

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Awad at 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Awad, Greeney, Hubley (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Kusner, Weiss
Musante, Brighty, Crabtree, Hochman, Rosenblatt

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Affordable Housing Restriction - Main Street

VOTED unanimously, to approve and sign the Consent to Transfer for property on Main Street and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds as Book 8478, Page 49.

Chapter 61A – Market Hill Road

No action.

Special Tax Assessment Agreement – Cushman Market

VOTED unanimously, to approve and sign the Special Tax Assessment between the Town of Amherst and Cushman Market and Café.

Proclamation - Bike Commute Day 2006

VOTED unanimously, to proclaim the week of May 14-20, 2006 as Bike Commute Week and May 19, 2006 as Bike Commute Day.

Consent Calendar

No action.

Committee Appointments

VOTED unanimously, to appoint the following members to the Emergency Homelessness Task Force for a term to expire June 30, 2007:

Nancy Gregg, as representative from the Housing Partnership/Fair Housing Committee
Flo Stern, as representative from the Housing Partnership/Fair Housing Committee
Joanne Levenson, as representative from the UMass Commuter Services
Mary Ann Cofrin, Roger Lind, Ken Mosakowski, at large members.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 24 – FY 06 Budget Amendments

VOTED Awad, Greeney, Hubley, Weiss voted “Aye” and Kusner abstained, to recommend Article 24, Part A and recommend transferring \$270,000 from General Government and transferring \$15,000 from Planning, Conservation and Inspections to the following accounts: Public Safety \$95,000, Public Works \$90,000, Community Services \$100,000 and that Part B be dismissed.

Article 25 - Regional School District Amendment

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Article 25.

Article 26 - FY 2007 Operating Budget

Library Services

VOTED unanimously, to recommend FY 2007 Operating Budget – Library Services in the amount of \$2,033,196 and a Town appropriation of \$1,446,695.

Elementary Schools

VOTED Awad, Hubley, Kusner & Weiss voted “Aye” and Greeney “No” to recommend FY 2007 Operating Budget – Elementary Schools in the amount of \$19,264,119.

Regional School

VOTED unanimously, to recommend FY 2007 Operating Budget – Regional School in the amount of \$26,704,016 and the appropriation of \$11,904,067 for Amherst’s proportional share.

Article 27 – Reserve Fund

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Article 27, in the amount of \$100,000.

Article 29 – Capital Program – Chapter 90

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Article 29, in the amount of \$600,000.

Article 30 – Capital Program – Equipment

No action.

Article 31 – Capital Program – Buildings and Facilities

No action.

Article 32 – Community Preservation Act – Affordable Housing

VOTED unanimously, to recommend Article 32, in the amount of \$81,500.

Article 33 – Community Preservation Act – Historical Preservation

No action.

Article 34 – Community Preservation Act – Open Space

VOTED Awad, Hubley, Kusner, and Weiss voted “Aye” and Greeney abstained to recommend Article 34, in the amount of \$125,000.

STM Article 1 - Community Preservation Act – Open Space

VOTED unanimously, to recommend STM Article 1, in the amount of \$16,000.

Article 35 – Community Preservation Act – Recreation

No action.

Article 36 – Stabilization Fund

No action.

Article 37 – Free Cash

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.