

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager; Steve Connor, Veterans’ Director/Agent

Other: Matthew Fuller, WMECO, Matthew Cunningham-Cooke, Tracylee Boutilier

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:00 p.m.

Director of Veterans Services Steve Connor reported on the Veterans Day ceremony planned for Monday, November 11, 2013 to begin at 10:45 a.m. A member of the Amherst College Military Support Group and a senior at Amherst College, Spencer Brooks who also served in Afghanistan and Iraq, will be the featured Speaker.

Pole Hearing – WMECO for new service at 155 South Pleasant Street

Aaron Hayden recused himself to avoid a potential conflict of interest, noting the pole request had originated with his employer, Amherst College.

Public hearing opened at 6:03 p.m. WMECO rep Matthew Fuller explained the new service need and location of the pole request. No one from the public offered comment. Closed public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

VOTED 4-0, 1 Absent (Hayden) to approve the request for permission to construct and/or maintain a pole, wires, cables and fixtures, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as may be necessary along and across Northampton Road, approximately 95 feet northeasterly of the intersection with South Prospect Street in accordance with plan marked 6A320639 NC01, to provide new service to the customer at 155 South Pleasant Street; also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distributing, with space for one crossarm at a suitable point on said pole for the fire and police telephone signal wires belonging to the Town of Amherst and to be used exclusively by it for municipal purposes.

Aaron Hayden reentered the meeting.

FY 15 Budget Policy Guidelines

The newest version of the draft guidelines was reviewed and considered complete and ready for approval. Ms. O’Keeffe noted that she would distribute the formal guidelines memo by e-mail the next day, and have it posted with the resource material on the Select Board’s web page.

VOTED unanimously to approve the FY 15 Budget Policy Guidelines as amended.

Select Board Meeting Schedule January – June 2014

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board meeting schedule for January through June 2014, as amended, excluding the proposed date of April 15, 2014 as it is the 2nd night of Passover.

Ms. O’Keeffe will review the calendar and come back at a future meeting with another potential meeting date.

Taxi Driver Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve a new 2013 taxi driver/chauffeur license for Roderick Anderson on behalf of Gottago Taxi.

VOTED unanimously to approve a new 2013 taxi driver/chauffeur license for John Arthur on behalf of Taxi Express.

VOTED unanimously to approve a new 2013 taxi driver/chauffeur license for April Gentry Lawn on behalf of Celebrity Cab.

Special Liquor Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the Wine and Malt Special License for Top of the Campus Inc. for a reception to be held November 15, 2013 in the Gordon Hall Atrium, UMass Amherst from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Brenda Ryan-Newton, President.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Wine and Malt Special License for Top of the Campus Inc. for a reception to be held November 12, 2013 in the Main Atrium/Lobby of the Fine Arts Center, UMass Amherst from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Brenda Ryan-Newton, President.

Committee Appointment

In advocating for the appointment of a particular applicant to the Housing and Sheltering Committee, Matthew Cunningham Cooke 33 Meadow Street spoke, noting that being a tenant is not a conflict of interest per HUD regulations; primary conflict of interest focus is financial. Tracylee Boutilier provided a handout with her statement relative to the appointment. Ms. Brewer noted she never stated this was a legal conflict of interest, but rather one of perception.

VOTED unanimously to approve the appointment of Thomas Kegelman to the Housing and Sheltering Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2016.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 6:46 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

11.04.13 Final Agenda

11.4.13 Draft Motions

Pole Hearing for new service at 155 S Pleasant

Taxi Driver Applications Anderson, R., Arthur, J., and Lawn, A.

Special License Applications UMass Amherst 11.12 and 11.15.13

Budget guidelines discussion

Select Board Meeting Calendar Jan-June 2014

Housing and Sheltering Committee Charge

Citizen Letter 11.3.13