

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Select Board

Present: Connie Kruger, Doug Slaughter, Andy Steinberg, Jim Wald arrived at 6:10 p.m

Absent: Alisa Brewer

Staff: Peter Hechenbleikner, Temporary Town Manager, David Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager

Other: Scott Merzbach (Gazette); Amherst Media, Mr. Kelly (Blogger) several citizens who were unidentified

Meeting called to order by Mr. Slaughter at 6:00 p.m.

Committee/Board Appointments/Reappointments

On motion by Steinberg and seconded by Kruger, the Select Board voted 3-0-0 to approve two appointments to the Board of Registrars, Susan Lowenstein for a two year term ending June 30, 2018 and Robert Pam for a three year term ending June 30, 2019, as recommended by the Amherst Democratic Committee.

On motion by Steinberg seconded by Kruger, the Select Board voted 3-0-0 to appoint Michael Birtwistle as the Planning Board representative to the Design Review Board for a term ending June 30, 2017.

Resolutions and Proclamations

Kruger read the proclamation, and then on motion by Kruger seconded by Steinberg, the Select Board voted 4-0-0 that the Town of Amherst proclaims the second Sunday of June to be Race Amity Day, and urges all the people of Amherst to recognize this event and to celebrate its annual observance.

Action and Discussion Items

Chapter 61A Right of First Refusal – Lot B, North Pleasant St., Plan Book 211, Page 44

The purpose of this motion was explained by Temporary Town Manager Hechenbleikner. On motion by Steinberg seconded by Wald, the Select Board voted 4-0-0, in accordance with MGL Chapter 61, Section 8, to not exercise the Town's right of first refusal to purchase Lot B, North Pleasant Street, identified in the "Plan of Land in Amherst MA" surveyed for North Amherst Community Farm, Inc. by Heritage Surveys, Inc. dated February 15, 2006, on file in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Plan Book #211, Page 44.

Modification of Boltwood Garage Designated Charging and Parking for Town Electric Vehicles

Temporary Town Manager Hechenbleikner explained the need to modify the previously approved designation of a reserved parking space in the Boltwood garage for the Town's electric car, and the addition of an additional space for the public to use as a charging station. On motion by Kruger, seconded by Wald, the Select Board voted to approve the permanent reservation of metered space #930 and #931 in the lower level of the Boltwood parking garage to be used exclusively as electric charging stations, with space #930 reserved exclusively for the Town's electric vehicle, removing the restriction placed on metered space 955, voted May 18, 2015.

Response to V. Douangmany Cage 6-1-16 email re: Parent's stay away order.

The Temporary Town Manager indicated that he had prepared a draft letter for the Select Board to consider sending to Ms. Cage following Select Board discussion at last week's meeting. The Select Board members had just received the draft at about 4:40 this afternoon and some just received it this evening. Following discussion, the Select Board members will send to the Temporary Town Manager their suggestions for a re-draft and consideration at the next Select Board meeting on 6-13-16. Ms. Kruger and Mr. Steinberg reviewed what they felt was the intent of the letter, which was to establish what the role of the Select Board was in this matter. Mr. Kelly asked if the draft letter was available and he was told by Mr. Slaughter that it was a working document and would not be available at this time. He noted that it should be more clearly labeled as a draft. Douangmany Cage indicated

that there was more to be considered than just responding to the email. There was no further public comment on the matter.

Select Board Meeting Calendar Revision

On motion by Wald, seconded by Kruger, the Select Board voted 4-0-0 to approve the Select Board Meeting Schedule through September 2016 to include (June 13, 2016) (June 20, 2016) (July 11, 2016,) (July 25, 2016) (August 1, 2016) (August 15, 2016) (August 29, 2016) (September 12, 2016) (September 19, 2016) and (September 26, 2016).

Consent Calendar

On motion by Steinberg, seconded by Kruger the Select Board voted to approve the items listed on the Consent Calendar for the June 6, 2016 agenda, as presented.

Executive Session

On motion by Slaughter seconded by Steinberg, the Select Board voted to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, §21a 6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property for public way and improvement purposes, as the chair has declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body, with the intent not to return to open session at conclusion.

VOTE by ROLL CALL VOTE: _Y_Kruger, _Y_Slaughter, _Y_Steinberg, _Y_Wald

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Peter Hechenbleikner,
Temporary Town Manager

