

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager; David Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager; Guilford Mooring DPW Superintendent; and Ron Bohonowicz, Facilities Director.

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

Public Comment

Mr. Hayden made remarks regarding expectations for the Select Board public comment period.

Mary Wentworth urges Select Board to consider opportunity such as a community forum to share ideas.

Elizabeth Rising Musgrave of East Pleasant Street spoke about concerns regarding condition of Pine Street and decisions regarding sidewalk, safety of pedestrians requiring multiple crossings.

Rolf Karlstrom, Fearing Street resident, urges Select Board to reconsider approach to public comment articulated tonight.

Vince O'Connor seconded Mr. Karlstrom's statement. He believes the Select Board's refusal to hear comment is a mistake. Also thinks Pine Street sidewalk crossing road is a mistake. Urges PVTA's reconsideration of earlier morning direct route bus to Holyoke and HCC. Urges HCC to consider offering funds for direct service.

John Fox indicated the Town's reply to him is a public document and urged ability to speak further on the topic.

Mr. Hayden indicated there would be no further public comment allowed because of concern that the discussion would veer to a personnel matter.

Larry Kelley expressed displeasure that his request to discuss flying the Town's flags on poles on 9/11 did not make the agenda after requesting same at August 25, 2014 meeting. Mr. Kelley also urged a future Select Board agenda item to discuss placement of a voter referendum on the March 2015 town election ballot.

Lincoln-Sunset Local Historic District Committee Appointments

Mr. Musante explained the process to date in the creation of local historic district study committees and the need for additional at large committee members for the Lincoln-Sunset LHD Study Committee. Ms. Brewer noted further need to postpone appointment of North Amherst LHD Study Committee until there are sufficient applicants for consideration. Mr. Wald offered to serve as liaison to the new committee and coordinate first meeting.

VOTED unanimously to approve the appointment of architect William Gillen, realtor Ann Sutliff, Historical Society member Philip Shaver, Gretchen Fox (at-large) and Steve Bloom (at-large) to the Lincoln-Sunset Local Historic District Study Committee with terms to expire June 30, 2017.

Public Hearing: Changes to Parking Restrictions on west side of High Street

Public Hearing Opened at 7:10 p.m. Facilities Director Ron Bohonowicz summarized the purpose of the request, providing pictures of the intersection involved, noting approval of the Police Chief and DPW Superintendent. Board members questioned need for twenty-four hour restriction, who is thought to be utilizing the spaces recommended to be restricted, and if any attempt for contact was made to abutters in the proposed restricted area. Suggestion for inclusion of language in motion for formal notice to placed on parked cars as well as mailing abutting property owners. Public Hearing Closed at 7:27 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to prohibit parking on the west side of High Street, moving north from the intersection of Main Street to the driveway of 22 High Street, with the understanding that there is at least one week's notice to abutters and parkers of the change in policy prior to installation of No Parking signs.

Public Works Projects - Pine Street Design

Public Works Superintendent Guilford Mooring responded to the Board's inquiries on need/expense of sidewalk changing to opposite side in two locations, and the width of the roadway and sidewalks. Mr. Hayden reported that the Public Transportation & Bicycle Committee has voted to accept the proposed design.

VOTED unanimously to approve the concept for reconstruction of Pine Street, as recommended by the Public Works Committee and presented on the Conceptual Street Plan dated August 2014 and reviewed by the Select Board at its August 25, 2014 meeting, with more detailed crosswalk design options to be prepared by DPW for future Select Board review.

Town Manager Employment Agreement

VOTED unanimously to approve for the Town Manager a 2% increase in salary effective October 1, 2014 and longevity pay in conformance with the Town of Amherst Personnel Procedures Manual.

Discussion by Select Board of draft FY 15 Town Manager goals; Aaron Hayden to prepare updated draft for next meeting.

Downtown Parking Forum

VOTED unanimously to co-sponsor with the Planning Board a series of Downtown Parking Forums beginning on September 23, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society.

Annual Town Meeting Dates

VOTED unanimously to schedule the Annual Town Meeting for April 27, 2015 with additional sessions reserved for April 29, May 4, May 6, May 11, May 13, May 18, May 20, May 27, June 1, and June 8, 2015.

