

Minutes
SELECT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
Police Station Community Meeting Room
32 Williams Street
Monday – March 13, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Also Present (AS SIGNED IN): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; K. Nelson; S. Luckert; Finance Director P. Pasterczyk; D. Nadeau; C. Swanson; A. Cavaan from the Republican; D. Oleksak from the Longmeadow News; Capital Planning Committee and Charter Transition Team R. Wojcik; Finance Committee C. Gunn.

7:00 p.m. Agenda Summary

Announcements:

- The last day to pull papers to run for Town Office is Friday, March 17, 2006 at noon. There are two (2) open seats on the School Committee and one (1) seat on the Select Board.
- There will be a Waste Reduction Forum on Tuesday March 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

7:04 p.m. Prior to approving the recommendations presented by the Capital Planning Committee at the last meeting, Town Manager Robin Crosbie reminded the Select Board that the roof of the Police Station was in immediate need of repair. She requested the Select Board amend the Capital Planning list in order to free up funds to repair it. Some suggestions were made and it was decided to pass the request for emergency funds to the Finance Committee to be paid for out of the reserve fund. The Finance Committee will be meeting this Wednesday March 15, 2006 and the item will be added to their agenda. Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the recommendations from the Capital Planning Committee contingent on the approval of the Finance Committee allocating funds from the reserve fund for repair of the Police Department roof. Should the funding be denied by the Finance Committee, the allocations from the Capital Planning Committee will be reconsidered. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously. Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to include in the budget the request for \$25,000 for an automated valve opener to be funded by the water retained earnings fund. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. The topic was opened for discussion. Select Person William Scibelli and Chair Person John Papale require more information on the subject prior to voting. The topic will be discussed at the next meeting. The motion was denied. Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to place under the Warrant the recommendations presented by the Capital Planning Committee on the contingency that the Finance Committee approves the funding for the Police Department roof. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

7:21 p.m. Action on FY07 Budget

Town Manager Robin Crosbie presented the Select Board with a finalized balanced budget. She also presented a document titled:

FY 2007 BUDGET AGREEMENT
FINANCE COMMITTEE / SELECT BOARD / SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MARCH 13, 2006.

This was a three (3) year planning tool in which the Town's budget could be constructed. Additionally, this plan was based upon a minimum level of State and /or Federal funding. Several days over the last week, Town Manager Robin Crosbie, John Papale Select Board Chair Person, Judd Peskin Finance Committee, Jim Nittoli Chair Person of School Committee, Paul Pasterczyk Finance Director, along with other members of the committees came up with this proposal. It included an override of \$865,000 to be supported by all three (3) Town boards and the consolidation of the Grounds Maintenance and Department of Public Works. Unfortunately there was not sufficient time to explain the document in detail to the other members of the School Committee. As a result, they were unable to obtain the four votes needed to approve the agreement. There was much discussion between the Select Board and members of the Finance and School Committees. The School Committee had several specific questions and some concerns. All were addressed and answered. Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting for fifteen minutes. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. for 15 minutes.

8:55 p.m. Chair Person John Papale called the meeting to order. After the recess the School Committee was still unable to obtain the four votes needed. Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to accept the budget presented by Town Manager Robin Crosbie (see attached exhibit A). Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to present the contingent budget at Town Meeting. There was no second so the motion was denied.

9:03 p.m. The Select Board voted to go into executive session to discuss labor negotiations. Kathy Grady -yes; John Papale-yes; Brian Ashe-yes; William Scibelli-yes. Hal Haberman was not present.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary