

**Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday, February 4, 2008
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm**

Chair Person Hal Haberman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Also Present (as signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners; Finance H. Law; Water Department P. Thurber; DPW-Engineering T. Martens; DPW Director M. Wrabel; Media C. Llewellyn; J. Occhiuti; Longmeadow News H. Tremblay; UniBank C. Rowell; Treasurer / Collector M. Pequinot; SWSC (Springfield Water and Sewer Commission) K. Pedersen; SWSC J. Superneau; SWSC B. Stoops and SWSC R. Gomez.

Announcements:

- The Presidential Primary will be held Tuesday, February 5, 2008. The Polls will be open for ALL precincts at the Community House from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.
- On Thursday February 7, 2008, there will be a Town Form at Glenbrook Middle School at 7:00 pm. The topic will be Longmeadow’s Water and Sewer Infrastructure.
- A Special Town Meeting will be held on March 4, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Longmeadow High School to accomplish the transfer of funds for sewer rebates from the reserve fund.
- The Conservation Preservation Commission is inviting public comment on the applications before them. Current requests can be found on the website. The meeting will be held on February 16, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Glenbrook Middle School.

Acceptance of Minutes

- Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the Tuesday, January 22, 2008 Regular Meeting Notes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:03 pm Visitor Comment and Questions – None this evening.

7:04 pm Bonding Documents – Paul Pasterczyk, Mary Pequinot, Clark Rowell – Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk, Town Treasurer Mary Pequinot and Vice President of UniBank Clark Rowell, made a presentation to the Select Board regarding details of the bonding documents. After some discussion Select Person William Scibelli made a motion that the sale of the \$1,140,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2008 Bonds of the Town dated February 1, 2008 (the “Bonds”), to Eastern Bank Capital Markets at the price of \$1,151,018.25 and accrued interest is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on June 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
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2008	\$100,000	3.00%	2013	\$125,000	3.00%
2009	140,000	3.00	2014	\$100,000	3.00
2010	125,000	3.00	2015	100,000	3.00
2011	125,000	3.00	2016	100,000	3.00
2012	125,000	3.00	2017	100,000	3.00

That in connection with the marketing and sale of the bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated January 17, 2008 (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), and a final Official Statement dated January 31, 2008, (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted. That the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time. That each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:30 pm Springfield Water and Sewer Commission – Joseph Superneau, Executive Director, and Robert Stoops, Chief Engineer of the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission (not affiliated with the City of Springfield) gave a detailed power point presentation to the Select Board. They provided a history and summary of the water system and detailed system capital improvement areas (completed and upcoming). There was some discussion regarding the Water Management Act and water use for Longmeadow vs. surrounding communities. They also explained the contract and wholesale water cost break down. The purpose of this presentation was to educate the members of the Board, as well as residents of Longmeadow.

8:04 pm Principal Search Committee Representative Interviews - Joseph Occhiuti and Edward Toole both submitted applications for the Principal Search Committee. The Select Board interviewed both candidates; Select Person William Scibelli requested voting at the next meeting. Select Person Brian Ashe agreed. The other members were prepared to vote nevertheless agreed to wait until the next meeting.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business

1. Board / Committee Vacancy Interviews – 7:22 pm

- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to appoint Robert Baevsky to the Board of Health as an associate non-voting member for a one year term. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and

the motion carried unanimously.

- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to appoint Stephen Bennett to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an associate for a three year term. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
 - The Select Board will make the other appointments at a future meeting.
2. ***Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting 8:17 pm***– Select Person Kathleen Grady strongly suggests changing the wording in the Warrant, concerning sewer fund rebates, to an exact amount or “*no more than...*” in place of “*a sum of money*”. The issue of water rebates was raised at the last meeting. Chair Person Hal Haberman and Select Person Paul Santaniello requested information regarding what the refund would be on water for those residents that paid the \$1.70 rate. Town Manager Robin Crosbie was under the impression that Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk provided the members of the Board with the information they requested. However; the spreadsheet provided was not clear. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will have that figure at the next meeting. Chair Person Hal Haberman also asked what the anticipated income will be for water and sewer billed out over the next six months. Because the Select Board did not have this information, the Warrant will be signed at a Special Meeting next week.