Aaron Hayden reviewed a draft Select Board letter of thanks to Senator Rosenberg and Representative Story. A final draft will be presented for signature at the meeting of September 22.

Committee Appointments and Reappointments

VOTED unanimously to approve the appointment of Glenroy B. Buchanan to the Agricultural Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Parking Reservation Requests

Amherst Family Center Apple Harvest 2014

VOTED unanimously to approve the reservation of thirty-four (34) metered parking spaces including twenty-one (21) on the west side of Boltwood Avenue and thirteen (13) on the east side of South Pleasant Street between College Street and Spring Street beginning at 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 26, 2014 through 10:00 a.m. Saturday September 27, 2014 and up to five (5) meters on Boltwood Avenue beginning at the Spring Street intersection until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2014 for handicapped parking for the 28th Annual Apple Harvest Festival fundraiser for the Amherst Family Center.

Lord Jeffery Inn

VOTED unanimously to approve the reservation of forty (40) metered parking spaces on the west and east sides of Boltwood Avenue beginning at the intersection of College Street beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2014 through 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 7, 2014 for the Northeast Recycle Council (NERC) function at the Lord Jeffery Inn for a fee of \$5.00 per meter per day, totaling \$400.00 payable to the Town of Amherst.

VOTED unanimously to approve the reservation of ten (10) metered parking spaces on the west side of Boltwood Avenue beginning at the intersection of Spring Street and four (4) metered parking spaces on the east side of Boltwood Avenue beginning at the driveway to Amherst College Porter House beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday October 14, 2014 through Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. for a function at the Lord Jeffery Inn for a fee of \$5.00 per meter per day, totaling \$140.00 payable to the Town of Amherst.

Taxi Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications of Emily Lorenzo, Mohamed Nagooradumai and Frederick W. Olson for a 2014 Taxi Driver license on behalf of Taxi Express.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Linda D. Wright for a 2014 Taxi Driver license on behalf of A to Z Transportation.

Special Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications of Top of the Campus Inc. for two (2) Special All-Alcohol Licenses for receptions to be held in the UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center Atrium on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and in the UMass Amherst Goodell Building, Bernie Dallas Room on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.; Meredith Schmidt, Assistant Treasurer.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Top of the Campus Inc. for a for a Special Wine and Malt License for a reception to be held in the UMass Amherst Bartlett Hall Lobby on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Meredith Schmidt, Assistant Treasurer.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Amherst Montessori School for a special wine and malt license for a Chamber After Five event to be held at 27 Pomeroy Lane on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Shelley Poreda, Acting Director.

Executive Session

VOTED by ROLL CALL VOTE Hayden, Aye; Kruger, Aye; Steinberg, Aye; Wald, Aye; Brewer, Aye to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, section 21, part a, subset 3 to discuss litigation relative to The Retreat project, with the intent not to reconvene in Open Meeting at the conclusion.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 9:45 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 and Draft Motions

Recommendation for Appointments Local Historic District

Solicitations for Local Historic Districts

Lincoln Sunset Local Historic District Study and North Amherst Local Historic District Study Committee Charges

Request for High Street Parking Change and Map

High Street Pictures

Legal Notice of Parking Change

Town Manager Final Contract

BID Memorandum of Understanding FY 14-16

BID MOU Original

Meeting Procedure Amherst Pelham Regional Schools

Policy BEDH Public Participation at Committee Meetings

Letter of Thanks to Representative Ellen Story & Senator Stanley Rosenberg

Email from Finance Committee Chair re Annual Town Meeting Scheduling

Parking Reservation Request Apple Harvest and Map

Parking Reservation Request Lord Jeffrey 11/6-7/14 and 10/14-15/2014 and Map

Taxi Driver Applications E. Lorenzo, F. Olson and M. Nagooradumai for Taxi Express

Taxi Driver Application L. Wright for A to Z Transporter

Special One Day All Alcohol Licenses UMass 9/18 and 9/30/2014

Special One Day Wine and Malt License Amherst Montessori 9/17/2014

Special One Day Wine and Malt License UMass 9/27/2014