

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

Present: Jim Wald, Alisa Brewer, Aaron Hayden, Constance Kruger, Andrew Steinberg

Absent: None

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager; Sandy Pooler, Finance Director

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hayden at 6:00 p.m.

Common Victualler

VOTED 4-0, 1 absent (Brewer) to approve the application of Soam, Inc. d/b/a Subway for a Common Victualler License on the premises at 468 West Street, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. seven (7) days a week; John Stavropulos, Manager.

Minutes

VOTED 2-0, 2 abstain (Kruger, Steinberg), 1 absent (Brewer) to approve the meeting minutes of the Amherst Select Board for February 24, 2014.

3rd Quarter Budget Report

Finance Director Sandy Pooler reviewed report.

Ms. Brewer arrived at 6:07 p.m.

Pole Hearing

Pole Hearing Opened: at 6:15 p.m. Matt Fuller from Northeast Utilities summarized request. Joan Burgess received notice and questioned location of poles. Mr. Fuller reported poles to be located north of campus pond near new academic building. Pole Hearing Closed at 6:20 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to grant Western Massachusetts Electric Company permission to construct and maintain poles, wires, cables, and fixtures along and across North Pleasant Street for relocation of three solely owned poles, as requested in their Petition dated April 11, 2014 and as indicated upon the plan marked #6A420016 HRO; 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..

Voting and Assignment of Select Board Positions on Town Meeting Warrant Articles

VOTED unanimously to amend our vote of April 16, 2014 for the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Article 20 Community Preservation Act Section C. Affordable Housing - Preservation of Affordable Housing Units at Rolling Green to recommend dismissal if a revised article with an appropriation of \$1,250,000 is approved at a Special Town Meeting.

Ms. Brewer reviewed a revised draft Select Board memorandum to the Town Manager regarding PVRTA service changes. Final draft to be presented for approval at May 5, 2014 Select Board meeting.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Musante provided an update on permit for rock drilling at 172 State Street, noting contractor reports that rock removal will continue through the end of next week. Adjustments were made to the design to reduce overall construction time by several days. Fencing with screening cover was installed, but provided minimal sound absorption; contractor is checking into sound absorbing products based on availability.

CPA Committee Chair Peter Jessop reports that they will move to dismiss a portion of Article 20 for the housing choice voucher program or significantly reduce the amount; awaiting results of Housing and Sheltering Committee meeting on April 30, 2014 to finalize.

Procedural motion expected for part C of Article 20 for Rolling Green this evening, to consider on June 2, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. immediately following consideration of a revised article which increases CPA contribution to \$1,250,000. Expectation of distribution of a revised CPAC report for June 2, 2014.

Mr. Musante reported that Charles “Chuck” Nelson III is retiring from the Amherst Police Department on May 1 after serving the Town for almost 27 years.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 6:45 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

Agenda

Draft Motions

FY 14 Third Quarter YTD Report

Application for Pole Hearing – relocation of 3 poles North Pleasant Street

DPW Response to Pole Hearing

Application for Common Victualler – SOAM, Inc. 468 West Street

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