

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, Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director, and Rob Morra, Building Commissioner

Other: Rob Crowner, Planning Board; Greg Stutsman and Nancy Gregg, Housing & Sheltering Committee.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hayden at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment

Sarah Barr and Mindy Domb from the Amherst Survival Center provided a brief update on services being offered.

Christina Curro, resident of 171 State Street, expressed concern with construction occurring at 172 State Street and notice to abutters. She spoke about the need for improved methods of communication to abutters regarding hearing notices, in this case Zoning Board of Appeals. She felt that the notice did not adequately describe the proposed extent or method of construction.

Vince O'Connor spoke about the abutter notice issue related to construction at 172 State Street near Puffers Pond, also, and noting without prejudice incorrect interpretation of bylaw. A Sand Hill Road resident also commented on distress related to drilling noise at 172 State Street. A written statement was presented.

Public Hearing – Petition for Change of License Location

Opened Public Hearing 6:50 p.m. Select Board was advised that the applicant, Amherst Wines and Spirits, has withdrawn its application. The public hearing closed at 6:52 p.m.

Weights and Measures Fee Schedule

Building Commissioner Rob Morra reviewed a memo of recommended fee adjustments proposed.

VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed fee schedule titled “Weights and Measures Fee Schedule 2014” effective June 1, 2014, as presented.

Updated 2014 Street Paving Plan

Mr. Musante reviewed his handout providing an update/overview of the 2014 Paving Plan.

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

Article 39 petitioner Gerry Weiss provided a handout of an updated motion.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, the revised version of the motion as indicated on the April 18, 2014 script for Annual Town Meeting, Petition Article 39 Petition – 24-30 Gatehouse Road; Alisa Brewer to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

Greg Stutsman, Amherst Housing and Sheltering Committee member, answered questions related to the proposed Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Petition Article 34 Bylaw – Municipal Affordable Housing Trust with revisions capturing sense of Select Board at its April 22, 2014 meeting; Connie Kruger to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

Planning Board member Rob Crowner and Planning Director Jonathan Tucker reported on what was reflected in Planning Board’s version as compared to the petitioner’s, noting agreement of petitioner Mr. Ewert.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Petition Article 29 Zoning – Restrictive Covenant 284 North Pleasant Street; Connie Kruger to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend dismissal or, if Article 29 fails, to recommend approval to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Petition Article 30 Petition – 284 North Pleasant Street; Connie Kruger to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

Rob Crowner explained the process for revision with community feedback likely to result in a request for a Special Town Meeting for a revised article on June 2, 2014. Consensus without formal vote was to support a procedural motion at Annual Town Meeting to recommend to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, delay of consideration of Article 24 Zoning - Inclusionary Zoning until 7:05 p.m. on June 2, 2014.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Article 25 – Zoning - Atkins Corner; Jim Wald to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend referral to the Planning Board to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Article 26 Zoning – Small House Development; Alisa Brewer to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Article 27 Zoning – Accessory Home Business Uses; Andy Steinberg to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED unanimously to recommend to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Article 28 Zoning – Supplemental Dwelling Units; Jim Wald to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED unanimously to rescind our recommendation of April 7, 2014 and recommend dismissal to the April 28, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, Article 19 Watershed Land Purchase.

Town Manager Report

DPW Superintendent Guilford Mooring, Joe Mercier (Highway) and Jeff Osborne (Water) accepted the 2014 Silver Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts on behalf of the Town of Amherst for outstanding professional design excellence related to the realignment of Route 116 and Bay Road by CDM Smith.

For the 10th straight year, the Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for area youth who have demonstrated acts of kindness, unselfishness, social courage and or community service within their families, schools or community. Heroism Awards will be presented at their annual community picnic in June.

Mr. Musante reviewed preparation for Annual and a possible Special Town Meeting including the Motion Review held April 18, 2014.

He reminded the Board that the Sustainability Festival is scheduled for April 26, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Town Common.

Member Reports

Alisa Brewer reviewed a draft memorandum from Select Board to the Town Manager regarding service changes considerations for Pioneer Valley Transit Authority, emphasizing need for service to the Amherst Survival Center and Holyoke Community College; revised memo will be considered at the April 28 Select Board.

League of Women Voters Book Sale Parking Reservation Request

VOTED unanimously to approve the reservation of the first eight (8) metered parking spaces on the west side of Boltwood Ave., originating at Spring Street moving south towards College Street beginning Saturday, May 3, 2014

from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and the reservation of the first four (4) metered parking spaces on the west side of Boltwood Ave., originating at Spring Street moving south towards College Street and the reservation of the first four (4) metered parking spaces on the south side of the Spring Street Parking lot beginning at the Boltwood Street entrance from Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. through Friday May 2, 2014 to 6:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, May 4, 2014 beginning at 2 p.m. through Sunday May 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.; for the Amherst League of Women Voters Annual Book Sale.

Special Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve a special wine and malt license for Top of the Campus Inc. for a reception to be held in Bezanson Hall Lobby in the Fine Arts Center, UMass, Amherst on April 28, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Judy Bardwell, Clerk.

VOTED unanimously to approve two (2) special wine and malt licenses for Top of the Campus Inc. for receptions to be held in the Conte Atrium of the Polymer Science Building, UMass Amherst on May 13, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and May 15, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Judy Bardwell, Clerk.

Chair's Report

Mr. Hayden reviewed important calendar items, noting Select Board meetings begin at 6 p.m. prior to each session of Annual Town Meeting and preparation for committee reappointments forthcoming in June.

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VOTED 2 in Favor with 3 Abstentions (Brewer, Kruger & Steinberg) to approve the meeting minutes of the Amherst Select Board for February 10, 2014, as presented.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 9:52 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

2014-04-22 Agenda - FINAL

2014-04-22 Draft Motions

645 Amherst Wines and Spirit Withdraws Application

650 Memo to Manager Proposed Change in Weights and Measures Fees

700 Paving Report 4.22.14

715 A34 Housing Trust Brochure

715 A39 Petition 24-30 Gatehouse Road

715 Art. 24 - Inclusionary Zoning

715 Art. 25 - Atkins Corner rezoning

715 Art. 26 - Small House Development

715 Art. 27 - Accessory Home Business Uses

715 Art. 28 - Supplemental Dwelling Units

715 Art. 29 - 284 No. Pleasant Covenant - PB

715 Art. 30 - 284 No. Pleasant Covenant - Petition

Calendar - Recycling Drive

Calendar - Sustainability Festival 2014

Handout - 4.22.14 Select Board Mtg

UTI1A LWV Book Sale Request for Parking Spaces

UTI1B LWV Book Sale Mapped

UTI3 Special Wine and Malt - UMass 4.28.14

UTI3 Special Wine and Malt - UMass 5.13.14

UTI3 Special Wine and Malt - UMass 5.15.14

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