

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday March 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, Hal Haberman, Kathleen Grady and Paul Santaniello.

Also Present (as signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners; B. DeGiulio; T. DeGiulio; R. Townsend; R. Wojcik; A. Miller; B. O'Brien; B. Meth; D. Taylor and C. Gunn Finance Committee.

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

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.
- March 23, 2007 is the last day to obtain Nomination Papers to run for office in Town.

Acceptance of Minutes: Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 20, 2007, Regular Meeting Notes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:04 pm Visitor Comment/Question Period- Mr. and Mrs. Bill DeGiulio of 8 Woodside Drive came before the Select Board to make them aware of severe flooding problems in their neighborhood.

7:14 pm Community Preservation Committee Applicant Interviews: The Select Board interviewed the following candidates for the Community Preservation Committee: Dennis Egan, William Hoff, Arlene Miller and Rebecca Townsend. They will make appointments at the next regular meeting.

7:30 pm WMECO Petition Hearing – Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to open the Petition Hearing. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. After some discussion Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to grant the petition to Western Massachusetts Electric Company to install conduit and cable to supply electrical service to a new residential street – Sherry Lane; starting at the Parkside Street intersection 150' east and 30' north to private property. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to close the Petition Hearing. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. The hearing was closed at 7:25 pm.

7:40 pm Appoint Planning Board Member w/ Planning Board- The Planning Board and Select Board jointly appointed Christine Nuger to the vacant elected position on the Planning Board, for a term to expire June 12, 2007 (the date of the next Annual Town Election). The vote was 6:3 and as follows: P. Santaniello- Anthony Curto; K. Grady – Christine Nuger; B. Ashe- Jeffrey Failky; H. Haberman – Christine Nuger; W. Scibelli – Anthony Curto; W. Gunn- Christine Nuger; B. Colton – Christine Nuger; L. Kornet – Christine Nuger and R. Johansen - Christine Nugar.

7:45 pm Capital Planning Committee- Stephen Gelling, Ned Steiger and Roger Wojcik from The Capital Planning Committee (CPC) presented the Select Board with a detailed review of capital projects submitted for funding consideration for Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08). A total of forty-six (46) requests, seeking funding of \$3,404,765 were submitted for consideration. The members of the committee addressed concerns the Select Board had and answered any questions. Select Person Paul Santaniello commended the CPC for thinking out of the box on some items and on a job well done. Their hard work is appreciated by all members of the Select Board.

8:06 pm Dean Rogeness – Request to Discuss By-Law – Mr. Rogeness asked about the status the amended town by-law entitled “Annual Audit” approved at the November 28, 2006 Town Meeting . Dr. Grady noted that since the Attorney General’s office had not ruled on the conflict with the Charter cited by Town Counsel Dave Martel, the Town Counsel’s opinion stood and the bylaw was not in effect. Some discussion followed about the intent of the bylaw. Town Counsel Martel explained the conflicts with the Charter. Mr. Rogeness requested that the Select Board include a charter amendment on the Warrant for the next Town Meeting. He and Mr. Martel would work out the wording.

8:35 pm Post Prom Party – Kate Tobin addressed the Select Board and requested they approve the proposal as amended by Chief Danio for the Post Prom Party. There was much discussion regarding chaperones, police presence and the number and size of tents allowed. Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to approve the amended proposal for the Post Prom Party adding that chaperones should be 1 adult to 20 students and a complete list of adult chaperones be presented to Chief Danio prior to the event. Select Person Hal Haberman seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Select Person William Scibelli requested a final proposal with all updates and any changes agreed to by chief Danio be presented to the Select Board at the next meeting.

9:40 pm Old Business- None at this time.

7:25 pm New Business:

1. *Appoint Conservation Commission Member-* Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to appoint James Simon to the Conservation Commission. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Santaniello suggested that if associate members are approved for the Conservation Committee by the bylaw amendment on the warrant, the other applicant, Mr. Bouvier, should be considered for the position.

2. *Set Annual Town Meeting Warrant 9:21 pm-* The Select Board reviewed the Warrant submitted by Town Manager Robin Crosbie. There was a brief discussion as there was not sufficient time for the document to be reviewed thoroughly by the Board. The Select Board will set the Warrant at the next regular meeting.

3. *2008 Budget-* After a brief discussion, the Select Board agreed to forward the budget to the Finance Committee for review.

7:20 pm Consent Agenda: *Quitclaim – T. Mathews-* Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence- None at this time.

7:26 pm Select Board Reports-

- Select Person Paul Santaniello mentioned an email he received from Eleanor Stolar regarding a van being donated to the Council on Aging. Town Manager Robin Crosbie stated that the Council on Aging needs to come forward with a plan as there are no funds in the Town’s budget for a driver or maintenance on the vehicle.

- Chair Person Brian Ashe addressed the dog complaint and agrees that a hearing needs to be called and the complainants must provide testimony under oath. Select Person William Scibelli suggested having the Animal Control Officer present at the hearing as well.
- The Select Board thanked Ed Fallon for his twelve years of service as the Town of Longmeadow's Sealer of Weights and Measures and wished him well on his retirement.

Town Manager's Report – None at this time.

Executive Session: None scheduled at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary