

Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday April 6, 2009
7:00 pm

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

Present: Select Board Persons Paul Santaniello, William Scibelli, Robert Barkett and Kathleen Grady (Arrived 7:03 pm).

Absent: Brian Ashe

Also Present (as signed in): J. Brennan, R. Hebert, L. Seabury; R. Wojcik, N. Mammarblli, Parks and Recreation B. Thomas, Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the March 16, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 3:0 Dr. Grady was not present.

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the March 16, 2009 Executive Session meeting minutes with corrections. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 3:0 Dr. Grady was not present.

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the March 18, 2009 Special Meeting minutes with corrections. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 3:0 Dr. Grady was not present.

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the March 18, 2009 Executive Session meeting minutes with corrections. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 3:0 Dr. Grady was not present.

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the March 25, 2009 Special Meeting minutes with corrections. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 3:0 Dr. Grady was not present.

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the March 25, 2009 Executive Session Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 3:0 Dr. Grady was not present.

7:05 p.m. Twin Hills Country Club Liquor License Application Hearing

Chair Mr. Santaniello made a motion to open the Hearing, Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Mr. Ashe was absent. The Hearing was opened at 7:05 pm. The floor was opened for public comment. Representing the applicant, Twin Hills Reality, Inc, Attorney Lealand B. Seabury addressed the Select Board regarding the application. Mr. Naldo Mammarelli, Treasurer of the Twin Hills Board was also present and addressed the Board. Seeing no other public comments, Mr. Barkett made a motion to close the Hearing, Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0.

After little discussion, Attorney Scibelli made a motion to approve the all alcoholic restaurant liquor license for Twin Hills Country Club with the following conditions: Mr. Rick Hebert is allowed to pledge the inventory to Peoples United D.B.A Bank of Western Massachusetts; that all servers are TIPPS certified and that Mr. Hebert confirm that his certification is still in good standing. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0.

Announcements:

1. Achievements – LHS Hockey Team (Present Certificate) – 7:22 pm – Chair Mr. Santaniello presented the three Captains of the Longmeadow High School Hockey team with a certificate of achievement for winning the All Western Mass Championship. GREAT JOB!

2. Bereavements – Police Officer Eric O’Brien – 7:02 pm – The Select Board sends condolences to the O’Brien family.

Visitor Comment/Question Period – 7:13 pm – Mr. Jim Brennen, representing the Longmeadow Youth Sports Council, announced that they are sponsoring a Candidate’s Forum at the Glenbrook Middle School Auditorium on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 from 7-9:30 pm.

Old Business: None At This Time

New Business:

1. Approve Selection of Police Chief – 7:45pm- Town Manager Robin Crosbie shared that the selection process for the replacement of Chief Danio has concluded and requested that the Select Board approve her selection of Captain Robert Siano as the candidate for Police Chief. The Select Board reviewed the documents provided detailing Mr. Siano’s extensive Certifications, Honors and Recognitions, Professional Memberships, Special Trainings and Work History; which, started in Longmeadow as a Fire Fighter in 1970. After some discussion Dr. Grady made a motion to approve the selection of Capt. Robert Siano as Longmeadow Police Chief, based upon the recommendation of the Town Manager. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0.

2. Vote to Ratify Police Supervisor’s Contract -7:54 pm- After much discussion, Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the collective bargaining agreement which includes all the terms of the current agreement with the agreed upon changes as submitted to the Select Board. Dr. Grady seconded the motion and added that the new contract includes 0% pay increase for three (3) years. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was absent.

3. Discussion – Block Party Rules -8:05 pm- After much discussion it was decided that the Select Board will email Town Manager Robin Crosbie additional thoughts and comments regarding the document provided to be discussed at a future meeting.

4. Rules and Orders for Use of Town Green-8:17 pm- Mr. Gerald Duquette was present at the meeting to participate in the discussion. The Select Board discussed the revised regulations provided. Some minor changes in language were made as well as deleting “Political Events” from the section discussing the groups required to obtain a permit for use of the Green. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will make these changes and provide the Select Board with a revised copy at a future meeting for final review.

