

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday – March 21, 2005
Police Station Community Room
7:00 p.m.

Chair Person Hal Haberman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the agenda.
Present: Select Board Persons Hal Haberman, John Papale, Brian Ashe, Kathleen Grady and William Scibelli.

Also Present: Town Manager Robin Crosbie and a member of the public.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Minutes of the February 22, 2005 and March 7, 2005 Regular meetings were accepted as presented.

Visitor Comments and Questions:

No members of the public spoke to the Board.

Old Business:

Select Board Meeting Dates

The Board had some discussion regarding Chair Person Haberman's proposed meeting schedule through the end of the year. It was decided to approve the dates through September and for November and December, however the October dates would be revisited at the next meeting. The meeting schedule will be sent to the School Dept./School Committee in the hopes that they would schedule meetings on alternate Mondays.

New Business:

Close Town Meeting Warrant

Town Manager Robin Crosbie briefly explained the draft Annual Town Meeting warrant, and that the date for submission of articles had passed. There were twelve petition articles submitted, ten dealing with fluoride, one for a demolition zoning by-law addition and one for water on Dunn Road. All petition articles had been certified by the Town Clerk, and one (Dunn Road) did not have the required ten signatures. Ms. Crosbie informed the Board that they had the option of removing this article from the warrant or leaving it on. The Board will decide at their April 4th meeting. After some discussion regarding the order of the articles and the number of fluoride articles, the Board asked to have the Moderator and Town Counsel at the April 4th meeting to answer any questions when they will be setting the warrant. The Board voted unanimously to close the warrant.

One-Day Liquor License Policy

Ms. Crosbie presented the One-day Liquor License Policy she had drafted to the Board and explained that for the most part, this policy reflected current practice used by the Select Board office. The purpose of the policy was to set required liquor liability insurance limits, something that had not been done previously. After a brief discussion the Board unanimously approved the policy.

Advisory Ballot Questions

The Board reviewed three proposed ballot questions regarding leaf pickup, fluoridation and a split tax rate. After some discussion the Board voted as follows on the proposed advisory ballot questions: Not to place a fluoridation question on the ballot: Yes – Haberman, Ashe, Scibelli; Abstain – Grady, Papale. Not to place a leaf removal question on the ballot: Yes – Haberman, Ashe, Scibelli; No – Grady, Papale. Not to place a split tax rate question on the ballot: Yes – Haberman, Ashe, Scibelli; No – Grady, Papale.

Committee Application Form

Select Person Grady explained her draft application form to be used by interested citizens to apply for vacancies on appointed boards/committees. She developed this form as part of the By-laws Review Committee's recommendations for new procedures for filling vacancies to appointed boards/committees. Select Person Grady also mentioned outreach ideas and updating the currently available committee handbook that is given to all new appointees by the Select Board's office, and her thoughts on having a Select Board liaison for each committee. After a brief discussion, the Board asked Select Person Grady to continue her efforts with this project.

Citizen of the Year Award

Chair Person Haberman mentioned the Board's annual "Citizen of the Year" award that is presented at Annual Town Meeting. He asked that nominations be sought and that the Board would make a decision on the recipient from nominations received at a future meeting. He explained that the individual selected is not announced ahead of time, because it is kept secret until Annual Town Meeting.

Firefighters Grant

Town Manager Crosbie brought to the meeting a letter she received from the Fire Chief asking for the Select Board's support for a grant they wished to apply for. The Select Board unanimously expressed their support for the application for the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant for a fire pumper truck which requires a 5% co-pay or \$27,500 should the grant be awarded.

Consent Agenda:

The Select Board unanimously approved the consent agenda, consisting of a sign approval outside the normal sign policy, the annual Inspector of Animals nomination and a Conservation Commission transfer of funds request.

Correspondence:

The draft DPW Director ad was noted as was the MMA letter regarding tax loopholes.

Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Robin Crosbie updated the Board on the ad she drafted for the DPW Director and that the Water & Sewer Commission were willing to assist her with the search. The ad was approved and Ms. Crosbie will begin the recruitment process.

Ms. Crosbie noted information regarding the telecommunications issue and will prepare a resolution in support of the MMA legislation for the Board's signature.

Information had been provided to the Board regarding the consolidation of the Finance Department. Ms. Crosbie informed the Board that the information she received from Atty. Martel indicates that the Charter is the prevailing document with regard to the consolidation.

Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Crosbie
Town Manager