

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Regular Meeting**  
**Monday January 5, 2009**  
**Police Station Community Room**  
**7:00 pm**

Chair Person Paul Santaniello called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Present:** Select Board Persons Paul Santaniello, Kathleen Grady, Robert Barkett and Brian Ashe.

**Absent:** William Scibelli

**Also Present (as signed in):** Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners; J. Occhiuti; J. Warshaw; S. Warshaw; C. Freedman, P. Carnahan and J. Colapietro.

**Announcements**

- Chair Person Paul Santaniello wished everyone a Happy New Year!

**Acceptance of Minutes**

- Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to accept the December 15, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. W. Scibelli was absent.
- Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to accept the December 15, 2008 Executive Meeting Minutes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. W. Scibelli was absent.

**Visitor Comment and Question**

- Mr. and Mrs. Warshaw addressed the Board asking for an update regarding their water and sewer bill. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will have Mike Wrabel get back to them by the end of this week. Due to the Holiday and sickness the response has been delayed, she apologized.
- Mr. K. Freedman, Mr. P. Carnahan and Ms. Diane Nadeau all made statements to the Board regarding their opposition to the Pergola.

**7:15 pm WMECO Petition Hearing** – Chair Person Paul Santaniello opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm. After some discussion and seeing no abutters present for comment; Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to approve the request to install a 36” diameter hand hole to the north side of Greenwich Road 160 feet east of the centerline of Laurel Street and to install 160 feet of 4” conduit on Greenwich Road and 150 feet of 4” conduit on Laurel Street for the purpose of running underground utilities. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. W. Scibelli was absent. Chair Person Paul Santaniello closed the Public Hearing.

**7:30 pm Verizon Petition Hearing** - Chair Person Paul Santaniello opened the Petition Hearing at 7:30 pm. After some discussion and seeing no abutters present for comment; Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to approve the request for permission to lay and maintain underground conduits and manholes, with the wires and cables to be placed under the surface on Greenwich Road and Laurel Street. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello

called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. W. Scibelli was absent. Chair Person Paul Santaniello closed the Petition Hearing.

**Old Business**– None at this time.

### **New Business**

1. ***Set Annual Town Election Date 7:22 pm*** –Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to hold the Annual Town Election on June 9, 2009. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. W. Scibelli was absent.
2. ***Regional Board of Selectmens' Meeting Agenda Items – 7:25 pm*** – The Regional Selectmen's Meeting is to be held on January 29, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Town Hall, and 488 Chapin Street, Ludlow, MA. Select Person Kathleen Grady suggested adding the following to the agenda:
  - The impact of State budget cuts on other Towns and their strategies to off set them.
  - The regionalization of services to save money and increase service.
  - She also formally requested that State Representative Brian Ashe attend the meeting.

Chair Person Paul Santaniello requested that any other agenda items be sent to himself or Town Manager Robin Crosbie no later than January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Agenda** – None this evening.

### **8:35 pm Select Board Reports / Correspondence**

- Chair Person Paul Santaniello mentioned a letter received from a resident praising Lane Construction Company for their repaving work on Shaker Road.
- Chair Person Paul Santaniello announced that the Town Meeting is to be held April 28, 2009; all Articles from departments or boards and Citizen Petitions are due in the Select Board's office no later than 4:00 pm on February 12, 2009.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned a letter received from the Town of Kingston requesting an amendment allowing community preservation funds to be utilized for Green Energy Initiatives. She suggested that a second revision be added to include allowing the funds to be used to upgrade existing parks and recreation areas. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will write a draft letter supporting the initiative.

### **7:15 pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:**

- An email was received on December 31<sup>st</sup> after 1:00 pm from the Governor's office requesting a list of projects ready to be launched that may qualify for grant money. The deadline for the applications is January 8<sup>th</sup>, and it is not finalized that the Bill will be passed freeing the money for these projects. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will have several applications submitted by the deadline, including the water meter project.

Select Person Brian Ashe addressed the Select Board and the residents of Longmeadow. He announced that this would be his last meeting as a member of the Select Board. He thanked many

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people for guiding him during his first years as a member of the Select Board, and others he has worked with over the years. He thanked the current Board for their support and friendship. He has enjoyed his 7 years of service and looks forward to continue to serve the citizens of Longmeadow. Chair Person Paul Santaniello presented him with a plaque and a recycled box of going away goodies from department heads.

Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose Collective Bargaining not to return to open session. A roll call vote: K. Grady – YES; R. Barkett-YES; P. Santaniello- YES; B. Ashe – YES; W. Scibelli-Absent. The Select Board closed the Special Meeting and entered into Executive Session. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners