

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

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

Absent: None

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager; Sandy Pooler, Finance Director; Claire McGinnis, Treasurer/Collector; Sue Audette, Assistant Town Clerk

Other: Attorney Kristi Bodin, Neal Patel, Steve Freedman, Joshua Klein

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hayden at 5:00 p.m.

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

Hearing Re-Opened 5:01 p.m. Attorney Kristi Bodin summarized the request, noting her representation of applicant Shree Santram Corporation, and introduced the proposed manager Neal Patel. Members inquired as to knowledge of applicant in regard to drinking problems that can result in a community with a large student population. Mr. Patel described his intent to keep the boutique atmosphere as it currently exists at the location, as well as his experience in the liquor industry. Mr. Patel was made aware of a Retail Partners Group that exists as a subset of the Campus & Community Coalition to Reduce High Risk Drinking, which might be of assistance to a new retail establishment. The public hearing was closed 5:13 p.m.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application for transfer and pledge of the Off Premise All Alcohol Liquor License, #002400067, on the premises of 308 College Street from Amherst Wines Inc. to Shree Santram Corporation; Neal Patel, Proposed Manager.

Lunch Cart Application – Mission Cantina, Amherst

The applicant presented and explained Mission Cantina’s plan including proposed menu and location.

VOTED unanimously to approve the application for an on street lunch cart license on the west side of the Town Common, south of Spring Street, west side of Kendrick Park and the north and east sides of Sweetser Park between the hours of 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Sunday through Saturday; Samuel Koshan, Owner/Manager.

Sign Bond Issuance Notes for Borrowing approved by Town Meeting

Mr. Pooler and Ms. McGinnis were present and provided an explanation on the sale of bonds as approved by 2014 Annual Town Meeting, referring to the accompanying memorandum with a more comprehensive explanation.

VOTED unanimously that the sale of the \$1,950,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2015 Bonds of the Town dated February 17, 2015 (the “Bonds”), to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. at the price of \$2,124,262.00 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on February 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

Year	Amount	Interest Rate	Year	Amount	Interest Rate
2016	\$200,000	4.00%	2021	\$200,000	4.00%
2017	200,000	5.00	2022	200,000	4.00
2018	200,000	5.00	2023	200,000	2.00
2019	200,000	4.00	2024	200,000	2.00
2020	200,000	4.00	2025	150,000	2.00

And further that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice

of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 22, 2015, and a final Official Statement dated February 3, 2015 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

And further that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

And further that the Town Treasurer and the Select Board be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

And further that each member of the Select Board, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

FY 16 Water and Sewer Rates

Mr. Musante provided a recap of his recommendation, as reviewed at a prior Select Board meeting on January 26, 2015 and outlined in a memorandum in this evening's on-line meeting packet.

VOTED unanimously the Select Board, acting as the Water and Sewer Commission, as prescribed by the Amherst Town Government Act, hereby increase the water rate from \$3.45 per 100 cubic foot to \$3.55 per 100 cubic foot and increase the sewer rate from \$3.65 per 100 cubic foot to \$3.75 per 100 cubic foot, effective July 1, 2015.

CDBG Recommendations

Mr. Musante reported that the Town was reinstated as a mini-entitlement community and as such is allocated funds which benefit low to moderate income residents. The Town has been allocated \$825,000 for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015. As in past years, Mr. Musante reviewed his recommendations with the Select Board in advance of submittal of the grant application which is due on February 13. A memorandum from the CDBG Advisory Committee was reviewed, which outlined the process, strategy, applications received, and development of recommendations for ranking. Mr. Musante noted he was in 100% agreement with their recommendations as stated and emphasized the importance of continuing the Town's strong support of social service agencies. He spoke briefly about each recommended expenditure listed below. Without a formal vote, the Select Board endorsed the Town Manager's prioritized recommendations.

Non Social Services

Town of Amherst	Bangs Community Center Barrier Removal	\$113,413.00	
Amherst Housing Authority	Renovations to Jean Elder House	162,980.00	
Town of Amherst	Amherst Community Childcare Improvements	30,000.00	
Amherst Public Works	Shumway Street Improvements	233,742.00	\$540,135.00

Social Services

Survival Center	Expanded Services of the Emergency Food Pantry	50,400.00	
Family Outreach	Family stabilization	\$36,400.00	
Big Brother Big Sister	Mentoring Program	36,400.00	
Center for New Americans	Building Immigrant self-sufficiency	18,400.00	
LSSE	After School Tuition Assistance	23,400.00	165,000.00

Grant Administration

119,865.00
\$825,000.00

Black History Month Proclamation

Mr. Wald noted that while the Town in conjunction with the Human Rights Commission has recognized the occasion in previous years, it is the first such proclamation by the Select Board. Ms. Brewer noted her appreciation to prior Select Board member Judy Brooks.

