

Minutes of the Longmeadow Charter Transition Team

1:00 pm, Thursday, April 21, 2005 – Police Community Meeting Room

Members Present: Roger Wojcik – Chairperson, Paul Pasterczyk – Secretary, Robin Crosbie, Walter Gunn, and Joseph Occhuiti

There were no comments from the public

Minutes of April 4, 2005 were approved and presented.

It was noted that the Select Board (SB) accepted the Charter Transition Teams' (CTT) position paper on the Charter created Audit Committee (AC). Bill Hoff arrived at this time (1:10pm). Appointments to the AC would be made by the SB following the appointment process outlined in the Town By Laws. Mr. Occhuiti publically thanked chairperson Wojcik for his efforts in getting the position paper accepted by the SB. Mr. Occhuiti felt it made a difference.

The CTT discussed the Charter created Department of Planning and Community Development. The legalities associated with the Planning Board and Zoning Board were mentioned and the need for coordination of issues. Town Manager Robin Crosbie felt she was spending far too much time in these particular areas. Clear lines of authority and responsibility need to be drawn along with better communicative and coordination of all those involved in this area. Issues surrounding building code and land use need to be separated appropriately. The CTT briefly discussed the organization structure of the Department of Planning and Community Development. Related matters: Community Preservation Act and the Town's Long Range Plan were briefly brought into the overall discussion.

The CTT voted to adjourn at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul J. Pasterczyk
Secretary