

MINUTES

Members Present: Stephanie O’Keeffe, Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden, and Diana Stein.

Members Absent:

Staff: Town Manager John Musante

Other: Tsering Thondup, Irv Rhodes (Amherst School Committee Chair)

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

SELECT BOARD’S ACTION

Article 1 Regional School District Planning Committee:

VOTED 4 in favor, 1 absent (Wald) to recommend Article 1 of the November 9, 2011 Special Town Meeting regarding creation of a Regional School District Planning Committee.

Committee member Jim Wald entered the meeting.

Resolution on Tibet

VOTED unanimously to support the Resolution on Tibet, as presented.

Board members requested that resolutions be posted on the News section of the Town website. It was noted that it was believed the office is doing so, but members asked that it be noted in the minutes.

FY 13 Budget Policy Guidelines Discussion

Members discussed addition to the draft budget policy guidelines of a concept about reincorporating some Town funding of Town human service programs back into the budget to free up more CDBG capacity. Ms. O’Keeffe agreed to draft language for consideration at Wednesday's Select Board meeting.

Proclamation - Puerto Rican Day

VOTED unanimously to proclaim November 18, 2011 Puerto Rican Day and to permit the Puerto Rican Flag to be flown from November 8, 2011 to November 28, 2011.

Taxi Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffer License for Alpha Kaba of Northampton, MA on behalf of Aarons Transportation.

VOTED unanimously to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffer License for Iran Vlasenko of Amherst, MA on behalf of Celebrity Cab Company.

VOTED unanimously to approve the new Taxi Driver/Chauffer License for Alexander Notis of Amherst, MA and Trevor Baptiste of Pelham, MA on behalf of Ziqui Taxi Company.

Committee Appointment – Public Transportation & Bicycle Committee

VOTED unanimously to approve the appointment of Sanjay Arwade, Amherst, MA to the Public Transportation & Bicycle Committee for a term of three years, to begin November 7, 2011 through June 30, 2014.

Sheltering/Housing Committee Charge

VOTED unanimously to approve the establishment of a new Housing and Sheltering Committee, described in the document “Proposed Charge – Housing and Sheltering Committee” dated 10/17/11, as amended.

Members of the public were encouraged to apply and Select Board members were encouraged to begin to think about good candidates to serve on the committee.

Key Information from Town Manager: John Musante was welcomed back to the Board’s meeting. Mr. Musante presented a recap of the Town's response to the Halloween Storm, summarizing a handout prepared for Town Meeting.

He thanked Town staff, calling out the DPW, Police and Fire, Public Health, I.T., the Senior Center and Acting Town Manager Dave Ziomek for their tremendous work over the week. Ms. O’Keeffe expressed appreciation for the communication efforts, including the reverse-911 automated phone calls and web site updates, and recommended that more people sign up their mobile phones for the notification service.

Logistical Issues Related to Town Meeting

Ms. O’Keeffe noted her intent to make a procedural motion at the beginning of Town Meeting to consider Article 17 (Village Center Rezoning) at a time certain, November 16, per the Planning Board's request at the October 24 Select Board meeting. She also reported on the expectation of a procedural motion to have Article 5 (Housing Study) considered after Article 17. Board agreed, without formal vote to not take a position on regarding consideration of Article 5 (Housing Study) following Article 17 (Village Center Rezoning), as it was not proposed to the Board formally. It was also agreed that when the motion is made, Mr. Wald should make note that the two articles are not directly related and should not be viewed as dependent on each other.

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 meeting agenda will include the following: Budget Policy Guidelines, Consideration of Proposed Charge for Master Plan Implementation Committee and Resolution for Combining State and Presidential Primary Elections.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A. Roussel, Assistant to the Town Manager

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting

11-07-2011 Draft Motions
Memo from Supt. Geryk regarding Article 1 – 11-9-STM Warrant
Request for Resolution on Tibet
Draft Tibet Resolution
Proposed Housing Sheltering Committee Charge – 5
FY 13 Budget Guidelines 11-07 discussion
Puerto Rico Day Proclamation Revised
Planning Board letter regarding Implementation Committee
Memo of Support for H1972 – An Act Regulating Election Primaries
Proposed Resolution for Adoption of H1972
Additional Info on H1972
Resolution for HB 1972
Taxi Driver Applications Baptiske, Kaba, Notis, and Vlasenko.
Committee Appointment Sanjay Arwade