

Minutes

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager; David Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager; Rob Morra, Building Commissioner.

Others: Finance Committee Chair Andy Steinberg; Maurianne Adams

Meeting called to order by Ms. O’Keeffe at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Ellen Pile questioned Public Works Committee minutes in regard to Pine Street/Cushman Road walkways.

Lunch Cart License – On Street Application

Applicant Sun Young Kim presented and spoke on behalf of the application.

VOTED unanimously, to approve the application of Sun Young Kim for an on-street lunch cart license operating from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekly, Monday through Saturday; Sun Young Kim, Owner/Manager.

Rental Permitting Fee Reduction

Building Commissioner Rob Morra summarized the Rental Bylaw Implementation Group recommendations.

VOTED unanimously, to amend the rental permit fee schedule affective January 1, 2014 by waiving the permit fee for owners of a property with no more than eight dwelling units who 1) previously offered a rental unit at a rate that exceeded the maximum permitted for the unit to qualify for a Section 8 rent subsidy or other subsidy program, and 2) reduces the rent for a rental unit which then qualifies the unit for a Section 8 subsidy program or other subsidy program, and has a family with a Section 8 voucher occupying the unit.

Approve Updated Town Fuel Efficiency Policy for Green Communities Report

VOTED unanimously to approve the updated Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy for the Town of Amherst as presented, to govern the replacement of all non-exempt municipal vehicles with fuel efficient vehicles, whenever such vehicles are commercially available and practicable, said policy to apply to all divisions and departments of the Town of Amherst.

Accept Deeds for Conservation Land –South East Street

Assistant Town Manager and Director of Conservation and Development Director David Ziomek presented.

VOTED unanimously, pursuant to the vote taken under Article 24C of the May 6, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, as continued, the Select Board hereby accepts the foregoing Deed from Kestrel Land Trust to property located off of South East Street, Amherst, which property is to be administered, managed and controlled by the Amherst Conservation Commission under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, §8C.

Select Board Meeting Date

VOTED unanimously, to add a meeting date of April 16, 2014 to the January – June 2014 Select Board Meeting Schedule approved November 4, 2013.

Parking and Street Closure Requests

VOTED unanimously, to approve the request for reservation of four parking spaces on the west side of the Spring Street Parking lot, as shown on the GIS map entitled “Tapestry Mobile Health Van” from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2013 for the mobile health van to provide access to rapid HIV testing to the Amherst community.

VOTED, to approve the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce request to close the following streets on Friday, December 6, 2013 for the annual Merry Maple event:

- Close the Main Street parking lot in front of Town Hall from 12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Prohibit parking in the Spring Street parking lot, north side only, from 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Close Boltwood Avenue, between Spring Street and Main Street, from 12:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Block off part of a lane on North Pleasant Street from the Pub Restaurant to the Town Common to allow for Horse Drawn Carriage rides.

VOTED, unanimously to approve the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce request for:

- free parking throughout the downtown Amherst area for Small Business Saturday on Saturday, November 30, 2013 and Annual Greeting Card Day on Saturday, December 7, 2013; and
- free parking in all the parking lots with the new pay-by-space parking machines (Boltwood Garage, Amity Street lot, Spring Street lot, Main Street lot, Town Hall lot and the Town portion of the CVS lot) on the subsequent Saturdays before Christmas: December 14 and 21, 2013.

Taxi Driver Licenses

VOTED unanimously, to approve a new 2013 taxi driver/chauffeur license for Harold W. Covert on behalf of Celebrity Cab.

VOTED unanimously, to approve a new 2013 taxi driver/chauffeur license for Michael Gromada on behalf of Aaron's Taxi Company.

VOTED unanimously, to approve a new 2013 taxi driver/chauffeur license for Jacqueline Santos on behalf of Gotta Go Taxi.

Special Liquor License

VOTED unanimously, to approve the Wine and Malt Special License for Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce for an After 5 networking event to be held on November 20, 2013 at the Amherst Survival Center, 138 Sunderland Road, Amherst from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Joan Tempkin, Membership and Marketing Director.

VOTED unanimously, to approve the Wine and Malt Special License for Amherst College Dining Services for a cash bar for a 21 and over Pub Night event to be held on Thursdays, December 5, 2013 and December 12, 2013 at Schwemm's Coffee House, Keefe Campus Center, Amherst College from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Charles Thompson, Director.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 9:12 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

11.18.13 Final Agenda

11.18.13 Draft Motions

Application for Lunch Cart – Sun Young Kim

RRPB Fee Schedule – subsidized reduction proposal

Fuel Efficiency Policy Request to Revise

Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy 10-31-13 Draft

Annual Town meeting Results 2013 Article 24C

South East Street Acceptance of Deed and Deed from Kestrel Trust and Protection Plan
Memorandum to Select Board and town Manager re Kiosk Parking Shelters
ASC Bus Press Release 11.1.13 and schedule handouts
Press Release - Ethics Commission to Promulgate and New Regulatory Exemption
Preliminary FY 2015 Budget Guidelines
PWC Minutes 06.4.13 Final; 8.8.13 Revised; and 10.3.13 Final
The Retreat – Locus; Pre Sub Significant Features Exhibit, and Summary Timeline of Permitting Process.
Amherst Area Chamber and BID Holiday Parking Request
Tapestry Health Parking Request
Taxi Driver Applications: Covert, H., Gromada, M. and Santos, J.
Special License Application Amherst Chamber 11.20.13 and Amherst College 12.5 and 12.12.13