

Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday March 2, 2009
7:00 pm

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

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

Also Present (as signed in): Capital Planning M. Gold; Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners.

Announcements – Due to the snow storm, trash and recycling pick up will be delayed one day this week only.

Acceptance of Minutes

- Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the February 23, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:01 pm Visitor Comment and Question - None this evening

7:15 pm Verizon Petition Hearings (2) – Select Person Robert Barkett made a motion to open the Petition Hearing. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion unanimously. The Petition Hearing was opened at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Andrew Hufnagel, Right of Way Manger for Verizon, (On behalf of Albert Bessette) discussed the petitions with the Select Board. Longmeadow's IT Manager, Victor Roule, was present as well. Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to close the Petition Hearing. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion unanimously. The Petition Hearing was closed at 7:21 pm.

Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to approve the Verizon petition for job number 6AAX2U-1 as presented. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion unanimously.

Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to open the Petition Hearing for the second petition from Verizon. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion unanimously. The Petition Hearing was opened at 7:23 pm. There was no discussion needed. Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to close the Petition Hearing. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a vote and the motion unanimously. The Petition Hearing was closed at 7:24 pm.

Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to approve the Verizon petition job number 6AAX2U-2 as presented. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Paul Santaniello called a

vote and the motion unanimously.

7:06 pm – Capital Planning Committee – Mark Gold – The Capital Planning Committee completed its review of capital projects and submitted to the Select Board a comprehensive report detailing their recommendations. The Select Board discussed several points with Mr. Gold and took a break at 7:15 pm for the Verizon Petition Hearing. The discussion continued at 7:24 pm. Mr. Gold highlighted a few of the larger ticket items and shared with the Select Board the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$25,000 for this budget year. This fund would be used by the Select Board in the event that a bid or quote for an approved project falls short in funding. Mr. Gold took a moment to thank all members of the Capital Planning Committee as well as the Finance Committee liaison, Roger Wojcik. The Select Board thanked the Capital Planning Committee for their hard work and for a job well done.

Old Business

- **Decision on Audit Services – This was tabled until the next meeting.**
- **Budget Discussion continued – 8:04 pm –** The Select Board continued the discussion with Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk regarding the budget that was presented. Select Person Robert Barkett stated that contract negotiations have not been finalized. The budget presented does NOT represent the impact that negotiations will have. The Select Board will be voting on the budget at the March 16th meeting. Select Person Robert Barkett asked that Mark Barowski attend the meeting and share comments from the Finance Committee from their meeting on March 11th, he agreed.

New Business- None this evening.

Consent Agenda - None this evening.

7:02 pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:

- Last week Scantic Valley Regional Health Trust voted to release reserve funds to off set the raising costs of health insurance for the FY10 Budget. Chair Person Paul Santaniello added that these costs will be passed down in the form of premium credits.
- She attended a workshop teaching strategies to increase production and reduce costs; Longmeadow is already using many of the tools that were discussed.
- The first round of interviews for the Police Chief position was held. Out of the seven candidates interviewed, four will be called back for the second step of the process. Second interviews will be held on March 11th, the candidates will also be required to make a presentation to the committee and complete a written section.

Select Board Reports / Correspondence / Comments

- Chair Person Paul Santaniello asked when the information on the automobiles will be ready. The topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chair Person Paul Santaniello 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- YES. The Select Board closed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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3/9/2009 – Accepted as Presented.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners