

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Awad at 6:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Awad, Hubley, Weiss, Schiffer
Del Castilho, Burgess, Plante, Napolitano

QUESTION PERIOD

Will the flags fly on Inauguration Day?

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Subprecinct for Precinct 9

VOTED unanimously to divide Precinct 9, effective December 31, 2004, designating as 9A the dormitories located at the University of Massachusetts known as Gorman, Greenough, Grayson, Brett, Van Meter, Dickinson, Wheeler, Chadbourne, Field, Brooks, Butterfield, Baker, and Webster, and the Greek residences known as Sigma Delta Tau, 409 North Pleasant Street, Sigma Alpha Mu, 395 North Pleasant Street, Phi Mu Delta, 398 North Pleasant Street, Zeta Psi, 387 North Pleasant Street, Alpha Tau Gamma, 375 North Pleasant Street.

Public Hearing - Tax Classification

- Public hearing called to order at 6:31 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.
- VOTED unanimously to adopt a minimum residential factor of 1 (one), equal tax rate for all classes of properties, for the Fiscal Year 2005, and that no open space discount be granted.
- VOTED unanimously that no residential exemption be adopted for Fiscal Year 2005.
- VOTED unanimously that no small commercial exemption be adopted for Fiscal Year 2005.

Tax Work-Off Program

VOTED unanimously to increase the number of participants in the Senior Tax Work-off program from 20 to 30 for calendar year 2005.

Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant

- Public hearing called to order at 7:07 p.m.
- Closed the public hearing at 8:43 p.m.

Consent Calendar

VOTED unanimously to approve the following items on the December 20, 2004 Consent Calendar:

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of December 6, 2004.

Annual Renewal of License – Ben and Jerry's

VOTED unanimously to renew the Common Victualler license for MTees, Inc. d/b/a Ben and Jerry's, 19 North Pleasant Street (Manager: Mark Chylinski), for January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, subject to the conditions that are attached to the licenses being renewed.

Approve Town Manager's Appointment

VOTED unanimously to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Sandra Sulsky, Board of Health, for a term to expire June 30, 2007.

Banner Regulations

VOTED unanimously to approve amended Banner Regulations and to set a fee of \$80 per week.

Town Manager Evaluation

VOTED unanimously to approve the evaluation of the Town Manager.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

One-Day Wine and Malt – Lone Wolf

VOTED unanimously to approve the One-Day Wine and Malt License for Robert Watson d/b/a Lone Wolf, 63 Main Street, on December 31, 2004, from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., for a dinner and on January 1, 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for a brunch.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED: Awad abstained, Hubley, Weiss, Schiffer voted "Aye", to adjourn the open meeting at 9:14 p.m. and convene an Executive Session to discuss the value of real property. The open meeting will not reconvene following the Executive Session.