

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

Present: Alisa Brewer, Douglas Slaughter, Andrew Steinberg

Absent: Constance Kruger, James Wald

Staff: John Musante, Town Manager; Sandy Pooler, Finance Director; Maria Geryk, Superintendent; Mike Morris, Assistant Superintendent; Sean Mangano, Business Manager

Other: CPAC Chair Mary Streeter, PTBC Chair Fran VanTreese

Minutes

Meeting called to order by Ms. Brewer at 6:30 p.m.

No public comment was offered.

The Select Board confirmed Select Board assignments for Article 28 (Andy Steinberg) and Article 30 (Doug Slaughter) without a formal vote.

Liquor License - New Officers Directors and Change of Manager Top of the Campus Inc.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve the petition for new officers, directors, and Change of Manager dated March 26, 2015 with new officer/directors as presented by Top of the Campus Inc., ABCC License #002400011, 820 Campus Center, 1 Campus Way, Amherst; David Eichstaedt, President/Manager.

Committee Appointments

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve the appointment of Sarah Allaback to the Dickinson Local Historic District Commission effective immediately through June 30, 2018.

Special Liquor Licenses

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve the application of Peg Boxold d/b/a Elegant Affairs for a special wine and malt license for a Networking event for the Student Alumni Association on the premises of the Amherst College Alumni House on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Peg Boxold, Owner.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve the application of Bread and Butter LLC for a special wine and malt license for a reception for the UMass Fine Arts Department on the premises of the Bread and Butter Restaurant, 68 Cows Road, Unit 102 on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Brian Knox, Owner/Manager.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve the applications of Top of the Campus, Inc. for receptions to be held in the locations, on the dates and times, as follows:

Lobby of Bezanson Hall, Fine Arts Center

Fine Arts Center Lobby

Durfee Gardens

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Whitmore Lawn

Sarah Long, Board of Directors.

Monday, April 27, 2015; 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Friday, May 8, 2015; 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9, 2015; 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.,

Thursday, April 23, 2015; 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Taxi Cab Licenses

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve new 2014 taxi licenses for Michael Langone and Christian Helman on behalf of Funky Cab.

Parking and Street Closure Requests

Contemplative Mind in Society Program

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve the sale of ten parking placards for use in in the lower level of the Boltwood Parking Garage at \$6.00 per placard for each day beginning Thursday, April 16, 2015 through Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. daily for The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society event at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Amherst.

Taste of Amherst

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve the following street closing/parking request from the Amherst Area Chamber of Commerce for the annual “Taste of Amherst” event:

- Place “No Parking” bags on parking meters around the perimeter of the Town Common, including the north and south sides of the Spring Street lot beginning Thursday, June 18, 2015 from noon to 9:00 p.m.; Friday June 19 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 2:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday, June 21, 2015 noon to 4:00 p.m., to accommodate Taste vendor parking.
- Close Boltwood Avenue between Spring Street and Route 9 on Friday, June 19, 2015 and Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., peak pedestrian crossing times for the beer and wine tasting.

Bay State Bike Week

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve to close that portion of Spring Street between South Pleasant Street and Boltwood Avenue to through traffic and reserve the metered Spring Street lot between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday May 13, 2015 for the Annual Bike Rodeo and the metered Main Street lot between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015 for the annual Bike Commute Breakfast and Bicycle Show.

Voting & Assigning Select Board Positions on Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee Chair Fran VanTreese summarized the article they have brought forward.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 20 – Amendment to the PTBC Charge, Composition and Name; Andy Steinberg to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

Community Preservation Act Commission Chair Mary Streeter highlighted the recommendations in their report. VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 17A – Community Preservation Act Annual Distribution of Funds; Andy Steinberg to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 17B – Community Preservation Act Open Space Acquisition; Andy Steinberg to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

Doug Slaughter recused himself from all discussions and votes on school budgets because he is an employee of Amherst Regional Public Schools.

Superintendent Maria Geryk, Assistant Superintendent Mike Morris and Business Manager Sean Mangano provided highlights of school budgets.

VOTED 2-0, 3 absent (Kruger, Wald & Slaughter) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 10– Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Assessment Method; Alisa Brewer to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 2-0, 3 absent (Kruger, Wald & Slaughter) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 11 – FY 16 Operating Budget for Amherst Pelham Regional School District in the amount of \$30,022,840

and the appropriation of \$14,825,506 for Amherst's proportional share; Alisa Brewer to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 2-0, 3 absent (Kruger, Wald & Slaughter) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 11 – FY 16 Operating Budget for Elementary Schools in the amount of \$21,869,835; Alisa Brewer to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

Doug Slaughter rejoined the meeting. Andy Steinberg asked the Board to reconsider the Library Budget, allowing him to recuse himself from discussion and action, as his wife is a part-time staff member.

VOTED 2-0, 3 absent (Kruger, Wald and Steinberg) to rescind the Article 11 FY 16 Library Operating Budget vote taken on March 23, 2015 and vote to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 11 FY 16 Library Operating Budget, in the amount of \$2,411,805 with Town tax support of \$1,833,246; Doug Slaughter to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

Andy Steinberg rejoined the meeting.

Finance Director Sandy Pooler summarized Articles 12-16, 17 and 18.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 12 – Reserve Fund in the amount of \$100,000; Doug Slaughter to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend dismissal to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 18, Free Cash; Andy Steinberg to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend dismissal to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 19, Stabilization; Andy Steinberg to speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 13 – Capital Program – Equipment in the amount of \$1,198,024; Connie Kruger, Jim Wald, or Doug Slaughter may speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 14 – Capital Program – Buildings and Facilities in the amount of \$684,550; Connie Kruger, Jim Wald or Doug Slaughter may speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 15 – Capital Program – Bond Authorization in the amount of \$416,000; Connie Kruger, Jim Wald or Doug Slaughter may speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

VOTED 3-0, 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to recommend to the April 27, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 16 – Capital Program – Debt repurpose in the amount of \$17,878.98; Connie Kruger, Jim Wald or Doug Slaughter may speak to the Article on behalf of the Select Board.

Town Manager Report

Mr. Musante provided an update on the online Amherst Connect program using SeeClickFix software, currently in use internally by Public Works as a work order system and scheduled to be available to the public for reporting of problems and requests for service. Asphalt plants have opened with the arrival of spring with milling and more permanent patching underway. Shim coating begins the week of April 20, 2015. Bid results for a new paving machine are scheduled to be opened this week.

Senior Planner Jeff Bagg was lauded for his role in organizing and facilitating a series of parking forums with a final report identifying community priorities for downtown parking, which will assist staff for years to come. Recent and upcoming activities were summarized, focusing on planning and status of infrastructure projects in North Amherst Village Center. Ms. Brewer suggested the Select Board consider being a co-sponsor with the Planning Board and Public Works Committee for a planned community conversation.

The Economic Development Director job description and recruitment calendar was provided.

Member Reports

Mr. Steinberg provided details of the Transportation Plan Task Force presentation he attended last week.

Ms. Brewer broadcast the first meeting of the Amherst Affordable Housing Trust.

Chair's Report

Ms. Brewer provided an overview of the Select Board committee liaison process. She also reviewed the draft summer meeting calendar, noting a vote to be planned for its April 27, 2015 meeting.

Minutes

VOTED 2-0, 1 Abstained (Slaughter), 2 absent (Kruger, Wald) to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015 as written and to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015 as amended.

“One Boston Day” Observation

VOTED 3-0, 2 Absent (Kruger, Wald) to observe April 15, 2015 the 2nd anniversary of the Marathon bombing attack as “One Boston Day,” a day to honor and remember all those affected by the tragic events, and to celebrate the resiliency, generosity, and strength of the people that make our communities great.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 8:34 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

FY 16 Amherst Public Schools and Regional School Budgets

CPAC Annual Report to 2015 ATM

PTBC Fact Sheet

Economic Development Director Draft Job Description

MMA Resolution for One Boston Day

Draft Summer Meeting Schedule

Memo from Public Works Committee on Article 27 Mill Street Bridge

New Officers Directors UMass Top of the Campus Application

Parking Reservation Requests for Taste of Amherst, Bike Week and Contemplative Mind events

Taxi Driver and Special License Applications for UMass Events

Draft Minutes March 23, 2015 and April 6, 2015