

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday February 5, 2007**  
**Police Station Community Room**  
**7:00 pm**

Chair Person Brian Ashe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

**Also Present (as signed in):** Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners; G. Krol; E. Stolar; Parks and Recreation B. Thomas; Longmeadow News L. Phung; Finance Committee C. Gunn; Superintendent of Schools J. Hart.

**Members of the Planning Board:** W. Gunn, B. Colton, L. Kornett and R. Johansen.

**Members of the School Committee:** B. Barkett, M. Vogel, C. Swanson, G. Duquette, R. Aseltine, G. Weigand and J. Nittoli

**Announcements:** The Select Board is developing priorities for the next three years which will be discussed at the *Strategic Plan Forum* to be held on Thursday March 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Community House. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 16, 2007 Regular Meeting Notes with one correction. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

**7:05 pm Visitor Comment/Question Period-** Eleanor Stolar informed the Select Board that she attended a Board of Health meeting and shared information regarding the recent studies cited in a report of the National Research Council as well as an announcement from the American Dental Association stating concerns about the intake of fluoride by bottle fed infants. She is concerned that the Board of Health is being unresponsive. Town Manager Robin Crosbie informed her that the links for information were on the Board of Health's web site and press releases are being issued to inform the public. Dr. Krol requested that the fluoride item be addressed earlier at Town Meeting and respectfully requested the Select Board's support of the topic.

**7:17 pm Approve Appointment of Parks and Recreation Director-**Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to approve the appointment of Bari Thomas as Director of Parks and Recreation. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

**7:36 pm Planning Board Applicant Interviews w/Planning Board Members:** The Planning Board as well as the Select Board interviewed the following candidates for the open position on the Longmeadow Planning Board: Anthony Curto, Jeffrey Fialky, Christine Nuger, Timothy Wright and Stuart Warshaw. The Planning Board will rejoin the Select Board at their regular meeting March 5, 2007 to make the appointment. Town Manager Robin Crosbie, members of the Select Board as well as the members of the Planning Board publicly thanked Richard Curran for his years of service on the Planning Board.

**8:21 pm School Committee-** There was much discussion between the two boards regarding topics in preparation for the next joint meeting. (To be held Tuesday, February 13 at the School Committee Meeting Room.) The School Committee educated the Select Board regarding funding and reimbursement procedures for Special Education programs in the schools.

**Old Business:** None at this time.

**New Business:**

- 1. Cultural Council Vacancy Appointment 7:21 pm-** Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to appoint Patricia Welch for the remaining vacancy on the Cultural Council to end June 30, 2007. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously
- 2. Application for Reimbursement from SBA – LHS HVAC System (2001) 9:12 pm-** Town Manager Robin Crosbie has initiated the application process even though it is unknown if Longmeadow will receive the reimbursement. She prepared the paperwork for the members of the Select Board, School Committee, and Superintendent of Schools to sign at this evening's meeting.
- 3. Supplemental Taxes 9:20 pm -** Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion that the Town of Longmeadow rescind its vote of September 22, 2003 to reject the provisions of G.L. Ch. 59 §2D and make those provisions applicable in the Town for fiscal years that begin on or after July 1, 2007. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously
- 4. Topics for February 13 Joint Meeting 9:22 pm-** The Select Board placed the following items on the agenda: FY08 Draft School Budget, projected staffing increases – Town and School for FY07 & FY08 including administrative and update on year to date expenditures / revenues Town and School side. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will make any additions and distribute to the others attending the meeting.

**Consent Agenda:** None at this time.

**Correspondence-** None at this time.

**Select Board Reports-** The Select Board discussed that they would no longer be making "non-voting associate" appointments to boards/committees unless specifically outlined in the by-laws.

**7:25 pm Town Manager's Report-** Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported that the asbestos remediation at the Department of Public works has been completed, the authorization paperwork to operate a Transfer Station has been submitted and all non-compliant underground storage tanks have been removed. Construction at the Wheelmeadow Brook has been suspended for the winter and will resume this spring. The Town is conducting on-going information and training programs to inform employees and staff about environmental compliance responsibilities. The Town has submitted Initial Sight Assessments (ISA's) for several possible sites where waste was buried in past years. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) may determine that Comprehensive Sites Assessments (CSA) are required. Town Manager Robin Crosbie also supplied the Select Board with a copy of the detailed annual report presented to the DEP for the second year of the Environmental Management System as required by the settlement agreement. Another report will be submitted in January 2008.

**Executive Session:** None Scheduled at This Time

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Stacy Wieners  
Recording Secretary