amherst meeting about break-ins and quality of life issues was well-attended. People appreciated hearing directly from UMass officials in attendance about plans for dealing with problematic off-campus behaviors. Regarding break-ins: people should lock their doors and windows and vehicles: thus far, burglars aren't breaking windows to get in.

**Weekend Phish activity:** very few arrests and ambulance calls -- much fewer than expected. There's been coordinated planning for this event all fall and problems never materialized.

**Shelter Update:** Noted working hard toward November 1st opening, but won't open until joint decision by Town and Milestone Ministries that shelter is ready and safe. It was confirmed that Milestone is trying to put together CDBG application to fund next year's shelter.

## **Liaison Reports:**

**Personnel Board:** Diana -- Making progress on Personnel Handbook by assigning sections to members; we should consider for Committee Appointment Handbook

**CPAC:** Diana -- in addition to warrant article stuff: considering signs identifying CPA projects. Public tour of Hawthorne property November 6: bring flashlight to tour the house.

**Energy Task Force:** Diana -- a couple of options available to assess home energy savings, Mass Saves is more general; Cozy Homes program encourages significant upgrades. Final event of energy awareness month is on Climate Change.

**HP/FHC:** Alisa -- in addition to Question 2 stuff: working on formal overall housing plan for the community

**CDC:** Alisa -- public hearing on CDBG applications is November 1 in Bangs Center Lower Meeting Room

**Chair's Report:** Stephanie -- referenced SB Bulletin column on Questions 1 and 3, thanked Diana and John for their help. She and John did Isaac BenEzra's ACTV program on same subject last week; will start airing this week

**Calendar Preview:** Stephanie noted the new liquor license hearing for 11/10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School for Clearwater restaurant

Roll Call Vote, with each member voting in the affirmative to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy for collective bargaining, noting the intent not to return to public session.

Adjourned 9:27 p.m.

Submitted by Stephanie O'Keefe

### **List of Documents Presented at Meeting**

Motions 10-25-2010

Info for Voters Question 2

Art 13 – Dog Welfare Fact Sheet 2 – Vickers

Art 7 – Stosz Base Map – TM

Art 7 – Stosz Priority Habitat – TM

Art 7 – Stosz Protected Lands – TM

Background info on preferential purchasing

Bulletin Piece Questions 1-3

HPFH Vote Re Question 2

Meter Bag Proposal

Taxi Driver and One Day Liquor License Applications|

Updated Draft Budget Guidelines