

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Awad at 6:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Awad, Kusner, Weiss, Greeney, Hubley
Del Castilho, Musante, Maciaszek, Hoyle, Tucker, Rosenblatt, Bouricius, Skeels, Freyman, Meadows,
Shriver, Lombardi, Gagliardi

QUESTION PERIOD

- Why aren't Police and Public Works being considered for cuts?
- Nine accountability questions.
- Support for \$1 million from reserves.

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Public Hearing - Renovation of 12 Longmeadow Drive

- Public hearing called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to support the Town's application to the Massachusetts Department of Communities and Development for Housing Development Support Grant funds to renovate the farmhouse at 12 Longmeadow Drive for the purposes of permanently affordable housing at that site.

North Pleasant Street Trees

VOTED: Awad, Weiss, Greeney, Hubley voted "Aye", Kusner abstained, to approve removal of the following street trees:

One (1) Littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata*) located in front of 25 North Pleasant Street
Three (3) Crabapples (*Malus* spp.) located in front of 63 and 71 North Pleasant Street
One (1) Crabapple (*Malus* spp.) located in front of 103 North Pleasant Street.

Ruxton Plan – Cell Tower, etc.

No action taken.

Letter of Commendation – Ms. Keochakian

VOTED unanimously to thank Mrs. Keochakian and sign the letter commending her for her work.

Consent Calendar

VOTED unanimously to approve the following items on the March 20, 2006 Consent Calendar:

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of March 13, 2006.

VOTED unanimously to approve and not release the Executive Session Select Board minutes of March 13, 2006.

Special Liquor License –

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special Wine and Malt Liquor License for Nathan Day for March 31, 2006, from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., at The Tavern at Hampshire College for a party.

Approve Town Manager's Appointment

VOTED unanimously to approve the Town Manager's appointment of David Kastor, Planning Board, effective July 1, 2006, for a term to expire June 30, 2008.

Reserves

VOTED: Awad, Kusner, Weiss, Hubley voted "Aye", Greeney "No", that the Select Board recommend to Town Meeting that the Town draw \$1,000,000 from reserves for FY 07.

Town Manager Resignation

VOTED unanimously to accept the resignation of Town Manager Barry Del Castilho effective June 30, 2006.

Interim Town Manager

VOTED unanimously to appoint John Musante Interim Town Manager during the period of March 31, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. to the end of the day on June 30, 2006.

Town Manager Contract

VOTED unanimously to approve and sign the contract for Laurence Shaffer to be the next Town Manager of Amherst effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2006.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Renew Seasonal Alcohol License

VOTED unanimously to approve the seasonal Wine and Malt Restaurant License for Cherry Hill Golf Course, 323 Montague Road (Manager: Daniel Engstrom), for April 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

VOTED: Awad, Kusner, Weiss, Greeney, Hubley voted "Aye" to adjourn to executive session at 10:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing non-union employee compensation and the value of real property. The open meeting will reconvene following the Executive Session.

Reconvene Open Meeting

Reconvene the open meeting at 11:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 11:33 p.m.