

Minutes

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: Town Manager John P. Musante; Chief of Police Scott Livingstone; Finance Director Sandy Pooler; Planning Director Jonathan Tucker.

Other: Finance Committee Chair Andy Steinberg, Planning Board Chair David Webber, Connie Kruger, Nolan Anaya, Ruth Hooke, Reza Rahmani, LIT; Amherst Knights of Columbus member Bill Hutchinson and Attorney Thomas Reidy, Bacon Wilson, P.C.

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:31 p.m.

2012 Taste of Amherst Parking Reservation Request

VOTED 4-0 in favor, 1 absent (Brewer) to approve the following street closing/parking request from the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual “Taste of Amherst” event:

- Place “No Parking” bags on parking meters around the perimeter of the Town Common, including the north and south sides of the Spring Street lot beginning Thursday, June 14, 2012 from noon to 9:00 p.m.; Friday June 15, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 16, 2012 from noon to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday, June 17, 2012 noon to 4:00 p.m., to accommodate Taste vendor parking.
- Close Boltwood Avenue between Spring Street and Route 9 on Friday, June 15, 2012 and Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., peak pedestrian crossing times for the beer and wine tasting.

Board member Alisa Brewer entered the meeting.

Moti 1, Inc., dba LIT – Liquor License Alteration of Premises

Public Hearing Opened at 6:34 p.m. Attorney Thomas Reidy explained the planned alteration and he and Manager Reza Rahmani answered questions from the Select Board. Bill Hutchinson of the Knights of Columbus spoke in favor of the application and indicated that LIT keeps the area neat and picked up. Appreciation for the thorough ZBA process and the assistance of the Fire and Inspections Department were noted. Public hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Moti 1, Inc., d/b/a LIT, 41 Boltwood Walk, Amherst, MA, ABCC License #002400109 relative to Alteration of Premises to include an outdoor patio consisting of approximately 406 square feet, with no more than five tables and thirty seats available between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. seven days a week in accordance with Special Permit FY2012-0001, LIT Outdoor Seating Management Plan revised January 12, 2012 and guidelines for extension of premises for patio and outdoor areas issued by the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Commission, Reza Rahmani, Manager.

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

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the May 14, 2012 Special Town Meeting, Article 1 – Capital Program War Memorial Pool. Diana Stein will speak to the Article on behalf of the Board.

Ruth Hooke, Ben Grosscup and Chief Livingstone spoke to the agreed upon language intended for the revised motion for Article 29. VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 30, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 29 – Regarding Sharing of Information with Federal Agencies, as an amended resolution upon the recommendation of Town Manager John P. Musante and Petitioners. Ms. Stein will speak to the Article on behalf of the Board.

Town Meeting member Nolan Anaya submitted his proposed amendment to Article 25 – Rezoning North Amherst Village Center for the Board’s consideration. The Select Board agreed without formal vote not to take a position on the proposed amendment and reaffirmed their support for the full article. The Board did agree to

go along with the amendment if that is necessary to make progress on the rezoning being debated at this Town Meeting.

Finance Chair Andy Steinberg mentioned the expected amendments to be made under Article 17, Capital Program – Buildings and Facilities. The Board took no action since they were not being formally presented by the individuals involved for consideration.

Special Wine & Malt Liquor License – Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce – Taste of Amherst

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special Wine & Malt Liquor License for Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce for beer and wine tasting at the Amherst College property on Boltwood across from the Common for the Taste of Amherst on the following dates: June 14, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; June 15, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; June 16, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and June 17, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tapestry Health Parking Reservation Request

VOTED unanimously to approve reservation of four parking spaces on the west side of the Spring Street Parking lot, as shown on the GIS map entitled “Tapestry Mobile Health Van” from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2012 for the mobile health van to provide access to rapid HIV testing to the Amherst community.

Amherst College Reunion

VOTED unanimously to approve the use of available Town Center Permit Parking on Seelye, Spring and Churchill Streets on Thursday, May 24, 2012 and Friday, May 25, 2012 for Amherst Alumni with a numbered 2012 Reunion Parking Permit hang tag displayed on the rear view mirror.

The Select Board reviewed, approved and signed the letter of support for Amherst Media presented by Chair Stephanie O’Keeffe.

The Select Board agreed there was no need to meet on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 and to cancel the posted agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 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

Draft Motions Amended

Application for Alteration of Premises from Moti 1 d/b/a LIT

Town Manager’s Memo to Town Meeting on need for Special Town Meeting

May 14, 2012 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Town Manager’s Memo to Petitioners of Article 29 offering Resolution

Parking Reservation Request and Map Taste of Amherst 2012

Parking Reservation Request and Map Tapestry Health June 2012

Parking Request Amherst College Alumni Reunion

Special Wine and Malt Taste of Amherst

Comments for Consideration on Article 2

Revised Motion for Article 29 Sharing Info with Federal Agencies

Anaya Proposed Amendment