

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Ms. Awad at 6:16 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Awad, Weiss, Greeney, Hubley, Kusner
Musante, Burgess, Bodhi, Ziomek, Chalfant, Roberts, Brighty

QUESTION PERIOD

Questions on avian flu pandemic planning.

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Easement on Amity Street

VOTED unanimously to accept the proposal of Amherst Cinema, LLC for the Sale of an Easement on Amity Street, Amherst, Massachusetts per the Request for Proposal issued by the Town.

Amherst Emergency Homelessness Task Force

VOTED unanimously to create the Amherst Emergency Homelessness Task Force to develop recommendations to the Select Board within one year to address this issue.

Sign May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

VOTED unanimously to renumber Articles 18 – 23 as number 12-17 and renumber 12 – 17 as number 18 – 23.

VOTED unanimously to sign the May 1, 2006 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as reordered.

Select Board Committee Coordinator

VOTED unanimously to appoint a Select Board Committee Coordinator for the following months:

- Mr. Weiss: April – May 2006
- Mr. Kusner: June – August 2006
- Mr. Hubley: September – November 2006
- Ms. Greeney: December 2006 – February 2007
- Mr. Weiss: March 2007

Consent Calendar

VOTED unanimously to approve the following items on the April 17, 2006 Consent Calendar:

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the April 10, 2006 Select Board minutes.

Street Closing – Section of Henry Street

VOTED unanimously to approve the request to close Henry Street from Pine Street to Market Hill Road on May 6, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., for a May Day celebration.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Bylaw Amendment - Removal of Snow and Ice From Sidewalks Penalty

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Bylaw Amendment - Removal of Snow and Ice From Sidewalks Penalty warrant article.

Petition – Special Municipal Employee Status (Rhodes)

VOTED unanimously to take no position on Petition – Special Municipal Employee Status (Rhodes) article.

Petition – Resolution - Improve Our Town Committees, Board & Commissions (Root)

VOTED unanimously to take no position on Petition – Resolution - Improve Our Town Committees, Board & Commissions (Root) article.

Optional Tax Exemption

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Optional Tax Exemption article.

Property Tax Deferral Interest Rate

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Property Tax Deferral Interest Rate article.

Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency Management

No action taken.

CPA Ballot Question for November Election

VOTED: Weiss, Hubley, Kusner voted “Aye”, Awad, Greeney voted “No”, to recommend the CPA Ballot Question for November Election article.

Transfer of Funds – Unpaid Bills

No action taken.

Authorization for Compensating Balance Accounts

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Authorization for Compensating Balance Accounts article.

Retirement Assessment

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Retirement Assessment article in the amount of \$2,835,526.

Special Services - Amherst Community Television/Cable Advisory Committee

VOTED unanimously to recommend the Special Services - Amherst Community Television/Cable Advisory Committee article in the amount of \$4,000.

FY 07 Operating Budget

VOTED unanimously to attribute PVTa assessment of \$76,558 to Transportation Fund and raise parking revenues sufficiently to fund the town share of the PVTa assessment as well as any separate contracts for outreach bus service from UMassTransit and for the M40 in the Transportation Fund."

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn the open meeting at 10:20 p.m.