

SELECT BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 30, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
Band Room, Amherst Regional Middle School

Minutes

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: Town Manager John P. Musante; Finance Director Sandy Pooler, Comptroller Sonia Aldrich and Police Chief Scott Livingstone.

Others: Ruth Hooke, Jeff Napolitano and John Coull

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:32 p.m.

Third Quarter Budget Update

Finance Director Sandy Pooler reviewed the third quarter budget update for the period ending March 31, 2012 and answered questions for the Board. Revenues and expenses are tracking as anticipated with potential for reserve fund transfers in the fall to cover shortfalls anticipated in legal and veterans’ services unless savings are uncovered in those areas of the budget. Budget proposals for both categories in FY 13 are still considered sound.

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

Board agreed without formal vote to defer taking a position on Article 29 – Sharing Information with Federal Agencies, instead directing the Town Manager to coordinate with petitioners, legal counsel and the Police Chief on a potential compromise creating a resolution rather than bylaw. The Board was strongly in support of the sentiment behind the article, however could not support as written as a bylaw, requesting an update from the Town Manager for the May 7, 2012 Board meeting.

Board agreed not to meet Wednesday, May 2, 2012 unless something at Town Meeting this evening was to make it necessary.

Dumpster Request – 16 Gaylord Street

VOTED unanimously to approve the request of Mowry & Schmidt Inc. on behalf of Hope Community Church to allow placement of a 30 yard dumpster within on-street parking on the south side of the town way directly in front of the Hope Community Church, 16 Gaylord Street, Amherst, MA beginning on May 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012, pending approval by the Fire Chief for these plans.

Taxi License

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Ajeet Fuller, Leverett, MA for transfer of his license to Drive Taxi/Chauffeur on behalf of Ambassador Taxi to Gottago Taxi.

Special Liquor License

VOTED unanimously to approve the three (3) applications for Wine and Malt Special License from Brenda Ryan-Newton, Director of Catering on behalf of the University of Massachusetts for receptions to be held at Isenberg School of Management Atrium on May 2, 2012 from 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., and at Durfee Gardens on May 11, 2012 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and on May 12, 2012 from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 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

Agenda

Draft Motions

Memo to Select Board on need for Special Town Meeting

Public Safety Response on Dumpster Request

Request for Placement of Dumpster on Right of Way

Taxi Driver License Transfer Fuller

Special Wine and Malt UMass Amherst

Town Counsel comments on Article 29

Executive Office of Public Safety Letter to Secure Communities Program Director