

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday – February 7, 2005**  
**Police Station Community Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Acting Chair Person John Papale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Select Board Persons John Papale, Brian Ashe, Kathleen Grady and William Scibelli.

**Also Present:** Recycling Commission Chairman Irwin Pers and Recycling Commission members Arlene Miller and Robert Spaulding, DPW Acting Superintendent Richard Haraty, and several members of the public.

**Absent:** Select Board Chair Person Hal Haberman and Interim Town Administrator Norman Thidemann.

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

The minutes of the January 31, 2005 Special Meeting were accepted as presented.

**Visitor Comments and Questions:**

Ms. Diane Nadeau, 41 Shaker Road, commented on the lack of communication with respect to the postings on the Town's website and questioned the Board regarding the payment of DEP fines. Ms. Melinda Cropsey, 862 Longmeadow Street, commented on the Select Board's open meeting at Bay Path and informed the Board of a meeting that she and a group of concerned residents were planning this coming week. Mr. Bill Wagner, 878 Longmeadow Street, thanked the Select Board for their sensitivity to issues regarding Bay Path and asked for further documentation from Bay Path regarding their plans not to expand further.

**Recycling Commission:**

Chairman Irwin Pers and member Robert Spaulding explained to the Board the Commission's new "Recycling Education and Outreach Campaign". The campaign, paid for through grant monies, was developed to increase recycling efforts in Town due to lower recycling tonnage and higher trash tonnage during the past year. Mr. Spaulding read a draft resolution that was unanimously adopted by the Select Board.

Member Arlene Miller, along with DPW Acting Superintendent Richard Haraty, gave the Board their final Fall leaf program report. They suggested that the Board consider a two-week bagged leaf collection in the Spring, similar to last year. It was noted that the Board will need to make a decision in August regarding the 2005 Fall leaf program. Dr. Papale suggested putting a non-binding resolution question on the May election ballot as a way to poll the residents regarding their leaf program preferences.

Dr. Papale congratulated Mr. Haraty and the DPW on the good job they had done during the recent snow storms and also mentioned that he had received several calls from residents commending the DPW.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

*Rubbish Removal Contract:*

Atty. Scibelli updated the Board on the meetings he and Arlene Miller have had with East Longmeadow and Wilbraham. He noted that three RFPs, each with a different option, will go out on March 1<sup>st</sup>, due April 1<sup>st</sup>. This will give the Board time to decide on a contract by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Bath Path Communications:*

Dr. Grady reviewed the recent luncheon with Bay Path that was subsequently cancelled and Town Counsel's opinion that it was subject to the open meeting law; but another luncheon Bay Path scheduled with Chairs of several committees was not subject to the open meeting law since there was no quorum of any committee.

*Board/Committee Public Comment Sessions:*

Dr. Grady noted a complaint that the Board received regarding a recent Board of Health meeting. She reminded all Boards and Committees that a public comment period should be included in every meeting. It was noted that the Board of Health responded to the complaint, and that this had been a special meeting and the resident was allowed to speak at the end of the meeting.

Dr. Grady also suggested that an "open meeting law" seminar might be helpful since there are so many new board and committee members.

*School Committee Vacancy:*

Dr. Papale read the resignation letter to the Select Board from Laura Bertelli. The Board unanimously voted to accept Ms. Bertelli's resignation and wished her well. It was noted that the Board had received an opinion from Town Counsel about filling this vacancy and would wait to hear from the School Committee before proceeding with any of the options.

**Consent Agenda:**

*2005 Annual Town Meeting Timeline:*

The schedule of deadlines was noted.

*One-Day Liquor License Applications:*

Atty. Scibelli expressed concern about the liquor liability insurance coverage and the Board voted to approve the two liquor license applications if the insurance was provided: Phyllis Dindas for a birthday party at the Community House 2/26/05 and Elizabeth Comey for the Annual Author's Dinner at the Library 3/19/05.

*Crossing Guard Application:*

The Board appointed Elizabeth Bartlett as a Crossing Guard.

**Town Administrator Report:**

None.

**Welcome:**

Dr. Papale introduced and welcomed Ms. Robin Crosbie, the new Town Manager, and noted that she was putting in her own time to have meetings with Dept. Heads prior to her official start of service to Longmeadow on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Correspondence:**

Atty. Scibelli noted the Water & Sewer Commission meeting minutes and that the Select Board should place Wheelmeadow Brook on the next agenda to decide about a loan for the work.

**Executive Session:**

At 8:15 p.m. the Select Board, on a roll call vote (Papale – yes, Ashe – yes, Grady – yes, Scibelli – yes) to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of pending litigation and collective bargaining, and not to return to Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Papale  
Acting Chair Person