

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager; Sandy Pooler, Finance Director; Claire McGinnis, Treasurer/Collector; Deborah Radway, HR Director; Scott Livingstone, Chief of Police; Sergeant Brian Daly; and Rob Morra, Building Commissioner.

Other: resident Colin Hill, Gaylord Street

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

Public Comment

Colin Hill, a Gaylord Street resident, spoke about need for follow up on request to utility company involving removal of a utility pole adjacent to his driveway.

Gottago Taxi License

Public Hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. Owner/Operator was not present, despite notice sent via certified mail. Chief Livingstone and Sergeant Daly outlined negative recommendations. Anthony Neverson appeared on behalf of the owner, advocating a period of time be granted to rectify issues outlined and references available at Amherst Survival Center and Northampton Senior Center. Select Board members encouraged follow up with Police Chief regarding issues going forward.

VOTED unanimously to not approve a 2014 taxi business license for Gangi Bakarani doing business as Gottago Taxi.

New Common Victualler

George Ejja summarized the offerings, hours and operations.

VOTED unanimously to approve a common victualler license for Pita Pockets Inc. at 103 North Pleasant Street operating Monday through Sunday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.; George Ejja, Owner/Manager.

New Taxi Business License

Manager Dawn Lynch provided an overview of the operations.

VOTED unanimously to approve a new 2014 taxi business license for Mercedes Cab Co., Inc. d/b/a Funky Cab, 123 Hawley Street, Northampton, MA; Dawn M. Lynch Manager.

VOTED unanimously to approve new 2014 taxi driver licenses for Dawn M. Lynch, Catherine Jean Sanderson and Andrew Shea Kapinos on behalf of Funky Cab Company.

VOTED unanimously to approve a new 2014 taxi driver license for Lacey Sanderson, subject to review and approval of the Police Chief, on behalf of Funky Cab Company.

WMECO Pole Hearing

Pole hearing opened at 7:46 p.m. Mr. Fuller, a WMECo representative presented, as well as Linda Sheely, an abutter at 294 Potwine Lane. Ms. Sheely wanted to know the purpose of the pole, noting her satisfaction when it was explained. Pole hearing closed at 7:49 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to grant to Western Massachusetts Electric Company permission to construct and maintain one (1) solely owned pole, wires and cables together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company

may deem necessary on Potwine Lane, approximately 3740 feet westerly of the intersection with Middle Street, to provide new service to customer at 270 Potwine Lane, as requested in their petition dated the 8th day of January, 2014 and as indicated upon the plan marked #6A320911 ESNRO; and further, to grant permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as it may desire for distributing purposes.

Water and Sewer Rates

VOTED unanimously that the Select Board, acting as the Water and Sewer Commission, as prescribed by the Amherst Town Government Act, hereby increase the water rate from \$3.40 per 100 cubic foot to \$3.45 per 100 cubic foot and increase the sewer rate from \$3.55 per 100 cubic foot to \$3.65 per 100 cubic foot, effective July 1, 2014.

Ambulance Fees

VOTED unanimously to hereby establish new rates for Ambulance Service to be effective July 1, 2014 as follows: BLS rate from \$555 to \$630; ALS1 from \$655 to \$730.00; and ALS2 from \$800.00 to \$1,000.00.

Inspection Services Fees

Aaron Hayden recused himself from discussion, noting the outcome may have an effect on his employer Amherst College. Mr. Hayden left the room.

VOTED 4-0, 1 absent (Hayden), to hereby establish new rates for Inspection Services to be effective July 1, 2014 as follows:

Certificate of Inspection	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Assembly over 400	\$125.00	\$150.00
Assembly under 400	\$100.00	\$125.00
Educational	\$100.00	\$150.00
Residential Lodging, dorm	\$125.00 + \$2/bed	\$150.00 +\$2/bed
Residential fraternity	\$125.00 +\$2/bed	\$200.00 +\$2/bed
Residential – Multi Family	\$125.00 + \$4/unit	\$150.00 + \$5/unit

Permits	Proposed Fee
Mechanical	\$30.00 +\$10.00/\$1,000 of construction cost
Sheet Metal	\$30.00 +\$10.00/\$1,000 of construction cost
Generator – Residential	\$50.00
Generator – commercial	\$150.00
Minor Site Improvements only	\$100.00

Temporary Structure

Current Fee	
Up to 30 days	\$25.00
For 4 Months	\$75.00
Proposed Fee	
\$25.00 + \$5.00 for each additional structure	

Mr. Hayden returned to the meeting.

