

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: John P. Musante, Town Manager

Other: Greg Stutsman, co-chair Housing and Sheltering Committee (HSC); John Hornik, HSC member.

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:03 p.m.

Housing Production Plan

Mr. Stutsman and Mr. Hornik summarized the Housing Production Plan, noting the key findings in the consultants' report, the requirements for such a plan per the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and the role of the Planning Board and Select Board in officially adopting the plan. Select Board members expressed appreciation for the clarity and comprehensiveness of the plan and the explanatory materials provided. Following questions and comments about the plan's details, the Select Board expressed its strong support.

VOTED unanimously to adopt the Town of Amherst Housing Production Plan dated March 2013.

Parking and Street Closure Requests

Community Fair

VOTED unanimously to approve the closure of that section of Spring Street within the Spring Street parking lot from 2 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2013 to 12:00 a.m. Saturday, May 25, 2013 and again on Saturday, May 25, 2013 from 1:30 p.m., following the closure of the Farmers Market, to 12:00 a.m. Sunday, May 26, 2013 on behalf of the Rotary Club of Amherst for the Community Fair.

VOTED unanimously to approve the reservation of twenty one (21) metered parking spaces on the westerly side of Boltwood Avenue originating at College Street moving north towards Spring Street 8 a.m. Monday, May 20, 2013 through 12:00 a.m. Sunday, May 26, 2013; and the three (3) metered parking spaces on the easterly side of South Pleasant Street south of the taxi stand from 8 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013, Friday, May 24, 2013 and Saturday, May 25, 2013 on behalf of the Rotary Club of Amherst for the Community Fair.

Cultural Survival Bazaar

VOTED unanimously to approve the reservation of ten (10) metered parking spaces on the West Side of Boltwood Avenue originating at Spring Street intersection, moving south towards College Street for vendor use for the Cultural Survival’s 8th Annual Bazaar on the South Common from 5:00 a.m. Friday, May 31, 2013 through 9:00 p.m. Sunday, June 2, 2013.

At Ms. Brewer’s request, Mr. Musante confirmed that they and others reserving the Common would be reminded about the prohibition against parking vehicles on the Common.

Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst

Mr. Musante informed the Select Board that discussions between the Amherst Business Improvement District (BID) and the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst had resulted in the lease of private parking spaces rather than reserved public parking spaces for the duration of the construction. Mr. Musante praised the collaborative efforts to find an alternative to tying up public parking, and the Select Board expressed appreciation for this outcome.

Special Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve a special wine and malt license on behalf of Top of the Campus, Inc. for a reception/brunch to be held May 11, 2013 from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Herter Art Gallery on the UMass Amherst Campus, Judy Bardwell, Clerk.

It was noted the next application for an event at the Museum had already occurred, due to an oversight in processing by the Select Board office. However, the Chair and the Town Manager had agreed that granting the license in anticipation of the Select Board's approval was the best way to proceed under the circumstances. VOTED unanimously to approve a special wine and malt license on behalf of Portabella Fine Foods for a Chamber event on May 1, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Eric Carle Museum, Amherst; Kristine Elison, Contact.

Order of Altered Layout of Ways

VOTED unanimously, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Sections 21-24, having deemed that common convenience and necessity require the alteration of the layouts as public ways of portions of Bay Road, West Bay Road, and West Street, hereby alters the layouts of said roadways as public ways as shown on the plan referenced below, and the boundaries of Bay Road, West Bay Road, and West Street as public ways are hereby altered to include within said layouts the parcels of land shown on a plan of land entitled “Plan of Land in the Town of Amherst Hampshire County Bay Road, West Bay Road and West Street Altered and Laid Out By the Town of Amherst,” dated December 2011.

The Select Board agreed without formal vote to acknowledge receipt of the notice of borrowing by the Regional School District, as required by law.

Ms. O’Keeffe reported that she will follow-up with the petitioner for Article 45 regarding consideration to follow Article 25.

The Chair noted the Select Board would meet next Monday, May 13, 2013, cancelling the posted meeting for Wednesday unless the need arose prior to that time.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 6:38 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

Housing Production Plan Presentation

Housing and Sheltering Committee Memo of Support

Press Release Amherst Police Department Awarded State Accreditation

Community Fair Parking Reservation Request and Map

Cultural Survival Parking Reservation Request and Map

UUSA Parking Reservation Request and Map

Wright Builders Contact Information

Special License Application UMass Amherst 05.11.13

Special License Application Portabella Catering 05.01.13

Recommendation for Acceptance of Altered Layouts of roads related to Atkins Corner construction

Regional School District Notice of Borrowing