

Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday January 20, 2009
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm

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

Present: Select Board Persons Paul Santaniello, Robert Barkett and William Scibelli; Kathleen Grady arrived at 7:10 pm.

Absent: Brian Ashe

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

Announcements

- Chair Person Paul Santaniello announced that he has asked Brian Ashe to stay on the Select Board through the budget process to avoid the possibility of a tie vote; and he has accepted.
- Citizen Petitions are due in the Select Board's office no later than 4:00 pm on February 12, 2009.

Acceptance of Minutes

- Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to accept the January 5, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 2:0. K Grady was absent W. Scibelli abstained.
- Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to accept the January 5, 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes as presented Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 2:0. K Grady was absent W. Scibelli abstained.

Visitor Comment and Question – None this evening.

7:03 pm Cable advisory Committee Cable Contract Update – Mr. Steven Wolman updated the Select Board regarding the cable contract. The contract expires June 28, 2011, actual negotiations should begin in February 09. The Select Board will be holding a Public Hearing regarding the cable contract sometime in November 2009. (Kathleen Grady arrived at 7:10 pm.) There was some discussion regarding the switch from analog to digital as well as the possibilities of another cable company servicing Longmeadow. The Select Board agreed unanimously that LCTV services remain intact and uninterrupted as part of the negotiations.

7:26 pm Finance Department Update – The Select Board had a discussion with Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk regarding the matrix he provided outlining the details of his department. He reviewed some challenges facing the Finance Department as well as projects that are currently in process and those that have been completed. He reviewed the scope of responsibility of several of his staff members as well. Select Person Robert Barkett took this opportunity to thank Town Manager Robin Crosbie, Paul Pasterczyk and Chad Thompson for their help and guidance during the OPM process.

Police and Fire Department Updates – Tabled

Old Business– None at this time.

New Business

Delivery of Water and Sewer Rate Study to the Select Board – 8:23 pm- Town Manager Robin Crosbie provided the Select Board with a binder containing a complete comprehensive report regarding the Water and Sewer rate study. The Select Board will review this information and be prepared to discuss it in detail at the January 26th meeting, when staff will make a formal presentation to the Select Board.

Consent Agenda – None this evening.

8:35 pm Select Board Reports / Correspondence / Comments

- Select Person Robert Barkett has received several complaints from residents regarding the lack of neatness from the trash service. Cans are being tossed into the streets. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will contact the Recycling Commission to follow up on these claims and will be sure that this problem will be included in the next contract negotiation process.
- Select Person Robert Barkett shared his concern with Brian Ashe re-joining the Select Board due to his new commitments as State Representative. He feels that the process should be started immediately to fill his seat or he needs to stay on the Board thru to the next election. Select Person Kathleen Grady stated that the process to fill the position immediately will take so long and the budget process will be over by the time it's filled. She believes either he stays or the four of them will have to handle the budget decisions as is.
- Chair Person Paul Santaniello mentioned that, as discussed at the December 1, 2008 meeting, Redflex Traffic Systems will be installing the camera on Laurel and Converse Streets as per the suggestion of Chief Danio.
- Chair Person Paul Santaniello congratulated the Medical Volunteer Corps who have received certification and thanked them for their dedication.
- Several members of the Select Board will be attending the Regional Select Board meeting in Ludlow as well as the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) meeting in Boston. The Select Board has invited the Superintendent of Schools and members of the School Committee to the Regional meeting as well.

8:31 pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:

- Several “shovel ready” projects were submitted to the State under the Federal economic recovery bill totaling over \$5 million.
- A report detailing DEP compliance efforts was provided to the Board. The only remaining issue is the remediation of three (3) waste sites.
- Pre-Budget and Budget meetings with Department Heads are ongoing.
- The planning and implementation of the Emergency Communication System is underway.
- Meetings with Paul Pasterczyk, Jahn Hart and Tom Mazza are being held discuss a wide variety of topics that are of mutual concern.
- The Fire Department conducted a tabletop emergency response / planning exercise that she attended and in which all departments participated.

- The work on Mill Road is essentially complete. Due to the recent snow fall the project will be completed in the spring.
- New state mandated street signs are being installed around Town. The old ones are being donated to Longmeadow Education Enrichment Foundation (LEEF) for an auction.
- A memo was shared that was sent to the Department Heads regarding the possible State Budget cuts.
- The State Police will be holding Active School Shooter training at schools in Longmeadow and East Longmeadow. A training schedule was provided to the Select Board in case members wish to observe the training.

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; W. Scibelli-YES; B. Ashe was absent. The Select Board closed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners