

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday January 3, 2006
Police Station Community Room
7:00 p.m.**

Chair Person John Papale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Select Board Persons John Papale, Kathleen Grady, William Scibelli, Brian Ashe and Hal Haberman.

Also Present (signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; G. Nolet Finance Committee; J. Occhiuti; P. Dentremont, M. Gold Capital Planning Committee Chairman; M. McAuliffe from the Springfield Republican.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Monday December 19, 2005 Regular Meeting notes were accepted with one correction.

Chair Person John Papale asked Town Manager Robin Crosbie if a meeting was in fact scheduled with the Finance and School Committees. Town Manager Robin Crosbie responded a tentative meeting date was set for March 6, 2006.

Select Person Hal Haberman mentioned that trash collection this week will be on the normal schedule and there will be no delays due to the holiday.

7:09 p.m. Visitor Comments and Questions- none

7:09 p.m. Old Business-Fees – cont.

Town Manager Robin Crosbie presented the Select Board with a chart outlining proposed adjustments in Select Board license fees. The Select Board reviewed the chart and some discussion followed. Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept the proposed adjustments in the license fees with the exception of two changes. (1) Restaurant – All Alcohol and (2) Package Store – All Alcohol; increase fee to \$1750. All increases are effective January 1, 2007. One-day license increases are effective January 1, 2006. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7:14 p.m. New Business

1. *Set Election Date* – Chair Person John Papale inquired as to why municipal elections cannot be combined with State and Federal elections. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will look into it. An election date was set for June 6, 2006.
2. *8:07 p.m. Discussion – Booth Road Intersection-* The Select Board believes the configuration of the light is creating significant traffic delays for north-bound traffic on Route 5. The light itself is located in Longmeadow however the feeder lanes are located in Enfield Connecticut. The Select Board is recommending changing the timing of the light to make it green longer and to continue to try to work with the Town of Enfield regarding the configuration of the intersection.

3. *8:29 p.m. Discussion – Capital Planning Committee Letter-* Mr. Gold, Chairmen of the Capital Planning Committee, wanted to confirm that the Select Board supports the approach that the Capital Planning Committee is following to evaluate this years' capital requests. The Capital Planning Committee will be reviewing all proposed capital projects for their merit, independent of funding source. They will make recommendations on all projects submitted. The Select Board is to review the list and pull items out that will be funded by other sources (i.e. ambulance from ambulance fund) freeing up funds for items farther down on the list. The Select board supports the approach. Chair Person John Papale spoke of his respect for the Capital Planning Committee, their cooperation with the Select Board and fairness to all departments/committees Town wide. He suggested that the Capital Planning Committee be in charge of looking at the buildings in Town and tracking the upkeep as part of the Committee's charge. Mr. Gold distributed a preliminary spread sheet of all Town buildings with a break down of future needs. (i.e. roofs, parking lots, paint, windows, furnace, carpeting) He feels monies should be set aside annually for the specific purpose of building maintenance and upkeep. Select Person Kathleen Grady agrees. Town Manager Robin Crosbie recommended hiring an engineering company to analyze the buildings in Town and present an in-depth study of the items that need to be addressed. Obvious improvements or safety measures as well as items we are not aware of (stability of foundations etc.) would be outlined in order of importance. Mr. Gold will discuss with the members of the Capital Planning Committee taking on this responsibly and will report back to the Select Board. Select Person William Scibelli still feels strongly that an independent committee be created to take on this task. Select Person Hal Haberman is not in favor of paying someone to suggest painting a building that obviously needs paint.

7:22 p.m. Recycling Commission - Waste Reduction Proposal- The Recycling Commission presented the Select Board with three options in order to reduce the cost of waste disposal for the Town of Longmeadow. Given the trend of increased trash and decreased recycling, with the associated costs, the Recycling Commission feels that a change is necessary. The Commission voted unanimously to allow one 40 lb (36 gallon) barrel or bag per household per week to be covered by taxes. Homeowners will be responsible to pay an additional fee (estimated \$1.00 - \$2.00 per bag) for any additional trash beyond one barrel or bag per week covered by taxes as well as unlimited recycling. The Town of East Longmeadow has this program in place and it is projected to save the Town over \$200,000. Select Person Hal Haberman has concerns with taking services away from tax paying residents. Chair Person John Papale and Select Person Kathleen Grady both feel that most families residing in Longmeadow won't have an issue with the one 40 pound bag or barrel a week policy, and most others with a little change in behavior and consideration for the limit on trash won't either. The Select Board will have an open hearing on the subject to get feedback from the residents before voting on the issue. The Recycling Commission will conduct a presentation of the program to the residents at that time. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will find the location and it will be announced to the public.

9:00 p.m. Consent Agenda- none at this time

9:02 p.m. Correspondence- There was some discussion regarding a mailbox on Converse Street located on Town property. The mailbox structure must be removed by the property owner.

9:10 p.m. Select Board Reports – none at this time

9:10 p.m. Town Manager’s Report – none at this time

9:15 pm. Chair Person John Papale entertained a motion to adjourn. Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary