

Minutes

Select Board

Present: Stephanie O’Keeffe, Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden, Diana Stein, and Jim Wald

Absent: None

Staff: Town Manager John P. Musante; Rob Morra, Building Commissioner; Jon Thompson Code Enforcement Officer, Dave Ziomek, Conservation and Development Director; Julie Federman, Health Director; Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director; Maria Geryk, School Superintendent; Rob Detweiler, School Business Manager; Sharon Sharry, Library Director;

Other: Peter Jessop Community Preservation Act Committee Chair; Jonathan O’Keeffe, Planning Board Vice Chair; Tamson Ely and Chris Hoffman, Library Trustees.

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

No one from the Public offered comment.

Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness

VOTED unanimously to proclaim April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Children’s Memorial Flag Raising Request

VOTED unanimously to approve that the Children’s Memorial Flag be raised on the Town Common on April 25, 2012.

Taxi License

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Dwight Thomas Touchette for a License to Drive Taxi/Chauffeur on behalf of Green Transportation.

Special Liquor License

VOTED unanimously to approve the application for a Wine and Malt Special License for Brenda Ryan-Newton, Director of Catering on behalf of the University of Massachusetts for a reception to be held at Memorial Hall April 26, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Committee Appointments

VOTED unanimously, to appoint Andrea Battle to the Housing and Sheltering Committee for a two-year term effective April 24, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

VOTED unanimously, to appoint Michael Giles to the Housing and Sheltering Committee for a one-year term effective April 24, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

VOTED unanimously, to appoint Nancy Gregg to the Housing and Sheltering Committee for a one-year term effective April 24, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

VOTED unanimously, to appoint John Hornik to the Housing and Sheltering Committee for a two-year term effective April 24, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

VOTED unanimously, to appoint Denise LeDuc to the Housing and Sheltering Committee for a three-year term effective April 24, 2012 through June 30, 2015.

VOTED unanimously to appoint Ryan Harb to the Agricultural Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

Voting and Assignment of Select Board Positions on Town Meeting Warrant Articles

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5 – Street Acceptance Sunrise Avenue. Aaron Hayden assigned to speak on behalf of Board.

VOTED unanimously that the Select Board, pursuant to the authority granted under G.L. c.82, §§21-24, hereby lay out Sunrise Avenue as a public way, which layout is shown on a plan of land entitled “Sunrise Ave Street Acceptance,” dated April 23, 2012, prepared by Amherst Department of Public Works Engineering Department, and adopt the Order of Layout therefor, and, further, direct said Order and plan be sent to the Town Clerk for filing.

VOTED unanimously that the Select Board, pursuant to the authority granted under G.L. c.82, §§21-24, hereby alter the layout of University Drive as a public way, which altered layout is shown on a plan of land entitled "Right of Way – Property Plan University Drive Route 9 to Big Y, Amherst, MA," prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Northampton, MA, and adopt the Order of Alteration of Layout therefor, and, further, direct that said Order and plan be sent to the Town Clerk for filing.

Superintendent Geryk and Business Manager Rob Detweiler presented and spoke to the Articles related to schools. VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 11 – Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Assessment Method. Alisa Brewer to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 12 – FY 13 Operating Budget: Elementary Schools in the amount of \$21,558,039. Alisa Brewer to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 12 – FY 13 Operating Budget: Regional School District in the amount of \$28,527,558 and the appropriation of \$13,796,524 for Amherst's proportional share. Alisa Brewer to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

Library Director Sharry presented to speak to the Library budget.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 12 – FY 13 Operating Budget: Library in the amount of \$2,272,830, with Town tax support of \$1,690,789. Alisa Brewer to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 21 – Community Preservation Act Part A in the amount of \$384,000. Diana Stein to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 21 – Community Preservation Act Part B in the amount of 200,000. Diana Stein to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 21 – Community Preservation Act Part C in the amount of \$25,000. Diana Stein to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 22 – Free Cash in the amount of \$218,200. Diana Stein to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend dismissal to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 23 – Stabilization Fund. Diana Stein to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

Planning Board Chair David Webber, Chair of the Zoning Subcommittee Jonathan O'Keeffe and Planning Director Jonathan Tucker presented relative to the three zoning articles.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 24 – Form Based Zoning and Atkins Corners Rezoning. Jim Wald to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 25 – Form Based Zoning and North Amherst Village Center. Jim Wald to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 26 – Residential Parking Design. Aaron Hayden to speak to the article on behalf of the Board.

Board agreed without formal vote to maintain traditional schedule of Select Board meetings immediately preceding each Town Meeting session on Mondays, meeting Wednesdays only as necessary. The Board also requested the public make contact to schedule consideration of any time-sensitive issues during the Time Meeting period, as the abbreviated meetings to not allow a public comment period.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 to accommodate a public hearing on an application to increase fuel storage from Hess Express on West Street. Board members requested any information relative to deliberation on the topic be provided early to provide thoughtful consideration.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Musante reviewed the Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods (SHN) goals and partnerships and introduced New Building Commissioner Rob Morra and new Code Inspection Officer Jon Thompson. Each provided comment on their perspective of the SAHN initiative.

Mr. Musante provided remarks on his participation in a ride along last Friday evening with Police Lieutenant Jerry Millar, in particular noting the professionalism of the officer and the department relative to how interactions were handled, with the goal to keep the public safe. A relatively quiet weekend with good behavior and cooperation by students noted; UMass Police Department recognized for the assistance provided at Puffer's Pond Friday during the day.

Mr. Musante reported on attempts to better inform the community via Twitter, with a tag @AmherstMusante.

Member Reports

Members reported on their activities as liaisons. Ms. Brewer reported on the charge and goal of filling the remaining slots with someone involved in real estate or housing creation and someone who has experienced homelessness in the past. Ms. Brewer noted she would be attending the UMass Hunger event and speaking on behalf of the Board.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by,

John P. Musante,
Town Manager

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting - Available in the Online Packet for the Meeting Date

Meeting Agenda
Draft Motions
Safe and Health Neighborhood Summary
Sunrise Avenue Plan
Planning Board Recommendations relative to street acceptances
Order of Layout for Sunrise Avenue and University Drive
University Drive Revised Plan
Local Historic District Preliminary Study Report Map
Local Historic District Subcommittee Final Bylaw
UMass Community Relations News April 2012
Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation
Request for Flag Raising relative to child abuse prevention
Taxi Driver License – Thomas
Special Wine and Malt UMass April 26, 2012
Housing and Sheltering Committee Charge