VOTED unanimously to hereby proclaim February 2015 as Black History Month, and urge all residents to mark this occasion, and to participate fittingly in its observance, beginning with a flag-raising ceremony to be held in front of Town Hall on February 14, 2015 at 11 a.m.

Refer Citizen Zoning Petitions to Planning Board

VOTED unanimously to refer to the Amherst Planning Board for review, public hearing and recommendation the three zoning articles received by petition for the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which propose to 1) Amend the Amherst Zoning Map to change the designation of Parcels 11A-66, 67, 71 and 72 from R-N to R-G; 2) Amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.43 Municipal Parking District Regulation and Section 7.91 Waivers; and 3) Amend the Zoning Bylaw Section 3.325 Mixed Use Building Standards and Conditions.

New Taxi Driver Licenses

VOTED unanimously to approve the applications for a new 2015 taxi license for Michael C. Barrett and Harper Rose Harris on behalf of Mercedes Cab Company d/b/a Funky Cab.

Minutes

The Chair noted thanks to Mr. Musante and his assistant Ms. Puppel for keeping the minutes up to date.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of October 16, 2014, November 5, 2014, December 15, 2014, January 5, 2015, and January 15, 2015, as presented.

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of February 2, 2015 and February 9, 2015, as presented.

Special Liquor License

VOTED unanimously to approve the application of Top of the Campus, Inc. for a Special All Alcoholic License for a reception to be held in the Fine Arts Center on February 17, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Jennylyn Fontaine, Board of Directors.

Calendar Preview

Mr. Hayden requested consideration of changing the date of the Select Board meeting scheduled on March 9, 2015 due to it coinciding with the Survival Center's Empty Bowls fundraising event.

VOTED unanimously to amend the Select Board meeting calendar by changing the meeting date of March 9, 2015 to March 2, 2015.

The Town Meeting Coordinating Committee Budget Forum has been rescheduled to February 17, 2015.

Mr. Hayden reminded folks that the diaper drive is to be hosted by the Survival Center beginning the 14th of February through April 6, 2015.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Musante thanked the Department of Public Works crews for their outstanding work clearing streets and sidewalks of snow from the past several storms.

He reported that he approved a request expanded capacity from 22 to 34 at the Craig's Door Emergency Shelter through Monday, February 15, 2015 due to extreme cold.

Mr. Musante also reported that he is working aggressively with staff and state agencies on the goal of presenting non-zoning property tax incentives proposal to encourage the creation and preservation of affordable housing units as a companion article to the Planning Board's Inclusionary Zoning Article.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

List of Documents Presented at the Meeting – Available in the Online Packet for the Meeting Date

Agenda

Draft Motions

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

Bulletin Article on Amherst Wines Inc. Previous Transfer of Location

Excerpt from June 09, 2014 Select Board Minutes (Approval of Transfer of Location)

Legal Ad Transfer of Off Premise Amherst Wines and Spirits

Letter from June 09, 2014 Transfer of Location

Republican Article on June 09, 2014 Transfer of Location

Lunch Cart License Report

Additional information for Mission Cantina Food Cart Application

Rules Regulating the Use and Operation of Lunch Carts

Lunch Cart Application – Mission Cantina On Street

Standard and Poors Rating Report

Zoning Petition to Amend Zoning Map to Change Designation on Parcels 11A66, 67, 71, and 77

Zoning Petition to Amend Zoning Bylaw Section 7.43 Municipal Parking District Regulation and 7.91 Waiver

Zoning Petition to Amend Zoning Bylaw Sec 3.325 Mixed Use Building Standards and Conditions

Select Board Certification

Select Board Cover

FY 16 Water and Sewer Rate Recommendation

Taxi Driver Applications M. Barrett and H. Harris on behalf of Funky Cab

CDBG 2015 Recommendation to Town Manager

Draft Minutes 10-16-2014, 11-05-2014 and 12-15-2014. 01-05-2015, 01-15-2015, 02-02-2015, and 02-09-2015