

**Select Board meeting minutes**  
**October 24, 2011**

**Select Board members present:** Bill Martell, Ed Martin, Linda Michaud  
Select Board members absent: none

**Others present:** David Goldin (Board of Assessors), Lori Krikorian (Town Administrator)

**Minutes**

September 26, 2011

On a motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectwoman Michaud, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

October 3, 2011

On a motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectwoman Michaud, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

October 20, 2011

On a motion by Selectman Martin, seconded by Selectwoman Michaud, the minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Town Officials**

(none)

**Public**

(none)

**Hampshire Council of Governments – contract for municipal aggregation of electricity**

The Select Board will ask Ken Elstein to attend the next meeting (November 14<sup>th</sup>) and will consider the matter at that time.

**Energy Committee – zoning by-law proposed change**

Selectman Martell stated that the Energy Committee is not yet prepared to present the proposed change and have asked to be on the agenda for the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting instead.

**Central Corridor Rail Coalition Resolution**

The Select Board stated that the person requesting this should come to speak with them rather than having the Town Administrator research the program. The Select Board tabled the matter until someone could be present.

**EMS Service Zone Plan**

The Select Board reviewed the email from the Amherst Fire Department and noted that this is just an fyi regarding an agreement change, no action required.

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### **Amherst Road reconstruction project**

The Select Board reviewed correspondence from Representative Kulik's Aid regarding possible funding for the project. The Select Board asked the Town Administrator to write a draft letter to the college chancellors soliciting their support.

The Select Board noted that Amherst DPW would like a letter from Pelham asking the Town of Amherst to pave from Four River Bridge to the Town line; Selectwoman Michaud will write the letter.

### **Stormwater requirements of the Clean Water Act**

The Select Board reviewed a memo from Town Counsel regarding these requirements and will verify with Highway Superintendent Adamcek that the Town is all set.

### **Bike rides through Pelham**

The requested dates are mistaken (April 2011), the Select Board tabled the matter pending corrected information.

### **Liason reports**

DPW – Selectman Martin – they have been trimming trees, one was down on Friday, all is going well

Town Offices – Selectman Martin – all fine

Energy Committee – Selectman Martell – they will have the proposed by-laws ready to present to the Select Board at the next meeting, there may have to be a Special Town Meeting depending on the timing of the next round of grants

Finance Committee – Selectman Martell – they will be meeting soon regarding a possible raise in the salary of the Library Director

Fire Department – Selectman Martell – they will submit monthly report next week

Police Department – Selectman Martell – Chief Thomann is at a conference this week

Library – Selectwoman Michaud – they will be meeting on Wednesday

School Committee – Selectwoman Michaud – they will be meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Town Administrator – MCPPO procurement course was very good, very useful

### **Old Business**

#### **Liquor on Town-owned property**

Selectman Martell suggested forwarding Joe Larson's email regarding what his insurance company suggested to MIIA, stating that he is not comfortable with there being no requirement to name the Town as an additional insured; Selectwoman Michaud replied that her agent had stated that it wouldn't be wise to use homeowner's insurance for this sort of liability, she will speak with the Town of Amherst to see what they do at the golf course.

#### **Community Hall parking**

Selectwoman Michaud stated it is a great space but parking continues to be an issue and the Committee has asked her to meet with Highway Superintendent Adamcek and Police Chief Thomann to try to find a solution to this; Selectman Martin replied that this comes up often, however the Town's by-laws require that cars be a minimum of 5' away from street pavement so not sure how this can be addressed; Selectwoman Michaud stated she would like to have a landscape architect look at the site to see what might be possible.

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### **New Business**

#### **Land taking by Town**

The Select Board stated they would speak with the Assistant Assessor to find out who is the proper custodian in this situation and any necessary procedures.

#### **Community Preservation Act Committee**

The Select Board asked the Town Administrator to put on the website an advert that they are looking for members; Selectwoman Michaud stated she would want the Select Board to have a hearing with anyone who has an interest before making the at-large appointments.

#### **Joint Transportation Committee (JPC) alternate**

The Select Board voted to appoint the Select Board liaison to the DPW to be the Town's alternative JPC Representative (currently this is Selectman Martin), moved by Selectwoman Michaud, seconded by Selectman Martin, unanimously approved.

#### **Regional School Committee**

The Select Board noted that Town Meeting approved forming a Committee to explore regional options and that the Town Moderator would be appointing those members. The Select Board expressed that they will support the Town Moderator in any way he needs.

#### **December meeting schedule**

The Select Board will meet on December 19<sup>th</sup> rather than the second and fourth Monday.

#### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Selectwoman Michaud, seconded by Selectman Martin, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:00pm.

#### **Documents reviewed by the Select Board**

Meeting minutes of September 26<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Judgement for land taking

Correspondence from Joe Larson regarding liquor on Town-owned property

Correspondence from Amherst Police Department regarding regional dispatch

Correspondence from Amherst Fire Department regarding EMS Service Zone plans

Memo from Town Counsel regarding stormwater requirements of Clean Water Act

Correspondence from Representative Kulik's Aid regarding funding for Amherst Road project