

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Seppala at 6:16 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly, Awad, Hubley
Del Castilho, Maglione, DeChiara, Swift

QUESTION PERIOD

- Will the Select Board provide the District Attorney's guidelines on open meetings to all boards and committees?
- Will the Select Board clarify for all boards and committees what would be desirable in encouraging maximum public participation?

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Cushman School

VOTED unanimously to transfer the structure known as the Cushman School, as authorized by the votes of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting under Articles 20 and 21 thereof and in accordance with the Request for Proposals issued therefor, to the Cushman-Scott Children's Center, Inc., and in furtherance of this transfer, to execute a Purchase-Sale Agreement, Bill of Sale, Ground Lease, Commercial Promissory Note, and Commercial Security Agreement.

Select Board Meeting Schedule

VOTED unanimously to set the following Select Board meeting schedule in 2004. Unless otherwise noted, the Select Board meets at 6:15 p.m. in the Town Room, Town Hall.

- February 2, 9, 23
- March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- April 5, 12, 26
- Prior to Town Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room of the Amherst Regional Middle School. Annual Town Meeting begins April 28 (additional dates the auditorium is reserved for possible Town Meeting sessions: April 29, May 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 24, June 7, 10, 14, 16).

Executive Session

VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly, Awad, Hubley voted "Aye" to adjourn the open meeting at 7:21 p.m. and convene an Executive Session to discuss non-union employee compensation. The open meeting will reconvene following the Executive Session.

Reconvene Open Meeting

Reconvened the open meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Town Manager's Contract

VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly voted "Aye", Awad, Hubley voted "No" to adopt the Agreement between the Town of Amherst and the Town Manager dated January 5, 2004.

Committee Appointment

VOTED unanimously to appoint Barry Roberts, Town/Commercial Relations Committee Representative to the 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee, for a term to expire June 30, 2006.

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously, to approve the Select Board minutes of December 22, 2003, as amended.

VOTED unanimously to approve, and not release, the Select Board Executive Session minutes of December 22, 2003.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Sunday Sales - Package Stores

VOTED unanimously to approve the sale of alcohol on Sundays by holders of licenses under G.L. Chapter 138, § 15 on an annual basis pursuant to G.L Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003. The following licensees request to be open on Sundays:

Licensee	Address
Amherst Wines & Spirits	233 North Pleasant Street
Cousin's Market	11 East Pleasant Street
Big Guy Liquors	25 Montague Road
Maplewood Farms Restaurant and Brewery	138 Belchertown Road
R & P Package Store	505 West Street
Russell's Liquors, Inc.	18 Main Street
South Amherst Liquor Mart	483 West Street
Spirit Haus	338 College Street
University Liquors	6 University Drive
Watroba's Liquors	81 Sunderland Road

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 9:03 p.m.