

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mr. Weiss at 6:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Weiss, Awad, Brewer, Kusner, Greeney,
Shaffer, Musante, Pariseau, Jessop, Witten, Kruger, Rosenblatt, Ziomek, N. Gregg, Wells, O'Connor,
Jakus, Leahy-Pile, Bodhi, Nelms, Brooks, Laus, BenEzra.

SELECT BOARD'S ACTION

Special Municipal Employee Status

VOTED unanimously to grant Special Municipal Employee Status to the Board of Assessors.

VOTED unanimously to grant Special Municipal Employee Status to the Aquifer Protection Committee.

Special Town Meeting

VOTED unanimously, to sign the May 16, 2007 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Special Town Meeting

VOTED unanimously to call a Special Town Meeting on June 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Amherst Regional Middle School Auditorium.

Open Meeting Law

No action.

Select Board/Town Meeting Schedule

VOTED unanimously to add the following Town Meeting sessions on May 14, June 18, 20, 25, and 27, 2007 to be held in the Amherst Regional Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The Select Board meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room, Amherst Regional Middle School on those dates.

Proclamation - Bike Commute Day 2007

VOTED unanimously to proclaim May 18, 2007 as Bike Commute Day, and to dedicate the Connector between the University of Massachusetts and the Norwottuck Rail Trail in honor of Art Swift.

Consent Calendar

VOTED unanimously to approve the following items on the April 30, 2007 Consent Calendar:

Approve Minutes

VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes, as amended of the April 9, 2007 Select Board meeting.

VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes, as amended, of the April 23, 2007 Select Board meeting.

Approve Town Manager's Appointment

VOTED unanimously to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Jonathan Shefftz, Planning Board, effective May 1, 2007 for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Special Liquor License – The Harp

VOTED unanimously to approve the Special Wine and Malt Liquor License for The Harp on May 19, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in an outside tent for the Daly Halligan Foundation Irish Music Festival Fundraiser.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Special Town Meeting, May 16, 2007 Warrant Article:

Article 1 – Special Act and Transfer of Control – Olympia Drive

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 1 Special Act and Transfer of Control – Olympia Drive.

Annual Town Meeting, May 7, 2007 Warrant Articles:

Article 24 Community Preservation Act – Affordable Housing

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 24 Community Preservation Act – Affordable Housing in the amount of \$155,000.

Article 25 Community Preservation Act – Historic Preservation

No action taken.

Article 26 Community Preservation Act – Open Space

No action taken.

Article 27 Community Preservation Act – Agricultural Preservation Restriction – North Amherst

No action taken.

Article 28 Community Preservation Act – Agricultural Preservation Restriction – South Amherst

No action taken.

Article 16 – Amherst-Pelham School District Amendment

No action taken.

Article 18 – Retirement Assessment

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 18 – Retirement Assessment in the amount of \$2,920,979.

Article 19 – Reserve Fund

No action taken.

Article 20 – Capital Program – Chapter 90

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 20 – Capital Program – Chapter 90 in the amount of \$500,000.

Article 21 – Capital Program – Equipment

No action taken.

Article 22 – Capital Program – Buildings and Facilities

VOTED unanimously to recommend Article 22 – Capital Program – Buildings and Facilities in the amount of \$231,000.

Article 23 – Capital Program – Bond Authorization

VOTED Weiss, Awad, Brewer, Kusner voted “Aye,” Greeney “No,” to recommend Article 23 – Capital Program – Bond Authorization in the amount of \$755,000.

Article 36 – Petition – Village Park Apartments – Public Health (Jakus)

VOTED Weiss, Brewer, Greeney, Kusner voted “Aye,” Awad “No,” to refer Article 36 – Petition – Village Park Apartments – Public Health (Jakus) to the Board of Health and report back to Fall, 2007 Town Meeting.

Article 11 – Petition – Zoning Bylaw – Subsidized Housing Inventory (O’Connor)

No action taken.

Article 29 – Petition – Resolution – Social Out-reach Worker (Nelms)

No action taken.

Article 38 – Special Act and Transfer of Control – Olympia Drive

VOTED unanimously to reconsider and dismiss Article 38– Special Act and Transfer of Control – Olympia Drive.

Article 39 – Petition – Commemorative Flags (Kelley)

No action taken.

Article 40 – Petition - Open Meeting Law Violations (Kelley)

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

VOTED unanimously to adjourn at 11:06 p.m.