

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Ms. Greeney at 6:15 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Greeney, Hubley, Kusner, Weiss, Awad  
Musante, Mooring

**QUESTION PERIOD**

The Board was asked by a citizen to consider a prospective comprehensive plan schedule and related spending. The Board was asked to consider adopting a policy to have “all Town committees, boards, and commissions include within the concluding portion of their meeting agendas a brief Meeting Clarification Section.”

**SELECT BOARD’S ACTION**

**Executive Session**

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 6:17 p.m. and to convene an Executive Session to discuss the value of real property because open discussion may have a detrimental affect on the position of the Town. The open meeting will reconvene following the Executive Session.

**Reconvene Open Meeting**

The open meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

**Cushman Store**

VOTED unanimously to sign the letter of support for a State Historic Rehab. Tax Credit Program Preservation Certification for the Cushman Store.

**Flags on 9/11/05**

VOTED unanimously as a mark of respect for William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States, the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 in New York City, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, to fly the American flags at half-staff through sunset on September 20, 2005.

**Consent Calendar**

VOTED unanimously to approve the following items on the September 6, 2005 Consent Calendar:

**Approve Minutes**

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of August 22, 2005.

**Special Liquor Licenses - UMass**

VOTED unanimously to approve the All Alcoholic Special License for the University of Massachusetts on September 26, 2005, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the Engineering Lab 2, Kellogg Conference Room for a reception.

VOTED unanimously to approve the All Alcoholic Special License for the University of Massachusetts on September 28, 2005, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the Hampden Gallery, Hampden Dining Hall for a reception.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Wine and Malt Special License for the University of Massachusetts on September 28, 2005, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Fine Arts Center/University Gallery for a reception.

### **Select Board Liaisons**

No vote: consensus Ms. Greeney as Select Board liaison for the Comprehensive Planning Committee and Mr. Kusner as Select Board liaison for the Ad Hoc Committee for North Amherst land Study.

### **Committee Appointments**

VOTED unanimously to appoint Mary Streeter, Ad Hoc Committee for North Amherst Land Use, term to expire June 30, 2006.

### **Flood-Prone Conservancy District**

VOTED unanimously to transmit to the Planning Board the Select Board's intention to include on the Fall Town Meeting warrant list two articles: to revise maps of the Flood Prone Conservancy district and a second article amending related zoning as generally described below:

1. Amend map, or language defining map: "and the Fort River" should be added to 3.2231. Similarly, several large brooks in South Amherst (Plum, Muddy, ...) should be added to 3.2232.
2. There needs to be a way to incorporate the FEMA floodzones and historically observed and inferred flooding in a more definitive and interactive way, as new information about the extent of actual or potential flooding is established. To do this, we might replace Section 3.2230 with something like:  
All areas along the Mill River, the Fort River or their tributaries which are subject to flooding according to any of the following: the FPC District on the Official Zoning Map on file in the Town Clerk's Office; the 100-year-flood zone on the 1983 FEMA map, as amended; observed and inferred flooding from storm events of a frequency exceeding once in 100 years; [as indicated in current 3.2230] . . . In case of conflict, the FPC District will comprise the greatest area of potential flooding according to the above criteria, and the Official Zoning Map shall be updated regularly to reflect this.
3. Amend Section 6.5 (by deletion) and 12.22 (to provide that at most half an upland lot area is in the FPC district or FEMA 100 year floodplain).
4. Amend other sections.
5. Section 12.36 also may need minor revision to make "uplands" (in)compatible with flood zones and floodways.

### **Hurricane Katrina:**

1. "That the Select Board and Acting Town Manger investigate tomorrow a mechanism for the Town to create a fund to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina to relocate their families to the Town of Amherst."
2. "That the Select Board support and urge action by the Town to explore specific ways to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina."

### **Town Manager Process**

Note: At 9:45 p.m., Mr. Musante announced that he would excuse himself from this portion of the meeting because he will be applying for the position of Town Manager.

VOTED unanimously to approve additional advertisements in the Sunday edition of the *Boston Globe* and *New York Times*.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 10:35 p.m.