

Town of Amherst  
Minutes of the Select Board

August 14, 2017 - 6:30 p.m. - Amherst Town Hall, Town Room

Members present: Doug Slaughter, Connie Kruger, Andy Steinberg  
Members Absent: Jim Wald and Alisa Brewer  
Staff present: Assistant Town Manager David Ziomek  
Others present: Sarah LaCour, BID Executive Director; Robert Chesnut

Meeting called to order by Mr. Slaughter at 6:32 p.m.

Sarah LaCour, Business Improvement District (BID) Director spoke on the request for road closure and meter reservations for the BID Block Party on September 21, 2017. Ms. LaCour noted there was a change in footprint, with an application for the stage at Realignment Park instead of Kendrick Park and the start time for parking reservation thirty minutes earlier to allow more time to clear the area. Members noted their support of the event.

On a motion by Ms. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, the Board voted unanimously to close North Pleasant Street from the intersection of Amity and Main Streets north to North Pleasant Street at Alignment Park, south of Hallock Street and Kellogg Avenue from the intersection of North Pleasant Street to Boltwood Walk from 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2017 for the Business Improvement District's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate Amherst Block Party.

Mr. Chesnut, owner of a pending second hand store introduced himself and explained the nature of the proposed business. On a motion by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Ms. Kruger the Board voted unanimously to approve the application of Robert L. Chesnut d/b/a Catch my Thrift, for a license for Secondhand Sales at 11 East Pleasant Street, Thursday to Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Robert L. Chesnut, Owner.

Chairman Slaughter emphasized the Town Manager Performance Evaluation Goals in tonight's packet, wanting to be sure the document accurately captured Members' expectations. It was noted that should the Charter vote in March pass, the Town Manager would need to take steps to ensure a smooth transition, which would affect standing goals. Another goal suggested was the role of diversity, reflecting the values of our community. Another item suggested was the opportunity for the Town to help shape the scope or sequence of the Fort River Feasibility Study, while recognizing the independence of the School Committee.

Mr. Slaughter noted the suggested dates for Select Board meetings through the end of the year. October 12, 2017, a Thursday date for signing the warrant is meant to coincide with the Annual Four Boards Meeting. Mr. Slaughter noted the meeting scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> of August would need to be moved to the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. Members noted dates they would not be able to be in attendance. Discussion on downtown parking for the August 30, 2017 meeting and a future meeting was noted.

On a motion by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Ms. Kruger, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Select Board Meeting schedule proposed for August 30 through December 31, 2017, as amended to include August 30, 2017, September 11, 2017, September 18, 2017, September 25, 2017, October 2, 2017, October 12, 2017, October 16, 2017, October 23, 2017, October 30, 2017, November 6, 2017, November 8, 2017, November 9, 2017, November 13, 2017, November 15, 2017, November 16, 2017, November 20, 2017, December 4, 2017, and December 18, 2017.

Ms. Kruger applauded the robust pool of people who applied for the Housing Trust, noting more people were interviewed than there were available seats including Town Meeting's action to increase to a nine member Board.

On a motion by Ms. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Emile Hamilton and Nancy Schroeder through 6/30/2019 and Sid Ferreira, Jay Levy and Laura Quinn through June 30, 2020, as members of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board.

On a motion by Ms. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Jim Brissette as the Leisure Services Supplemental Education representative to the Community Preservation Act Committee through 6/30/2018.

Mr. Ziomek confirmed the Apple Harvest was an annual fund raising event for the Family Center. Ms. Kruger noted Joanne Levenson though retiring from UMass was continuing to oversee the Festival this year.

On a motion by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Ms. Kruger, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request for reservation of twenty-four (24) metered parking spaces including sixteen (16) on the west side of Boltwood Avenue and eight (8) on the east side of South Pleasant Street between College Street and Spring Street beginning at 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2017 through 10:00 a.m. Saturday September 16, 2017 and up to five (5) meters on the west side of Boltwood Avenue beginning at the Spring Street intersection until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2017 for handicapped parking for the 31st Annual Apple Harvest Festival fundraiser for the Amherst Family Center, as indicated on the GIS map entitled Apple Harvest 2017; Joanne Levenson, UMass.

On a motion by Ms. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applications of Top of the Campus Inc. for a Special License to serve all alcohol beverages at receptions to be held in Furcolo Hall Café Area on August 28, 2017 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., and the Courtyard between of the Integrated Science Building and Life Science Lab (Rain Location – Integrated Science Building) on August 29, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Carolyn Nofio, Director.

On a motion by Mr. Steinberg, seconded by Ms. Kruger, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application of Louis Roe for a Special License to serve wine and malt beverages at a Pop-up Dinner Party on August 31, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. on the premises of Bread & Butter Café, 68 Cows Road, Amherst; Louis Roe, Event Coordinator.

On a motion by Ms. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application of UMass Amherst for a Special License to serve wine and malt at the Renaissance Center – Harvest Banquet on November 18, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Old Chapel; Kimberly Mcallister, Board member.

Mr. Steinberg confirmed his review of minutes before they came before the Board. On a motion by Ms. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Steinberg, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 20, 2017 and July 10, 2017 as presented. Members noted thanks to both Mr. Bockelman and Ms. Puppel for their work.

On a motion by Ms. Kruger, seconded by Mr. Steinberg the Board voted unanimously to approve the reservation of metered parking spaces on both sides of North Pleasant Street from the intersection of Amity and Main Streets north to Hallock Street on Thursday, September 21, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Business Improvement District's 6th Annual Celebrate Amherst Block Party.

Mr. Ziomek provided a brief update on the work of the Dog Park Task Force, including subcommittees for design, fundraising and governance, providing the next meeting date. Mr. Ziomek provided updates on the administrative work done to move the North Common Restoration and Groff Park Renovation projects forward. Mr. Ziomek noted the roundabout project is moving forward, including plans for pedestrian traffic.

Members reported briefly on attendance at meetings and liaison work and the funeral of Louis Greenbaum, a long time Amherst resident and town meeting member.

The Chair noted the press release on recreational marijuana included in this evening's packet was discussed at the last meeting. Negotiations with Amherst Media are ongoing and making good progress. Calendar events announced including the upcoming Community Breakfast at the University of Massachusetts and the meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday evening for Town Manager evaluation. Reminder that the meeting for August 28<sup>th</sup> was cancelled and rescheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by David Ziomek, Assistant Town Manager

**List of Documents Presented at the Meeting – Available in the Online Packet for Meeting Date**

Final Agenda and Draft Motions

Press Release on Changes to Recreational Marijuana Law

Town Manager Evaluation Timeline (07-10-2017)

Town Manager Performance Goals FY 17 (11-17-2016)

Draft Select Board Meeting Schedule through December 2017

Parking Reservation Request Apple Harvest Festival

Street Closure Request BID Block Party

Special License Applications UMass: All Alcohol 8-28 & 8-29-2017; Wine & Malt 11-18-2017

Special License Application L. Roe at Bread & Butter 8-31-2017

Draft Minutes of June 20, 2017 and July 10, 2017

Invites to Granby 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Invitation and UMass an Amherst Area Chamber Community Breakfast