

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Seppala at 6:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly, Awad, Hubley
Del Castilho, Matarazzo, Howard, Molongwski, Nunn

QUESTION PERIOD

- Whom should I talk to about the revenues in the Finance Department budget?
- Where is the provision in the Town Manager's contract providing for a re-opener?
- Will the Select Board consider re-opening talks with the Town Manager?

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Public Hearing – WMECO and Verizon New England, Inc.

- Public hearing called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to approve, pending permit from the Department of Public Works, the petition from Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Verizon New England, Inc. to install one (1) jointly owned pole (Lt.# 157/50M, Tel.# 51½) on West Street, approximately 155 feet southerly of Pomeroy Lane, and to construct and maintain a line of poles, wires and cables in accordance with plan 6A310397 to improve clearance over the roadway and between cables on the existing poles.

Early Retirement

VOTED unanimously to approve the Town providing an incentive of a five year credit under the Early Retirement Incentive Program (approved Oct. 29, 2003 by acceptance of Sec. 116, Chapter 46, the Acts of 2003) for one employee who applied no later than December 12, 2003 and that the effective date of retirement for this individual be December 31, 2003.

Town Manager's Report

VOTED: Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly voted "No", Awad, Hubley voted "Aye", to place on each SELECT BOARD AGENDA, beginning with the Select Board meeting following adoption of this motion, a first TIME SCHEDULED ITEM as follows: "6:15 Town Manager's Report and Select Board Question and Discussion Period", and that the Question Period be moved to 6:25.

Consensus Calendar

VOTED: Awad, Hubley voted "Aye", Seppala, Schiffer, Jolly abstained, that the Select Board adopt a Consensus Calendar.

Executive Session Minutes

VOTED unanimously to release the Select Board Executive Session Minutes of December 8, 2003.

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of February 2, 2004.

Presidential Primary Warrant

VOTED unanimously to sign the warrant for the March 2, 2004 Presidential Primary election.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Alter Premise for Liquor License – Pasta E Basta

VOTED unanimously to Alter Premises for an All Alcoholic Restaurant for Pasta E Basta, Inc., d/b/a/ Pasta E Basta, 26 Main Street, (Manager: Luciano Matarazzo), to add to the existing premises an additional 1200 sq. ft. of dining space, liquor storage and a bar on the second floor; and 845 sq. ft. of dining space on the third floor.

Taxi Business License – Hampshire County Cab

No action taken.

One-Day Wine and Malt License – Eric Carle Museum

VOTED unanimously to approve the One-Day Wine and Malt License for the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, 125 West Bay Road, for February 7, 2004, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a reception.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.