

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Awad at 6:19 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Awad, Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner  
Del Castillo, Musante, Hoyle, Stern, Sarafin, Carr

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Would you think about reviving the Parking Commission?

**SELECT BOARD'S ACTION**

**Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting**

VOTED unanimously to not sign the warrant for a Special Town Meeting but to set the date for it as June 15, 2005 at 7:35 p.m. in the Amherst Regional Middle School.

**FY 06 Proposed Revenues**

Agreed that the goal of the proposed revenues is a total of \$700,000 and that the goal of additional parking revenues is a total of approximately \$200,000.

**FY 06 Municipal Budget**

VOTED: Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted "Aye", Awad absent, to recommend the following reductions in budget increases on the menu of "Recommended municipal budget cuts" dated 4/29/05 and totaling \$283,731: COLA, reclassification study, Conservation, Police, Police Facility, DPW, Planning, Health, van subsidies, Human Service agencies, Finance, and IT.

VOTED: Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted "Aye", Awad absent, to recommend that \$20,000 of Fire/EMS overtime be funded from the ambulance fee increase to be transferred to the Fire Department budget.

VOTED: Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted "Aye", Awad absent, to recommend a reduction of \$10,500 in the increase for LSSE (but that the Outdoor Challenge Camp scholarships be funded at \$11,000 and special needs programs at \$2,000), a reduction of \$8,192 in the increase for Human Rights, and a reduction of \$5,220 in the increase for the Senior Center.

VOTED: Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted "Aye", Awad absent, to recommend a reduction of \$2,500 in the increase for IT training.

No action on Cherry Hill.

**Consent Calendar**

VOTED: Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted "Aye", Awad absent, to approve the following items on the May 9, 2005 Consent Calendar:

**Approve Minutes**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of May 4, 2005.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of May 2, 2005.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of April 27, 2005.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of April 25, 2005.

**Street Closing – Blue Hills Road**

VOTED unanimously to close Blue Hills Road on July 23, 2005, from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., (rain date: July 24, 2005) for a block party.

**One-Day Wine and Malt License – UMass**

VOTED unanimously to approve the One-Day Wine and Malt License for the University of Massachusetts for May 17, 2005, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at South College, Room 211 for a reception.

**UMass MEPA Filing**

VOTED: Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted “Aye”, Awad absent, to authorize the Vice Chair to sign the letter regarding the University of Massachusetts new student residences.

**Agricultural Preservation Restriction**

VOTED unanimously that the Select Board execute the *Co-Holders Agreement* with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) relative to the land owned by Mary H. Murphy, Geraldine H. Smyth, Regina H. Gulliver, and Joan M. Hart, located easterly of Northeast Street, being parcels 8 and 16, on Assessors’ Map 12A, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 184A, Sections 31 through 33, inclusive, and pursuant to the vote of the Amherst Town Meeting on a motion under Article 15 of the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting held on October 27, 2003.

**GLBT Flag**

VOTED unanimously to fly the GLBT flag, hopefully in conjunction with the United Nations flag, in front of Town Hall from May 15 to May 21, 2005, to commemorate states, beginning with Massachusetts, that have sensible marriage policies.

**WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Article 27 – Petition – Animal Welfare (Bauman)**

VOTED: Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted “Aye”, Awad absent, to recommend dismissal of Article 27.

**LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**Taxi Business License**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Taxi Business License for Richard A. Sarafin, Sarafin Cab Company, Inc. dba Celebrity Cab Company, 10 Gatehouse Road, Unit #26, Amherst.

**Taxi Driver License**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Taxi Driver License for Richard A. Sarafin, 105 Leverett Road, Shutesbury, MA for Sarafin Cab Company, Inc. dba Celebrity Cab Company, 10 Gatehouse Road, Unit #26, Amherst.

**Taxi Driver License**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Taxi Driver License for Haniyf R. Carr, 170 East Hadley Road, Apt. #129, Amherst, for Persian, Inc. dba Red Cab.

**ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED: Hubley, Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted “Aye”, Awad absent, to adjourn the open meeting at 10:44 p.m. and to convene an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining strategy. The open meeting will not reconvene following the Executive Session.