

Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday January 19, 2010
7:00 pm

Vice Chair Person Paul Santaniello called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Select Board extends Bobby Barkett well wishes for a speedy recovery.

Present: Select Board Persons Paul Santaniello, Mark Gold, William Scibelli and Robert Aseltine

Absent: Robert Barkett

Also Present (as signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners.

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Mr. Aseltine made a motion to accept the January 4, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes with one correction. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Vice Chair Mr. Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Barkett was absent.
- Mr. Aseltine made a motion to accept the January 4, 2010 Executive Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. Vice Chair Mr. Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Barkett was absent.

Announcements- None this evening.

Visitor Comment/Question Period – None this evening.

7:11 pm Select Board Comments – None this evening.

7:17 pm Council on Aging Board of Directors Vacancy Applicant Interviews – The Select Board interviewed the following candidates for two vacancies on the Council on Aging Board of Directors both expiring June 30, 2012: Marybeth Bergeron, John Bowen, Judith Cohen and Robert Petroff. The Select Board will make the appointments at the next meeting on February 1st.

Old Business

1. ***Discussion – Liquor License Training Requirements Policy – 7:04 pm*** - The Select Board reviewed the documents provided as well as the one comment received from a business owner as a result of the notification of this discussion. The Board decided to soften the requirements, such as changing the requirements of certifications to proof of training and some other minor changes. The Town Manager will make the adjustments and include the letter with renewal notifications next year. The Select Board is limited to the requirements it can impose to renew a license; however has complete control rendering decisions at hearings for violations.
2. ***Trash Hauling RFP – 7:13 pm***- Mr. Gold shared some requirements included in the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the trash contract. The RFP is expected to be completed and going out to bid on January 30th, a mandatory pre bidding meeting will be held on

February 2nd. It is the goal of the Trash Committee to have a proposal before the Select Board by the end of February.

New Business:

1. FY10 Revenue / Budget Update – P. Pasterczyk – 8:00 pm- Mr. Pasterczyk reviewed and discussed with the Select Board the FY10 revenue report provided.

2. FY10 Water and Sewer Expenditure / Revenue Review – Mike Wrabel – 7:30 pm- Mr. Wrabel and Mr. Pasterczyk reviewed the Water and Sewer fund revenues report provided with the Select Board. Mr. Aseltine suggested revisiting this information in more detail at the rate discussion to be held at a future meeting. Attorney Scibelli stated that he believes that raising the rate is most likely not the answer to make up for revenue deficits, as raising rates will most likely reduce water use. He added that close examination of expenses must also occur.

Continuing Items - Ambulance Fund Policies -8:00 pm –The Select Board reviewed and discussed the Ambulance Fund policy provided as well as two suggested revisions. Mr. Santaniello asked if the Town was required to have an Ambulance Fund. There were many questions regarding Mass Law and the fund as well. Town Manager will research those issues with the DOR and copy the laws that pertain to the fund for the Board’s review and discussion at the next meeting.

Consent Agenda- None this evening.

The Town Manager reported the following to the Board:

- She is continually meeting with Department Heads to have budget discussions.
- As of 6:00 pm this evening Longmeadow has had a 60% voter turn out and a lot of absentee ballots have been turned in.
- A new Town Nurse has been hired. Patricia Barkman will be a very positive addition to the Council on Aging and the Town of Longmeadow.
- She has formed a Town Manger Task Force to look at revenues and marketing programs to find new niches and better programs to increase revenues. She has designated Paul Santaniello as Chair of the Task Force. The group also consists of three people from the Schools.
- She attended the Capital Planning Committee meeting and reviewed with them the proposed FY11 submissions.
- Next week 22 properties will be published in the Springfield Republican with the intention to collect the past due taxes. Those homeowners have been given several notices and opportunities to make the payments.
- The SVRHT has proposed using reserves to offset increases to health insurance in FY11. The Board will need to keep in mind higher unemployment costs next year due to anticipated layoffs.
- She and Mr. Gold attended a workshop on installing solar facilities on closed landfill sites.
- The conference in Boston was postponed as the Fire Fighters dropped the charges as a result of the change in the Charter at Town Meeting being withdrawn.
- Good News – the State made its revenue target in December and was able to restore fund to certain accounts that were cut. Therefore; it is unlikely Longmedow will experience mid-year cuts.

8:36 pm Select Board Reports

Mr. Gold reported more details about the workshop he and the Town Manager attended regarding the economics for using capped landfills for renewable energy. Longmeadow is pursuing this in many different directions. This is the beginning of a very long process but would be an incredible new source of revenue for the Town.

Correspondence:

- o A letter from the PVT A regarding assessments for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2010.
- o A letter to the Town Manager from Mayor Sarno inviting her to attend a meeting on January 20th regarding exploring a regionalization of dispatch services. She will be able to attend.

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining, with no option to reconvene in to open session Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. A roll call vote

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Robert Barkett				✓
Paul Santaniello	✓			
William Scibelli	✓			
Robert Aseltine	✓			
Mark Gold	✓			

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary