

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

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

Staff: John P. Musante, Town Manager

Other: None

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:15 p.m.

Endorsement: Grant Application to Support Elementary School Regionalization Study Process

Ms. O’Keeffe explained the need for the vote in support of a grant by the Regional Study Committee. Ms. Brewer added information relative to funding and process.

VOTED unanimously to support the Amherst, Leverett, Pelham and Shutesbury preK-6 Educational Regionalization Initiative and the Amherst School District’s application to the Community Innovative Challenge Grant and to authorize Stephanie O’Keeffe, as Chair to sign on behalf of the Board.

Voting & Assigning Special Board Positions on Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Due to time constraints, Ms. O’Keeffe announced the Board would only act on Article 12, postponing action on Articles 16-19 until the next meeting date.

Ms. O’Keeffe reminded members that postponement was requested for further time for individual reflection. She reminded Board members of her personal position, that she is not supportive of the article and plans to speak against it, reviewing her position and issues with which she was concerned. Ms. Brewer also spoke on the Article, noting intended consequence of delaying sale as rental property. Mr. Hayden noted there is obvious concerns, noting Planning Board vote was not unanimous, suggesting discussion for referral back to Planning Board for further deliberation. Mr. Wald indicated desire by all to protect Amherst neighborhoods, but there is obvious discomfort with article as presented. Ms. Stein noted need for speed in dealing with the issue, however may abstain due to split in Planning Board’s vote four to four, wanting to know intent with bringing before Town Meeting. Questioned consequences of moving in either direction; clearly split in decision. Suggestions to either refer to Planning Board or take no position in the circumstances, both of which were discussed.

VOTED unanimous to take no position on the November 19, 2012 Special Town Meeting Article 12 Zoning Bylaw - Single Family Dwellings.

Downtown Parking for Holiday Season

Discussed past history and what has transpired this year to date related to holiday parking. Ms. O’Keeffe explained purpose of motion before the Board this evening, to eliminate confusion.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce request for:

- free parking throughout the downtown Amherst area for Small Business Saturday on Saturday, November 24, 2012 and Annual Greeting Card Day on Saturday, December 1, 2012; and
- free parking in all the parking lots with the new pay-by-space parking machines (Boltwood Garage, Amity Street lot, Spring Street lot, Main Street lot, Town Hall lot and the Town portion of the CVS lot) on the subsequent Saturdays before Christmas: December 8, 15 and 22, 2012.

FY 14 Budget Policy Guidelines

Ms. O’Keeffe explained process to date, inserting two sentences that support the ability to add staffing needs in code enforcement above level services budget if fiscally responsible opportunity present. Ms. Stein suggested deletion of portion of sentence due to recent changes in budget projections. Appreciation to Chair noted, as well as suggestion to announce at Town Meeting that the guidelines exist on the Select Board webpage.

VOTED unanimously to approve the FY 14 Budget Policy Guidelines as amended.

Taxi/Chauffeur Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve a new Taxi/ Chauffeur License for Carol Jean Lait on behalf of Celebrity Cab.

Special Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve a Special All Alcoholic License for Amherst College Catering Services for a Cash Bar for a student activities 21+ event on Thursday, December 6, 2012 in the Friedmann Room, Keefe Campus Center, Amherst College; Greg Wardlaw, Dining Services & Catering Manager.

Committee Appointments

Ms. Stein noted end dates are confusing due to midyear appointments and her desire to delineate in future update of the Appointed Committee handbook for consistency.

VOTED unanimously to appoint Ingrid Askew and Carol Ross to the Human Rights Commission, each for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

VOTED unanimously to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Local Historic District Committee as noted below:

- Philip Shaver (Amherst Historical Society solicitation): 3 year term ending June 30, 2016;
- Anita Licis-Ribak (American Institute of Architects solicitation): 1 year term ending June 30, 2014;
- Naomi Elliott (Board of Realtors solicitation): 1 year term ending June 30, 2014;
- Tom Ehrgood (property owner from within the district): 2 year term ending June 30, 2015; and
- Murray Schwartz: 2 year term ending June 30, 2015.

ADJOURN The meeting adjourned at 6:56 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 and Draft Motions

Grant Application to Support Elementary School Regionalization Study Process

Planning Board Report for Article 12 Single Family Dwellings

Planning Board Report Summary on Articles 11-15 Residential Rental Zoning Amendments

Planning Board Report Article 16 - Petition - Two Family Detached Dwelling

Planning Board Report Article 17 – Petition – Converted Dwelling

Planning Board Report Article 18 – Petition – Replacement of Previously Existing

Planning Board Chart of Effects of Proposed Residential Zoning Amendments 12-14 and 16-17

Community Preservation Act Committee Report to Town Meeting

Calendar – North Amherst Sneak Peek Flyer

FY 14 Budget Policy Guidelines – draft memo

Chair Report

Taxi Driver Application – Lait

Special License Application Amherst College

Historic District Commission Charge