

Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday April 7, 2008
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm

Chair Person Hal Haberman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Select Board Persons Hal Haberman; Kathleen Grady, Brian Ashe and Paul Santaniello
William Scibelli arrived at 7:14 pm.

Also Present (as signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie (arrived 7:08 pm); Recording Secretary
Stacy Wieners; J. Occhiuti; DPW Engineer T. Martens; J. Dowd, J. Breshnahan and G. Weiner.

Announcements – None this evening.

Acceptance of Minutes

- Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the Monday March 17, 2008 Regular Meeting Notes as presented. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the Monday March 24, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:04 pm Visitor Comment and Questions

- Mr. John Dowd addressed the Select Board as a member of the Youth Sports Council and requested that Turner Park not be closed for the season, but that the fields are reevaluated on a month to month basis to determine playability. Chair Person Hal Haberman decided to open this topic for discussion. Mike Wrabel, DPW Director, shared his concerns with playing on the fields too soon. Mr. John Breshnahan has 12 years of experience in the turf industry and is a Town Resident. He volunteered his time and expertise with this situation. He too, feels that it's too early to play on the fields, but will recheck in a month's time and report his findings to the Board. After much discussion the Select Board decided to re-examine the fields the first week of May and to have the findings presented to the Board at their next meeting to be held May 3, 2008.

7:28 pm – Woodside / Williams / Merriweather Drainage – Mike Wrabel, Thom Martens –

Mr. Martens , DPW Engineer, gave a detailed power point presentation to the Select Board regarding the drainage issues in this area. The problems range from pipes sloping in the wrong direction, to a 15" outfall pipe where the water leaves the system. He estimates the cost for the entire project to be in the range of \$800,000. The Select Board commented that the figure would increase as unforeseen issues would arise that would need to be addressed. Mr. Martens estimated the cost to replace and

correct the outfall pipe to be in the \$100,000 range, this portion of the project qualifies to be funded with CH 90 money. Chair Person Hal Haberman suggested starting the outfall pipe repair with CH90 money and see if this elevates any of the other drainage issues. Select Person Paul Santaniello added that this would be a logical place to use the new sewer cleaner machine that was just approved in the budget to clear the pipes and assist with the drainage. Select Person William Scibelli feels strongly that the issues raised by the property owner at Woodside Drive, the motivation for this discussion, be a priority. He also inquired if the project could be bonded and paid back with CH 90 money. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will check with the MA Highway Department and get back to the Board. Select Person Paul Santaniello inquired as to why this project was selected as the first one and requested a report of what the next three recommended projects would be from the DPW with cost estimates. After much discussion Chair Person Hal Haberman requested Mike Wrabel return to the Select Board at a future meeting with more detailed cost estimates regarding repairing the problem and suggested prioritizing the pieces of the project.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business

1. ***Appoint Registrar – 8:10pm-*** Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to appoint Joan Stanley of 157 Pleasantview Avenue to the position of Democratic Registrar of Voters. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
2. ***Pension Task Force Resolution – Kathy Grady – 8:11 pm*** – Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to adopt the following resolution: That it is the determination of the Town of Longmeadow that the Hampden County Regional Board of Retirement, on or before April 17,2008, should join the 45 other retirement systems and appoint PRIM as the sole investment manager of the Hampden County Regional Board of Retirement pension assets with total control there of, including management, investment policy and allocation, and that all such assets, currently held and in the future, should promptly be transferred to and held by PRIT. The Select Board, on behalf of the Town, hereby consents to such appointment and transfer. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
3. ***Discussion – Process for Proposed Charter Change – 8:12 pm*** - The Select Board wishes to conduct the hearing at a May meeting in order to adhere to the process for conducting a revision to the Charter. The date will be posted.
4. ***Discussion – Fees Schedule – 8:15 pm-*** After much discussion the Select Board agreed not to change any rates or fees at this time and will re-evaluate them in one year. Select Person Paul Santaniello requested a rate study of surrounding communities and Select Person Kathleen Grady requested specific figures of non resident fees.

Consent Agenda:

8:21 pm Inspector of Animals Nomination- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

8:23 pm Correspondence-

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie brought to the Board's attention the Warrant and requested their signatures.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady had a concern regarding the letter about the Massachusetts State Lottery new initiative with KENO. It was explained that the initiative was KENO to GO and will not include the screens associated with traditional KENO.
- Select Person Brian Ashe mentioned that residents on Forest Glen Road are pleased with the newly installed "Green Arrows"!

Select Board Reports

- Select Person Paul Santaniello shared that he attended the Finance Committee meeting and was disappointed that they did not vote in support of the Budget presented by Town Manager Robin Crosbie and the Select Board. Jim Law was present at the Select Board meeting and informed the Select Board that the Finance Committee has not yet voted on the Budget. It appears the Select Board was misinformed of their decision. Select Person Paul Santaniello also shared his concerns with the Budget Strategies Committee and wished to discuss if the committee should continue or be eliminated, as they have not met since the last vote on the override. There was much discussion regarding the budget process and ways to improve it in the future.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Robin Crosbie shared that the JCJ Forum on the facilities study was a success! She reported that residents are beginning to call regarding dumping and leaf pick up and the Warrant will be off to the printer.

Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to enter in to Execute Session for the purpose of choosing the Citizen of the Year. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. A roll call vote: H. Haberman – YES; K. Grady – YES; W. Scibelli – YES; B Ashe – YES; P. Santaniello – YES
The motion carried 5:0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary