

Special Municipal Council Meeting
October 30, 2006
Amesbury Middle School Library
6:45 p.m.

President Lawrence called the Special Amesbury Municipal Council meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Members present: Roger S. Benson, Hank A. Brennick, Ann Connolly King, Robert W. Lavoie, Alison M. Lindstrom, Donna M. McClure, Mario J. Pinierio, Michelle M. Thone, Christopher G. Lawrence.

President Lawrence explained the meeting was just to act on the Mayor's veto of 2006-076 and 2006-084 and there would be no public comment. He stated he would allow the Mayor to speak on the issues.

Mayor Thatcher W. Kezer, III gave a verbal presentation as to why he issued the veto on 2006-084 and 2006-076. He explained he signed the first version of the eminent domain bill but subsequently had sent corrective language to the Council in a new bill which was killed without being heard and referred to committee. He stated he felt there was a portion of the bill that was in conflict with Mass General Law and the Charter. He stated the Charter cannot be changed by ordinance. He stated the reason he vetoed the Demolition Bylaw was he felt it exceeds the appropriate balance of the desires of the Town to preserve with the rights of the property owners. He also stated that the new bylaw expanded the definition of demolition to include alterations and it could be costly and time consuming for the property owners. He expressed a desire to have better communications with the Council and would be happy and willing to look for a compromise.

Councilor Thone moved to re-adopt 2006-076 thereby overriding the Mayor's veto. Councilor McClure seconded. Roll Call Vote – 8 –Yes, 1-No, King

Councilor Thone moved to re-adopt 2006-084 thereby overriding the Mayor's veto. Councilor Pinierio seconded.

Councilor Benson stated he supported the bill however he would like to address Section 1 and the Mayor's legitimate concerns.

Councilor Lindstrom stated that the Mayor had ten months to address his concerns and if there was anything not right with the bill the Senate and House would know and in turn let the Council know.

Roll Call Vote - 6-Yes, 3-No, Benson, King, Lavoie.

Councilor Benson moved to adjourn @ 7:00 p.m. Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnijo Kitchin
Town Clerk