

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager

Other: None

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hayden at 6:30 p.m., Mr. Hayden noted tonight's agenda had been reduced due to the impending winter storm with the remaining items to be deferred to next Monday, February 2, 2015.

No public comment offered.

Mr. Musante provided an overview of winter storm preparations, staffing, and closures. He approved expanded capacity to 34 for the emergency shelter through Sunday, February 1. Our Facilities Director Ron Bohonowicz anticipates cancellation of schools throughout the storm. UMass to be closed, as well as no PVRTA service on Tuesday. Updates will be available on the Town website.

Liquor License Change of Hours – Matarazzo & Broderick, Inc. d/b/a Russell's Liquors

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Matarazzo & Broderick, Inc. d/b/a Russell's Liquors, 18 Main Street, License #002400041, pursuant to MGL c. 138, §15, for a change in hours, permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays beginning at 10:00 a.m., effectively immediately.

Common Victualler New 28 Amity LLC d/b/a Vespa

VOTED unanimously to approve the application for a Common Victualler License for 28 Amity LLC d/b/a Vespa, 28 Amity Street, Unit 1G, on Mondays through Sundays, 11:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. until and unless a Class II Restaurant Permit is granted by the Town of Amherst, at which time the closing time would change to 1:00 a.m. daily; Jonathan Welch, Owner/Manager.

Renewal of Annual Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the list of renewals for non-alcohol licenses presented, dated January 26, 2015, subject to outstanding documentation pending for the calendar year beginning January 26, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Irish American Heritage Proclamation

VOTED unanimously to declare February 1st as the day on which to celebrate Irish heritage in the Town of Amherst, Massachusetts, and designate it as an appropriate day on which to launch the Amherst Irish Association's Event Series 2015, dedicated to exploring the myriad aspects of Ireland's diaspora, culture, and society.

New Taxi Driver Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications for a new 2015 taxi license for Ryan Belanger, Laurie A. Brock, Robert L'Episcopo, and Janra Roberts on behalf of Mercedes Cab Company d/b/a Funky Cab.

Liquor License –Transfer Amherst Wines Inc. to Shree Santram Corp

Hearing Opened at 6:45 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to continue the public hearing to 6:45 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2015.

Chair noted if members had questions for the applicant to submit to office staff prior to the continuance date.

FY 16 Water and Sewer Rates

Mr. Musante announced a recommended increase for FY 16 water and sewer rates to be effective July 1, 2015, both resulting in a \$12 average household increase, which will be considered by the Select Board at their February 2, 2015 meeting. A memo summarizing the recommendations is included in the Select Board's on-line meeting packet.

Special Liquor Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the application for a special liquor license for the sale of wine and malt at a film screening and reception on the premises of the Eric Carle Museum, 125 West Bay Road, Amherst, MA from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday, January 30, 2015; Ashley Valentine, Program Coordinator/Andrea Powers, CFO and Director of Administration and Finance.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application for a special liquor license for the sale of wine and malt for the Town of Amherst Cherry Hill Golf Club on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot area of the Cherry Hill Golf Course for Winterfest 2015; Barbara Bilz, Manager.

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications of Top of the Campus, Inc. for a special liquor license for the sale of wine and malt at receptions in Memorial Hall on February 12, 2015 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m., the Library, Room 2601 on February 23, 2015 from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.; and the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall on February 24, 2015 from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.; Jennylyn Fontaine, Board Member.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Top of the Campus, Inc. for a change of date for a special liquor license granted for the sale of wine and malt beverages at a reception to be held in the Lederle Grad Research Tower, Room 1033 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on January 23, 2015 to January 30, 2015.; Jennylyn Fontaine, Board Member.

Common Victualler Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications for Common Victualler Licenses serving Monday through Sunday for Subway #32757 at 235 West Street from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Subway #6845 at 4 Main Street from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.; Clifford Laraway, Owner/Manager.

Committee/Board Appointments

VOTED unanimously to approve the list of Select Board appointments dated January 26, 2015, to positions and terms, as presented. The names of appointees and terms of appointments were read aloud.

Announcement of Available On Premise Wine and Malt Liquor License

Per Select Board policy, Chairman Hayden announced the availability of an On Premise Annual Wine and Malt Liquor License, noting the deadline for applications prior to the close of business on Monday, February 9, 2015. A hearing date of February 23, 2015 was designated, as were deadlines for publication and notification of abutters outlined in a memo from the Town Manager's Assistant. Notice of the availability will be posted online and provided to the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hayden reviewed the calendar, noting other cancellations and upcoming meetings.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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

Application for Transfer of All Alcohol Off Premise Amherst Wines Inc. to Shree Santram Corp

On Street Lunch Cart Application – Mission Cantina

Rules Regulating the Use and Operation of Lunch Carts and Report of Existing
FY 15 Second Quarter YTD Report
FY 16 Water and Sewer Rate Recommendations
Agricultural Commission Farmers Market Advisory
Policy on Available Capacity, Liquor License Quota Report and Memo on Availability
Regional Agreement Working Group Report to the Regional School Committee of January 13, 2005
CDBG 2015 Recommendations to Town Manager
DHCD Notice of Subsidized Housing Inventory
MMA Legislative Alert on Bills for 2015-16 Legislative Session
Meeting Calendar Jan to June 2015
Application for Change of Hours Off Premise Russell's Liquors
Draft Minutes 01-05-2015; 01-15-2015; 10-16-2014; 11-05-2014; and 12-15-2014
Application for a New Common Victualler – 28 Amity LLC d/b/a Vespa