

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday March 27, 2006
Police Station Community Room
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, Brian Ashe and Hal Haberman.

Also Present (AS SIGNED IN): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; J. Nolet Finance Committee; J. Occhiuti; D. Nadeau; D. Oleksak from the Longmeadow News.

Select Person Brian Ashe extended congratulations to the Longmeadow High School Hockey Team on winning the State Championship!

7:03 p.m. Agenda Summary

Reminder(s):

1. Recycling and Yard Waste Center Begins Extended Hours April 1st
2. Street Sweeping Begins March 27th
3. One Week of Bagged Leaf Collection April 3-7

7:05 p.m. Acceptance of Minutes:

- *February 21, 2006 Executive Session* ~ Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- *March 2, 2006 Special Meeting* ~ Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- *March 6, 2006 Regular Meeting* ~ Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- *March 6, 2006 Executive Session* ~ Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- *March 13, 2006 Special Meeting* ~ Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- *March 13, 2006 Executive Session* ~ Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7:06 p.m. Visitor Comment/Question Period: Jerry Nolet from the Finance Committee and liaison to the Select Board, informed the Select Board that the Finance Committee took an official vote on the trash proposal and it passed. He also wanted to mention someone very special, Vivian Henschke, just celebrated her 104th Birthday. She is the recipient of the Golden Cane Award. He is very proud that Longmeadow is one of the few communities still carries on the tradition of passing the cane to the eldest member of the community and hopes it continues.

7:10 p.m. Old Business:

- 7:10 p.m. *Vote on Waste Reduction Policy*- Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to adopt the proposed Waste Reduction Policy effective July 1, 2006. The policy will allow one (1) 36 gallon barrel or bag, or up to 40 pounds of trash per household per week. Additional waste must be disposed of in Town approved bags which are available at convenient locations in Town. The cost per bag is \$1.75 and covers disposal costs. Hardship waivers maybe granted on a case-by-case basis by the Town Manager, upon application by letter, for a specific length of time, not to exceed one year. A waiver may be granted upon re-application. The Select Board may grant amnesty for certain specified periods where unusual amounts of waste is generated. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. The topic was opened for discussion. Arlene Miller from the Recycling Commission was available to answer any questions. There was considerable discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed three (3) to two (2). Select Person Hal Haberman stated that he was still bothered with taking services away from the residents. He was unable to support the vote, but was not going to fight it. Select Person Brian Ashe had a concern that those against the policy were not heard, so he felt compelled to vote with Select Person Haberman against the policy. Select Person Hal Haberman made a request to retake the vote to show unanimous support by the Select Board. Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to reconsider the vote. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale called a vote, the motion carried unanimously. Arlene Miller will start the process of receiving the grant money of \$4 per household to implement the plan and congratulated the Select Board.
- 7:55 p.m. *Reconsideration of Budget* –Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to amend the budget already approved so that the FY07 school budget be increased by \$222,141 to provide level funding and that \$294,676 in salaries for maintenance (non-custodial) be transferred from the schools to the Department of Public Works Building and Maintenance division. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion and the topic was opened for discussion. The entire School Committee was present. There was considerable discussion. Chair Person John Papale took a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- 7:30 p.m. *Request for Additional Water System Equipment*- Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to grant the request of Department of Public Works Director Mike Wrabel, for a Valve Exerciser and Flow Transmitter. The funds would be allocated from the Water Retained Earnings Fund under the Department of Public Works in the Capital Budget. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion and the topic was opened for discussion. Mr. Wrabel was present to answer any questions or concerns. After a brief discussion Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
- 7:38 p.m. *Decision on Capital Plan for Warrant*- Town Manager Robin Crosbie informed the Select Board of the changes made to Articles 18 and 19. Article 18 will now read: *To see if the Town will appropriate by borrowing the sum of \$4.1 million from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, or otherwise, for construction of the Wheelmeadow Brook Interceptor Sewer Replacement Project or take any action relative thereto.* Article 19 will now read: *To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow the sum of \$600,000, or a greater or lesser sum, to be repaid from water fees and charges for replacement of water mains in York Drive, or take any other action relative thereto.* Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to accept the amended articles. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale took a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:26 p.m. New Business:

- 7:28 p.m. *Appoint Democratic Registrar of Voters*- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to elect incumbent Stephen Kennedy as Registrar. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- 7:27 p.m. *Adoption of Revised Sexual Harassment Policy*- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to adopt the revised “Freedom from Unlawful Harassment, Discrimination and Sexual Harassment” policy. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale took a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:28 p.m. Consent Agenda:

Nomination of Inspector of Animals – Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale took a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

8:20 p.m. Correspondence

- Chief of Police, Robert Danio, supplied the Select Board with the requested statistics for intersections where the 4-way stops were installed. The report re-enforced the fact that four way stops have reduced vehicle speeds and accidents at all intersections. They have also received several positive comments (no negatives) from residents regarding the decision to convert both intersections to a 4 way stop.
- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to post a sign at the intersection of (south bound) Dickinson and Converse Streets to read No Turn on Red 7-9 am 4-6 pm. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale took a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Select Board Reports

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie informed the Select Board that the Finance Committee has agreed to pay for the roof of the Police Station out of the Reserve Fund therefore no other changes needs to be made to the Capital Budget.
- The Town will be reimbursed 75% of every \$1 spent on repairs from the storms in October 2005.
- Mike Wrabel is looking into the Federal Permit for leaf pick up in the Meadows.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady informed everyone that on May 9, 2006, there will be a preliminary election to select two candidates of the three running for Moderator.

Town Manager's Report-none at this time

8:30 P.M. Executive Session

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 – yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary