

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Awad, Weiss, Greeney, Hubley, Kusner
Musante, Rosenblatt, Grosscup, Venman, Ziomek, Rhodes, Churchill, Tierkel, Hochman, Brighty
Rothberg, Mendez

QUESTION PERIOD

Will Select Board consider rescinding FY 07 executive pay raises?

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Public Hearing - Tuition Assistance Program

- Public hearing called to order at 6:31 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to approve the amended Tuition Assistance Activity as presented, to increase the amount of funds each family can receive and to expand eligibility to include low- and moderate-income families.

Executive Session

VOTED: Weiss, Greeney, Hubley, Kusner voted "Aye", Awad "No", to adjourn to executive session at 8:22 p.m. for the purpose of discussing real property. The open meeting will reconvene following the Executive Session.

Reconvene Open Meeting

Reconvene the open meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Chapter 61A – Route 116

VOTED unanimously that the Town not exercise its option under M.G.L. Chapter 61A, Section 14 to purchase property on Sunderland Road/Route 116 in North Amherst contingent upon the terms of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between Monhammead H. Saleh and Steven R. Prothers, the property being that listed on the Town Cadastre as Map 2A, Parcel 5.

Set Select Board Meeting Schedule

VOTED unanimously to set the Select Board meeting schedule for 2006 on the following dates:

- The Select Board meets prior to Town Meeting Sessions in the Music Room, Amherst Regional Middle School at 6:30 p.m. The auditorium is reserved for possible Town Meeting sessions on the following dates:
May 1, 3, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25
- June 5, 12, 19, 26

Consent Calendar

VOTED: Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted "Aye", Awad, Hubley abstained, to approve the following items on the March 27, 2006 Consent Calendar:

Approve Minutes

- VOTED unanimously to approve and release the March 20, 2006 Executive Session Select Board minutes.
- VOTED unanimously to approve and not release the March 27, 2006 Executive Session Select Board minutes.

Common Victualler License – Ben & Jerry’s

VOTED unanimously to approve the Common Victualler License for Twilight Cone, Inc. dba Ben & Jerry’s, 19 South Pleasant Street (Manager: Julie Fleron).

Approve Minutes

VOTED: Weiss, Greeney, Kusner voted “Aye”, Awad, Hubley abstained, to approve the March 27, 2006 Select Board minutes.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Petition – Resolution for Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Legislation (Grosscup)

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Petition – Resolution for Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Legislation warrant article.

Petition – Resolution – Legislation moratorium on Genetically Engineered Foods (Grosscup)

No action taken.

Petition – Resolution – Farmer Liability Protection Legislation (Grosscup)

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Petition – Resolution – Farmer Liability Protection Legislation warrant article.

Petition – Golf Course (Rhodes)

VOTED: Awad, Weiss, Hubley voted “Aye”, Greeney, Kusner abstained, to take no position on the Petition – Golf Course (Rhodes) warrant article.

Community Preservation Act Ballot Question for November Election

No action taken.

Petition – Fact Book (Churchill)

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Petition – Fact Book (Churchill) warrant article be referred to the Town Meeting Coordinating Committee.

Petition – 5 Year Financial Projection(Tierkel)

VOTED unanimously to take no position on the Petition – 5 Year Financial Projection(Tierkel) warrant article.

Bylaw Amendment – Consent Calendar

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Bylaw Amendment – Consent Calendar warrant article.

Bylaw Amendment - Removal of Snow and Ice From Sidewalks Fee (Art. 4)

No action taken.

Petition – Bylaw Amendment - Open Containers of Alcohol Violation (Mendez)

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 11:10 p.m.