5. Discussion – Field Maintenance Plan – Mike Wrabel/Bari Thomas-7:15 pm- Mr. Wrabel and Mrs. Thomas presented the Select Board with the Grounds Division Maintenance Standards and Practices booklet. This details all 175.8 acres of park land, school fields, school grounds and public areas as well as over 30 traffic islands that are all maintained by the personnel of the DPW Grounds Crew (currently 5). They highlighted certain areas of the booklet and answered any questions that the Select Board had. Mrs. Thomas stated that the process of developing this document assisted them in prioritizing needs and will help them select projects to complete as funds become available by Grants or other means. Mr. Wrabel briefly spoke about a revenue generating proposal that he would like to discuss more formally with the Select Board at a future date.

6. Notification of Gift (Rinaldi's)-7:36 pm- The Select Board reviewed the documents regarding the proposed gift to the Town by Mr. Rinaldi. DPW Director Mr. Wrabel explained the details of the arrangement regarding the public parking lot located on town property on the west side of Longmeadow Street in front of 408 Longmeadow Street. After some discussion the Select Board mutually agreed to accept the terms of the proposal and the gift. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will accept the gift on behalf of the Town.

7. Registrar's Disclosure Statement-8:44 pm- Chair Mr. Santaniello has a concern regarding any individual running for a seat, having the responsibility of being in charge of a recount of that seat, should the need arise. The rest of the Board shares his concern. Mr. Kennedy provided the Select Board with a form as recommended by the Ethics Commission regarding his financial interest in winning the election. However, this does not address the issue of authenticating votes for the election. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will confer with Town Clerk Katherine Ingham for more input on this situation and report back to the Board.

8. Set Summer Meeting Schedule-8:54 pm-The Select Board scheduled the following meetings for the summer: July 7, 2009, July 20, 2009, August 3, 2009 and August 17, 2009. All meetings will be held at the Police Station Community Room at 7:00 pm.

9. Sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant-8:58 pm- The Select Board signed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Consent Agenda- None at This Time

8:59 pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:

- The Integrated Pest Management System for schools was distributed for review to the Superintendent and the School Committee. Mr. Barkett inquired as to the deer population increasing in Town.
- The Beaver Deceiver has been working on Pondsides, but as a result, they have built a dam upstream. The DPW is looking into installing a second Beaver Deceiver at that location.
- Mr. Wrabel is currently corresponding with the CT Water Company to determine location for emergency water connections. This is in the initial stages and will most likely require multi jurisdictional contracts.
- The Baseball / Softball and Lacrosse fields are being prepared for the season.
- The DPW has replaced 21 hydrants, received 5 more and are expecting 15 more next week.
- The DPW has received a grant from 3M to be used for traffic / pedestrian signs. She will provide the Board with CH90 projects in their next packet.
- Specs are being prepared for repaving Williams Street from Redfern to Dwight Road.
- The Rabies clinic was a success, 25 dog licenses were sold, 34 dogs and 21 cats were vaccinated. This clinic is conducted annually, as a community service, by Dr. Cutting.

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- Dr. Grady announced that Longmeadow was one of several communities to receive the 2009 E-Government Award in recognition of its commitment to open government by posting key records, meeting minutes, by-laws and information on its website.
- Mr. Barkett shared that the MSBA has officially approved the selection of the OPM. He thanked Town Manager Robin Crosbie for sending Chad Thompson along to Boston with them. He was an asset and did a fantastic job representing Longmeadow.
- Mr. Barkett wished Jim Nittoli well as he is moving to Texas. He thanked him for his years of

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service to the Town of Longmeadow.

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; P. Santaniello- YES; W. Scibelli-YES; R. Barkett - YES. B. Ashe -Absent. The Select Board closed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners