

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Awad, Hubley, Kusner Weiss, Greeney  
Shaffer, Rosenblatt, Ziomek, Tucker, Speigelman, BenEzra, Ver Eecke, Griesemer

**SELECT BOARD'S ACTION**

**Public Hearing - Housing Development Support Grant**

- Continued the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to support the Community Development Strategy as amended and further to support the Town's application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's Housing Development Support Program for the renovation of the kitchens at Chestnut Ct. Apartments, owned by the Amherst Housing Authority.

**Executive Session**

VOTED unanimously, to adjourn to executive session at 7:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the value of real property because open discussion may have a detrimental affect on the position of the Town. The open meeting will reconvene following the Executive Session.

**Reconvene Open Meeting**

Reconvene the open meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**Chapter 61A – Pine Street – North Amherst Community Farm**

VOTED: Kusner, Weiss, Greeney voted "Aye", Awad, Hubley recused themselves, not to exercise the Town's option under M.G.L. Chapter 61A, Section 14 to purchase properties on Pine Street in North Amherst contingent upon the terms of separate Purchase and Sale Agreements between NACF, Inc., and Jeremy and Audrey Barker-Plotkin, and NACF, Inc., and Marcy Lowy and David Tepfer on properties being those listed on the Town Cadastre as Map 5C- Parcel 29 and 5C- Parcel 30 respectively.

**Sign Deed for Kendrick Trust Properties**

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Weiss, Greeney voted "Aye", Kusner abstained, to sign the deed for the Kendrick Trust properties as directed by the April 28, 2004 Annual Town Meeting, Article 37.

**SME Status**

No action taken.

**ZBA – Extension of Terms**

- VOTED unanimously to extend the term of Edward Rising so that he may serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals until the day after the day on which a decision for the Nielsen case (ZBA FY2007-00010) is filed with the Town Clerk.
- VOTED unanimously to extend the term of Russell M. Frank so that he may serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals until the day after the day on which a decision for the Nielsen case (ZBA FY2007-00010) is filed with the Town Clerk.

### **Consent Calendar**

VOTED unanimously to approve the following items on the October 23, 2006 Consent Calendar:

#### **Approve Minutes**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of October 11, 2006.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of October 16, 2006.

#### **Committee Appointments**

VOTED unanimously to appoint D. Anthony Butterfield to the Personnel Board for a term to expire June 30, 2009.

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Weiss voted “Aye”, Greeney abstained, to appoint Laura Reichsman as Amherst Human Services Network Representative to the Emergency Homelessness Task Force for a term to expire June 30, 2007.

VOTED unanimously to appoint Ann Woodbridge to the Amherst Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2009.

#### **United State Policies for Warrant Articles**

VOTED unanimously that the sense of the Select Board is that warrant articles on United States policies, here and abroad, are a topic that is legitimate for Town Meeting.

#### **Sister City – Nyeri, Kenya**

VOTED unanimously to establish a sister city relationship with Nyeri, Kenya.

### **WARRANT ARTICLES**

#### **Warrant Article 8– Petition – Outreach Bus Service (Ver Eecke)**

No further action taken.

#### **Warrant Article 1 – Petition - Resolution – Stop Genocide in Darfur Region of Sudan (Speigelman)**

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 1 of the November 1, 2006 Special Town Meeting.

#### **Warrant Article 15 – Fire Station Study Committee**

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 15.

#### **Warrant Article 6 - 575 North East Street**

VOTED unanimously to take no position on Article 6.

#### **Warrant Article 10 - Creation of an Agricultural Commission**

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 10 as amended by adding the word “voting” before the word “member” in the first sentence in the third paragraph.

#### **Warrant Article 11 - Zoning Map – Main & High Street (R-G and/or COM to B-VC)**

VOTED unanimously to refer Article 11 to the Planning Board.

#### **Warrant Article 12 - Zoning Bylaw - Farmland Conservation (FC) Development Standards**

VOTED unanimously to refer Article 12 to the Planning Board.

**Warrant Article 13 - Zoning Bylaw - Wetlands District (WD) Removal**  
No action taken.

**Warrant Article 14 - Land Acquisition - Easement - Parking Garage**  
VOTED unanimously to take no position on Article 14.

**ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

Approved at the October 30, 2006 Select Board Meeting.