

## 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; Amherst Fire Department Assistant Chief Don McKay.

**Other:** Greg Stutsman, Committee appointee; Luke DiStefano, Bohler Engineering.

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:34 p.m.

### Hess Express – Fuel Storage

Public Hearing Opened at 6:34 p.m.

Amherst Fire Department Assistant Chief Don McKay was present, as was Luke Distefano of Bohler Engineering representing the applicant. Mr. DiStefano explained and answered questions about the plans for increased capacity with the fuel tank replacement. Assistant Chief McKay addressed questions related to the public safety impacts of the plan and his recommendation for approval. No one from the public offered comment. The hearing closed at 6:51 p.m.

Board members Jim Wald and Alisa Brewer entered the meeting.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Hess Corporation, Woodbridge, NJ relative to removal of three (3) existing, single wall, steel underground storage tanks (USTs) and installation of two (2) new 20,000 gallon, double wall, fiberglass underground storage tanks, at their Hess Express Gasoline Facility located at 468 West Street, Amherst, MA, granting an amended fuel storage license, increasing maximum capacity underground from 24,000 gallons to 40,000 gallons.

### Special License

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Deborah Snow on behalf of Blue Heron Restaurant and Catering, 112 North Main Street, Sunderland, MA for a Wine and Malt Special License for a rehearsal dinner to be held at Eric Carle Museum in Amherst, Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 6 – 9 p.m.; Kendra Nielsen, Event Manager.

### Appointments

VOTED unanimously to approve the appointments of Greg Stutsman and Aaron Blodgett to the Housing and Sheltering Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

### Issues Related to Town Meeting

Town Manager Musante indicated draft text had been created for the Article 29 compromise and would be provided to the petitioners for feedback with a goal of presentation to the Board for position on May 14, 2012.

### Executive Session

By roll call vote: O’Keeffe, yes; Hayden, yes; Stein, yes; Wald, yes; Brewer, yes; VOTED to go into Executive Session per MGL c30A, §21a, subsection 3: to discuss strategy with respect to litigation regarding the Landfill Solar Project lawsuit, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of this public body and open session will NOT reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 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

Agenda

Draft Motions

Amended Draft Motions

Application for Underground Fuel Storage Increase Hess Corporation

Special Wine and Malt Application Blue Heron Catering