

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Weiss at 6:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Weiss, Awad, Brewer, Greeney, Kusner,
Shaffer, Roberts, Brighty, Morales, Lee, O'Connor, Church

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Special Municipal Employee Status

VOTED unanimously to grant Special Municipal Employee Status to the 250th Anniversary Committee.

VOTED unanimously to grant Special Municipal Employee Status to the Conservation Commission.

VOTED unanimously to grant Special Municipal Employee Status to the Amherst School Committee.

Special Town Meeting

VOTED unanimously to call a Special Town Meeting on May 16, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Amherst Regional Middle School.

Street Closing and Relaxed Parking Enforcement – Community Fair

VOTED unanimously to approve the request from the Amherst Rotary Club for the following street closing and relaxed parking enforcement for the Community Fair:

- No parking on the westerly side of Boltwood Avenue from Spring Street to College Street beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 to midnight on Saturday, May 12, 2007.
- Close the Spring Street parking lot to all parking on Friday, May 11, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to midnight and on Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. (following the Farmer's Market) to midnight.
- No parking at three meter locations on South Pleasant Street on the westerly side of the Town Common south of the taxi stand from 8:00 a.m. to midnight on Thursday, May 10, 2007, and from 8:00 a.m. to midnight on Friday, May 11, 2007 and Saturday, May 12, 2007.

Committee Charge – Traffic Calming Task Force Group

No action.

Open Meeting Law

No action.

Redesignate Polling Location Change

VOTED unanimously to re-designate the polling location for 3A, 4A, 9A, and 10A to Room 168, Campus Center, in accordance with G.L. Chapter 54, §24.

Proclamation – Arbor Day

VOTED unanimously to proclaim April 27, 2007 as Arbor Day.

Override Vote, May 1, 2007

VOTED Weiss, Brewer, Kusner voted “Aye,” Awad, Greeney voted “No,” to support the override vote on May 1, 2007.

Consent Calendar

VOTED unanimously to approve the following items on the April 23, 2007 Consent Calendar:

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2007 Select Board meeting.

No action taken on minutes for the April 9, 2007 Select Board meeting.

Committee Appointments

VOTED unanimously to appoint Mary Wentworth to the Comprehensive Planning Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2008.

VOTED to appoint Fran VanTreese to the Public Transportation Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2009.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Special Liquor License – UMASS

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special Wine and Malt Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for May 4, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Goodell Library for a reception.

Special Liquor License – UMASS

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special Wine and Malt Liquor License for the University of Massachusetts for June 18, 2007 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Fine Arts Center for a reception.

Special Liquor License – Robert L. Stevenson/School Wide Awareness Fundraiser

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special Wine and Malt Liquor License for Robert Stevenson for April 26, 2007 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Stone Dormitory, Amherst College.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 34 - Petition - Resident Aliens (Morales)–

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 34 - Petition - Resident Aliens (Morales)

Article 6 – Petition – Cell Phone (Morales)

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 6 – Petition – Cell Phone (Morales).

Article 8 – Zoning Bylaw – Farmstand Amendment

No action.

Article 9 – Zoning Bylaw – Accessory Farmstands

No action.

Article 10 - Zoning Bylaw - Flood Prone Conservancy Amendments

No action.

Article 35 - Petition - Public Accountability for WFCR (Lee)

No action.

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Article 37 – Acceptance of Chapter 39- Board Member’s Absence

VOTED unanimously to recommend dismissal of Article 37 – Acceptance of Chapter 39- Board Member’s Absence.

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Article 32 – Petition - Abolish Redevelopment Authority (O’Connor)

No action.

Article 33 – Petition – Energy Conservation by Maintaining the Night Sky (O’Connor)

No action.

Article 12 – Bylaw Amendment – Public Shade Trees

VOTED Weiss, Brewer, Greeney, Kusner “Aye,” Awad “No,” to recommending Article 12 – Bylaw Amendment – Public Shade Trees.

Article 13 – Name Change – Solid Waste Committee

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 13 – Name Change – Solid Waste Committee.

Article 14 – Sister City – Town of Nyeri, Kenya

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 14 – Sister City – Town of Nyeri, Kenya.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 11:10 p.m.