

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Awad at 6:16 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Weiss, Greeney
Del Castilho, Wennemyr, Scipioni, Pollack

QUESTION PERIOD

- Will there be a chance to inform the Select board about petition articles before Town Meeting?
- Will the Select Board consider a Town policy on the subject of genetically engineered foods?
- Is the Town Manager entitled to compensatory time?

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Hurricane Katrina Update

VOTED unanimously to change the name from the current Amherst Area Katrina Relief Fund to Amherst-Bay St. Louis Fund.

Senate Bill 2315 – Regional Transit Authorities

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve, sign and send the letters to Senator Baddour and Representative Wagner regarding the Senate Bill 2315, Regional Transit Authorities.

East Amherst Social Services

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to hold a meeting, including two Select Board members, with residents from East Amherst and residents at large to solicit their suggestions on possible social services that might benefit residents of East Amherst and other Amherst residents.

Election Warrant

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to sign the April 4, 2006 Election Warrant.

Ballot Questions

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to adopt the following questions to be placed on the April 4, 2006 municipal ballot:

1. Are you in favor of balancing the Town budget by cuts in municipal/school/library services and other Town spending? This question is non-binding.

_____ YES _____ No

2. Are you in favor of increased tax support by a Proposition 2-1/2 override to maintain present municipal/school/library services? This question is non-binding.

_____ YES _____ No

3. Are you in favor of a combination of cuts and tax or fee increases to maintain most important Town services? This question is non-binding.

_____ YES _____ No

Reserve Fund

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Greeney voted “Aye”, Kusner “No”, Weiss absent, to recommend the use of \$500,000 from reserves for FY 07.

Consent Calendar

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve the following items on the February 27, 2006 Consent Calendar:

Approve Minutes

- VOTED : Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve the February 13, 2006 Select Board meeting minutes.
- VOTED : Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve and not release the February 13, 2006 Executive Session, 7:10 p.m., Select Board meeting minutes.
- VOTED : Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve and not release the February 13, 2006 Executive Session, 11:02 p.m., Select Board meeting minutes.
- VOTED : Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve the February 20, 2006 Select Board meeting minutes.
- VOTED : Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve and not release the February 20, 2006 Executive Session Select Board meeting minutes.

Committee Appointments and Reappointments

No action taken.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Lunch Cart – Extension of Hours – Pizza Shark

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve the extension of hours for the Lunch Cart License to Wild Iris, LLC dba Pizza Shark from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. for a fixed location on private property at the south east corner of Triangle and East Pleasant Street for Thursday – Saturday night.

Common Victualler License – Pizza Shark

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to approve the Common Victualler License to Wild Iris, LLC dba Pizza Shark, 17B Montague Road (Manager: Bob Pollak).

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED: Awad, Hubley, Kusner, Greeney vote “Aye”, Weiss absent, to adjourn to executive session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-union employee compensation. The open meeting will not reconvene following the Executive Session.