7:21 pm Consent Agenda – Request to Close Road- Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

8:37 pm Correspondence

- Select Person Paul Santaniello mentioned a letter received from Comcast regarding a complaint filed by the schools concerning service issues. He requested that the Cable Advisory Committee investigate this issue and bring some facts to the Select Board.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady brought to the Select Board attention the three letters received regarding a second polling location for Longmeadow Residents. Chair Person Hal Haberman requested that the issue be re-addressed at one of the two meetings in March.

8:45 pm Select Board Reports

- Select Person Kathleen Grady shared that she, Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Select Person Paul Santaniello attended the MMA meetings a few weeks ago and was proud to report that Longmeadow is respected and well known throughout the state.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady stated that she was very impressed with the presentation that the Pension Task Force made at the last meeting. She believes that a task force, appointed by Town Manager Robin Crosbie, could investigate the water and sewer issues and provide different perspectives / options to the Select Board concerning financing the engineering needs that everyone agrees exist. She spoke with Mr. Larry Star and he would be willing to be a member on such a task force. She feels strongly that having educated, professional members of the community could bring some new insight and ideas that they have not thought of, to the table. Chair Person Hal Haberman stated that he is in complete agreement with Select Person Kathleen Grady. He believes that if individuals of the community are willing to volunteer their time and share with the Select Board he is for it. The Select Board is in no way

obligated to pursue any idea presented. Select Person William Scibelli is not opposed to the idea, however; he does not want this group to become a “scape goat” for any decisions that the Select Board makes. Select Person Paul Santaniello is adamantly opposed to the concept of a task force. He feels that if the Select Board does not want the responsibility of Water and Sewer decisions, then they should back the petition proposal submitted to re-create a Water and Sewer Commission to do it. Water and Sewer falls under the scope of the Select Board under the new Charter and he believes that the Select Board should conduct the due diligence to gather the information and make a decision. Select Person Kathleen Grady stated that she is simply inundated with this topic, she has read and re-read all the information and would welcome a fresh perspective. Town Manager Robin Crosbie shared that she does not believe that a task force means that the Select Board is giving up their duties. She believes that a task force is the way to go rather than outside consultants, as they will have a better understanding of the community. Select Person Paul Santaniello stated again that he believes it to be a bad idea. Chair Person Hal Haberman called for a motion. Select Person Kathleen Grady moved to request Town Manager Robin Crosbie to appoint a Task Force to provide advice to the Select Board regarding Water and Sewer rates for the 09 Budget, and suggestions as to how to meet the upcoming Capital Needs. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. A roll call vote: P. Santaniello – NO; K. Grady – Yes; H. Haberman- yes; B. Ashe- Yes; W. Scibelli – Yes. The motion was passed 4:1.

Town Manager's Report – 9:15 pm -

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie shared that the Moody's report will be posted to the website after permission is received to do so. She is also looking at what needs to be done to increase Longmeadow's Bond rating which is currently Aaa 3.
- Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported that several Capital Projects are going out to bid: Community House façade painting, High School brick reappointing, the High School pool repair, Center School exterior repair and paint to the north building only, painting and repair to the library and police department. If there are funds left over the Town Hall will be painted as well. In February Jonquil Road will be going out to bid Woodside drainage is still being assessed but bid notice is expected to go out in March for construction this year. Use of Chapter 90 money has been approved by MHD. Winona water lines will be going out to bid in late February or March as well.
- On April 3, 2008 at 7:00 at Glenbrook Middle School there will be a facility study forum presented by JCJ.
- Town Manger Robin Crosbie reported that snow expenditures are \$12,897 over appropriations. (\$112,897 to date)

Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried 5:0. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary