

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday April 18, 2006
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm**

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

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

Also Present (AS SIGNED IN): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; B. Shimel; S. Lam and S. Mao.

Announcements:

- A public re-dedication of Molly's Gift Playground will be held on May 6, 2006; 1:00 pm at Greenwood Park. There will be entertainment and activities to mark the event.
- On Tuesday May 9, 2006 the polls will be open from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm at the Community House for the preliminary Town Election for the position of Moderator.

Acceptance of Minutes- Minutes of the Monday April 3, 2006 Regular Meeting notes were accepted with one correction.

7:04 pm Visitor Comments and Questions – Arlene Miller addressed the Select Board to ask for their support of, and educate them on, the Community Preservation Act. The Community Preservation Act is Article 41 on the Town Warrant and will be voted on at Town Meeting. This surcharge of 1% on property taxes would be exclusively for the preservation of open space, historic preservation, affordable housing and recreation, in the Town of Longmeadow. Homeowners will have the first \$100,000 exempt from the surcharge and those who qualify as low income housing would also be exempt from the surcharge. She also stated that the State will match the 1%; these funds could be used to install irrigation in ball fields, install handicapped ramps in Town Buildings, and restore Town Hall, Storrs Library and much more.

7:20 pm Longmeadow Package Store Transfer of License Hearing –Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to open the hearing for the Longmeadow Package Store Transfer of License. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion passed unanimously. Attorney Shimel was present with Siam Mao, applicant for the License transfer, and her daughter Sophal Lam. The Select Board questioned Ms. Mao about Massachusetts Liquor Laws, who would be assisting her in the day to day operations of the business and her operating hours. Ms. Mao was knowledgeable of the State Laws and will have her family assisting her. She also intends to hire a gentleman who is currently employed at the package store. Select Person Hal Haberman stressed the importance of not serving to minors and informed Ms. Mao that the Select Board has suspended Liquor Licenses in the past. Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to accept the transfer of License from Burritt and Son, Inc., to Golden Dragon, LLC pending the receipt of Serve Safe certificates from Ms. Mao and her children that will be employed at the store. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman welcomed Ms. Mao as a business owner in Longmeadow and wished her the best of luck. The entire Select Board wished her well. Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Select Board William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:40 pm Interview Temporary Registrar of Voters Applicant- Sandra MacFadyen is a lifetime resident of Longmeadow. The members of the Select Board interviewed Ms. MacFadyen however they must wait seven days before voting. A vote will be taken at the next meeting under Old Business.

Old Business- None at This Time.

7:42 pm New Business

1. *7:43 pm Appoint ZBA Alternate* – Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to appoint Russell Preston as Associate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
2. *7:46 pm Sign Warrant for Preliminary Election-* Members of the Select Board signed the Preliminary Election papers.
3. *7:49 pm Set Meeting Dates for Remainder of 2006* – The meeting dates are as follows:
 - July 10
 - August 7
 - September 11, 25
 - October 10, 23
 - November 6, 20
 - December 4, 18
4. *8:06 pm Town Manager Performance Review-* The Select Board discussed progress made by Town Manager Robin Crosbie since joining the Town of Longmeadow. She also shared future plans for Longmeadow. It was then decided that each individual Board Member would prepare their own review of Robin Crosbie's performance and turn the reports into Chair Person John Papale. He would consolidate those opinions into one report to be presented at the next meeting.

Consent Agenda- None at this time.

7:50 pm Correspondence

- Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned the memo in response to Mrs. Nadeau's inquiries about bottled water. She requested a copy of the memo be sent to Mrs. Nadeau so she would be aware that her inquiry was researched and would have the details. Select Person Kathleen Grady requested the research results regarding the cost of fluoridation be sent to Ms. Eleanor Stoller in response to her inquiries as well. Select Person Kathleen Grady reported that trash disposal for Longmeadow has remained unchanged as compared to 2005 numbers but recycling has increased.
- Select Person Hal Haberman reported that Longmeadow has received Chapter 90 money from the State of Massachusetts.
- Select Person William Scibelli referred to the correspondence about a Wireless Internet Proposal and suggested passing the information onto individuals who are qualified to break down the pro's and con's and present to the Select Board in the future.

Select Board Reports- None at this time.

7:58 pm Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported that as of April 18, 2006 under the supervision of Chief Madison, a new program was launched called Connect City. This system is able to call all Town residents and play a recorded message. Residents are urged to contact the Fire Department if they did not receive a recorded call this evening.
- Motions for the Town Meeting Articles are finalized and are being sent to all Select Board members.
- Town Manager Robin Crosbie will be taking vacation time this Thursday and Friday April 20th and 21st.

8:30 pm Executive Session

The Select Board voted to go into executive session to discuss labor negotiations: Kathleen Grady - yes; John Papale-yes; Brian Ashe-yes; William Scibelli-yes Hal Haberman - yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary