

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

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

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager;

Other:

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hayden at 6:00 p.m.

Liquor License Off Premise Retail License Sunday Opening

VOTED 4-0, 1 absent (Wald) to approve the application of Atkins Fruit Bowl Inc., License #002400103, pursuant to MGL c. 138, §15, for a change in hours, permitting the sale of wine and malt beverages on Sundays beginning at 10 a.m., effective immediately.

Committee Appointment

VOTED unanimously to approve the appointment of Priya Ghosh to the Human Rights Commission for a term effective November 6, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

VOTED unanimously to approve the appointment of Shirley Stevens to the Amherst Cultural Council for a term effective November 6, 2014 through June 30, 2017.

Positions on Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Updates

Article 5 Petition - Zoning Amendment – Inclusionary Zoning

VOTED unanimously to reconsider and recommend referral to the Planning Board November 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting Article #5 Petition Zoning Amendment – Inclusionary Zoning, and if that motion fails, to not recommend; Aaron Hayden to speak to article on behalf of the Select Board.

Article 6 Petition - Certification for Fluoridation of Amherst Town Water

VOTED unanimously to reconsider and not recommend November 5, 2014 Special Town Meeting Article #6 Petition Certification for Fluoridation of Amherst Town Water; Constance Kruger to speak to article on behalf of the Select Board.

Recommendations to Address Safety Concerns on Old Farm Road

VOTED unanimously to approve the four (4) recommendations of the Town Engineer for the Amherst Public Works Department, as outlined in his memo to the Town Manager dated October 2, 2014 related to safety concerns on Old Farm Road.

FY 15 1st Quarter Budget Update

Mr. Musante reviewed the quarterly budget report in this evening's packet from the Finance Director and answered questions from members.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Musante provided the timeline and next steps for the Mass Works grant award and reviewed the final presentation of the Town Gown Study Committee provided on November 3, 2014. There is one more meeting planned for the committee to develop recommendations. A transition of the IT Director position from Kris Pacunas, after thirteen years with the Town, to Sean Hannon, as Interim Director was announced. Mr. Pacunas will continue as a consultant from December 15, 2014 through March 31, 2015 to assist in completion of projects in transition. An increase in the Community Preservation Act surcharge in Amherst presented as State Ballot Question 5 was successful, increasing the percentage from 1.5 % to 3%, from which increased funds will be

available for recommendation to the Spring Town Meeting. Mr. Musante recognized Town Clerk Sandra Burgess and staff for their work on the election and the results.

A draft program for Veterans Day events planned for November 11, 2014 at 10:45 a.m. was lauded. The effects of State Ballot Question 1 for repeal of gas tax indexing was discussed. Mr. Musante said he will work collaboratively with newly elected Governor Baker and the Legislature for Chapter 90 funding at the higher \$300 million figure that was he pledged during the campaign.

2014 Taxi Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Srideep Maulik for a 2014 Taxi Driver license on behalf of Tik Tak Taxi Cab Company.

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications of Edouard P. Beaugard for a 2014 Taxi Driver license on behalf of Funky Cab.

Special Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications of the Trustees of Amherst College for two Special Wine and Malt Licenses, one for a cash bar for the Homecoming Tailgate Catering Event at Pratt Field, Amherst College on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. and one for a cash bar for Pioneer Valley Wellfleet Club at Lewis Sebring Commons in Valentine Hall, Friday, November 14, 2014 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Greg Wardlaw, Catering Manager.

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications of Top of the Campus Inc. for three Special Wine and Malt Licenses for receptions to be held outside of Room 227, Herter Hall, UMass Amherst on November 12, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on November 18, 2014 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and for a reception to be held in the Fine Arts Center Lobby, UMass Amherst on December 10, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Jennylyn Fontaine, Director.

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VOTED 3-0, 2 abstentions (Wald and Brewer) to approve the minutes of October 6, 2014 as amended.

It was agreed without formal vote that should Town Meeting conclude this evening, a regular Select Board meeting would be November 17, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

January – June 2015 Select Board Meeting Dates

VOTED unanimously, to approve the schedule for 2015 Select Board meeting January through June as presented, recognizing that additional meetings may be required for approval of special licenses or time sensitive public hearings.

The final two items on the agenda, the FY 16 Budget Policy Guidelines and FY 15 Draft Town Manager Goals were tabled until the meeting of November 17, 2014.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 6:45 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

Draft Motions

Legal Opinion on Inclusionary Zoning

Petitioners Motion Article 6

DPW Memo and Map of Old Farm Road

Resident Association Letter to Select Board on Old Farm Road

First Quarter YTD Budget Report FY 2015

Select Board Meeting Calendar Jan to June 2015

Liquor License Application for Change of Hours for Atkins Fruit Bowl Inc.

Taxi Driver Applications E. Beaugard for Funk Cab and S. Maulik for Tik Tak Taxi

Special Wine and Malt Applications for Amherst College November 8, 2014 and November 14, 2014

Special Wine and Malt Applications for UMass Top of the Campus November, 12, 18 and December 10, 2014

Draft Minutes September 22, 2014 and October 6, 2014