

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Awad at 6:15 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Awad, Greeney, Hubley, Kusner, Weiss  
Shaffer, Rosenblatt, Roberts, Parent

**SELECT BOARD'S ACTION**

**Public Hearing - FY07 CDBG Application**

- Open the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to support the Community Development Strategy as amended.
- VOTED unanimously to supports the recommendations for the FY 07 application as presented.

**Permitting and Inspection Reform**

No action taken.

**Policy Discussion of the Vision for Downtown Amherst**

VOTED unanimously to ask the Town/Commercial Relation Committee to review the progress of the 1992 Downtown Action Plan and to recommend to the Select Board further action after consideration of the December 18, 2006 memo from Jonathan Tucker.

**Town/UMass Police Mutual Aid Agreement**

The Select Board requested that the Memorandum of Understanding be amended to reflect Town of Amherst policies prohibiting certain police actions (specific examples related to FBI-anti-terrorism details and to immigration enforcement), but it was agreed that a general codicil should be included, spelling out something to the effect that UMass police "are not authorized to carry out police activity otherwise prohibited by Town of Amherst Bylaws...".

**Set Date to Tour Waste Water Treatment Plant**

VOTED unanimously to set a date to tour the Waste Water Treatment Plant at 8:00 a.m. on February 6, 2007.

**Joint Capital Planning Committee Request for CPA Funding**

No action taken.

**State Meals Tax**

VOTED unanimously that the Select Board advocate to Senator Stanley Rosenberg and Representative Ellen Story that the State meals tax local option be adopted and that Mr. Hubley prepare a letter for the Select Board to send to legislators.

**Mass Housing Home Buyer Association's Municipal Mortgage Program**

VOTED unanimously that the Town Manager make available information on Mass Housing Home Buyer Association's Municipal Mortgage Program on the Town website, Chamber of Commerce and in employees' orientation packets.

**Approve Minutes**

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Weiss voted “Aye”, Greeney abstained, to approve the Select Board minutes from January 8, 2007.

**Committee Appointments**

VOTED unanimously to appoint Susan Pynchon as the Planning Board’s non-voting representative to the Agricultural Commission, for a term to expire on June 30, 2008.

**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**Public Hearing Continued – Liquor License - SouperBowl**

- Continued the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.
- VOTED: Awad, Greeney, Hubley, Kusner voted “Aye”, Weiss abstained, to approve the Wine and Malt Restaurant License for SouperBowl, Inc. d/b/a SouperBowl, 96 North Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA (Manager: John Sobieski).

**Pledge of Liquor License – South Amherst Liquor Mart**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Pledge of an All Alcoholic Off-Premise License for South Amherst Liquor Mart, 483 West Street to Easthampton Savings Bank, 36 Main Street, Easthampton, MA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED: Awad, Greeney, Hubley, Kusner, Weiss voted “Aye”, to adjourn to executive session at 10:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation because open discussion may have a detrimental affect on the position of the Town. The open meeting will not reconvene following the Executive Session.