Select Board Policies

Ms. O’Keeffe announced she would revise the Filling Vacancy on Elected Boards policy per feedback presented this evening and bring back to the February 10, 2014 meeting for further consideration.

VOTED unanimously to adopt the New Liquor License Availability policy as presented.

Taxi Driver Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve new 2014 taxi driver/chauffeur licenses for Mohamed El Habib Dioury and Papa Aly Diagne on behalf of Taxi Express LLC.

VOTED unanimously to approve new 2014 taxi driver/chauffeur licenses for Andrew Garrett Lederman and Alexander Scott Rae on behalf of Celebrity Cab.

Special Liquor Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve a special all alcohol liquor license for Amherst Hurricane Athletic Boosters, Inc. for a fundraiser to be held March 15, 2014 in Valentine Hall, Amherst College; Clem Clay, Board of Directors.

VOTED unanimously to approve a special wine and malt license for Amherst College for a 21 and over Pub Night with cash bar to be held February 6, 2014; February 13, 2014; February 20, 2014; and February 27, 2014 at Schwemm's Coffee House, Keefe Campus Center, Amherst College from 7:00 pm to 1:00 am; Charles Thompson, Director.

Inn Holder License

VOTED unanimously to approve an Innholder License to University Motor Lodge LLC d/b/a University Motor Lodge at 345 North Pleasant Street; J. Curtis Shumway, Chief Executive Officer.

Executive Session

VOTED unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session per MGL Chapter 30A §21a, 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, Echo Village and Rolling Green, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position and open session will NOT reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 9:50 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

2014-01-27 Draft Motions Revised
2014-01-27 summary points
645 Second Quarter YTD Budget Report to SB FC through December 31, 2013
700 Gotta Go Notice of Hearing
700 Gotta Go Renewal - Police Chief Recommendation
710 Common Vic Application- Pita Pockets
715 Taxi Business Application - Funky Cab
715 Taxi Driver Application - Sanderson, C_Redacted
715 Taxi Driver Application- Kapinos, A_Redacted
715 Taxi Driver Application- Lynch, D_Redacted
720 Pole Hearing 270 Potwine Lane
730 HR Audit update 12714 transmittal
750A Water and Sewer Rates Recommendations to Select Board - FY 15 Revised
750B Ambulance Fee Recommendation to Select Board
750C Ambulance Fee Fire Chiefs Memo
750D Ambulance Fee Comparison Chart
750E IS Fees Proposed 1-23-14
810 MMA Alert Governor Files Disappointing FY 2015 State Budget
825 Housing and Economic Development Proposal
825 Staff Recognitions - HR Recruitment Update APD

UTI 2 Select Board Policy - New Liquor License Capacity DRAFT
UTI1 Select Board Process for Filling Elected Board Vacancies - DRAFT
UTI2 Liquor License Quota 2013 Revised 07-24-2013
UTI4 Taxi Driver Application - Diagne,P Redacted
UTI4 Taxi Driver Application - Dioury, M Redacted
UTI4 Taxi Driver Application - Lederman, A_Redacted
UTI4 Taxi Driver Application- Orlando, F_Redacted
UTI4 Taxi Driver Application Rae, S_Redacted
UTI5 Special One Day-All Alc Amherst Athletic Boosters Inc 3.15.14
UTI5 Special Wine Malt Amherst College, 2.6, 2.13, 2.20 & 2.27.2014
UTI6 Inn Holder License - University Motor Lodge