

Minutes
Select Board Special Meeting
Monday April 27, 2009
6:00 pm

Chair Person Paul Santaniello called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Present: Select Board Persons Paul Santaniello, William Scibelli, Robert Barkett and Kathleen Grady
Absent: Brian Ashe

Also Present (as signed in): J. Occhiuti, Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners.

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the April 1, 2009 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was not present.
- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the April 1, 2009 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was not present.
- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the April 6, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was not present.
- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the April 6, 2009 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was not present.

6:35 pm Moderator Michael Kallock, Finance Committee, School Committee

- 1. Discussion of Warrant Article on General Expenditures**
- 2. Possible Postponement of Vote**

Mr. Kallock and Town Counsel David Martel were present to share their opinion regarding the procedure for considering the postponement of two Articles at the Town Meeting tomorrow evening. Mr. Martell provided exact wording to be used on the floor at Town Meeting, Mr. Kallock will explain the procedure to those in attendance if necessary. A small meeting took place with members of the Finance Committee, School Committee and Select Board due to the announcement regarding the House of Representatives Budget. It raised the question if the Articles 5 & 8 (pertaining to the Budget) could be postponed until more information regarding the Senates Budget is released. Chair of the School Committee Ms. Swanson (Rob Aseltine and Geoff Weigand were also present and participated in the discussion) shared the consensus of the committee to postpone the vote. Chair of the Finance Committee Mr. Barowsky stated that the Finance Committee also agrees with a postponement. Both committees also agree that the continuation of the Town Meeting be scheduled prior to the election. The Select Board then discussed the topic. Dr. Grady would like to vote on the budget as it stands at Town Meeting. She added that she was unaware that any meeting was held with other Boards and stated that all Select Board members should be informed of such meetings. Attorney Scibelli feels strongly that the Articles should be discussed at the Town Meeting and if at that point someone wishes to make a motion to adjourn an article it can be

done at that time. Seeing that the Board was not going to come to a consensus regarding the subject, Chair Mr. Santaniello stated that the Articles will be presented.

Announcements -The Longmeadow Select Board is seeking residents to serve on various Boards/Committees during its annual appointment process. Those willing to serve on a particular board/committee should submit an application to the Select Board, 20 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106 by May 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. (applications are available in the Select Board's office or on the Select Board page online at www.longmeadow.org). Applicants are required to be present for an interview with the Select Board during their May 18,2009 meeting. Applicants will be notified by e-mail or phone of the interview time after the deadline. Appointments will be made at the Select Board's June 1, 2009 meeting.

Visitor Comment/Question Period – 7:49 pm

- Mr. Joe Occhiuti thanked the Select Board for the time spent on the Budget this year. He believes that now is the time to make changes in the municipal contracts Town wide.
- Ms. Stolar stated that steps should be eliminated from contract negotiations and she added that lay offs on the school side will ultimately cost the Town.
- Mr. Hollbrook shared his opinion that the size of a class does not affect the quality of education.
- Mr. Bascum stated that he believes that the Town needs to cut spending.

Old Business

1. **Block Party Rules – 8:01pm-** After little discussion and reviewing the document provided Doctor Grady made a motion to establish the rules and regulations governing block parties as amended. Mr. Barkett seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was not present.
2. **Town Green Regulation – 8:03pm-** After little discussion and reviewing the document provided Attorney Scibelli made a motion to adopt the rules and orders regulating the use of the Town Green based upon the recommendations of the Town Manager [and as amended by Select Person William Scibelli]. Doctor Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was not present.
3. **Disclosure from Steven Kennedy – 8:04pm –** Attorney Scibelli made a motion to appoint Candy Glazer as the temporary registrar of voters until June 9, 2009 or May 12, 2009 in the event that the Town needs to hold a recount. Doctor Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was not present.

New Business:

1. **Fees Update / Solid Waste Fees – 8:05pm-** The Board will review the documents provided and this will be discussed at the next meeting. Chair Mr. Santaniello requested a proposal of estimated revenue if the fees for leaf bags and garbage bags were to be reversed.
2. **Appoint Temporary Registrar – (completed under Old Business)**
3. **Honor Resident – 7:46 pm-** The Select Board presented Roberta “Bobi” Steingart with a certificate of appreciation and recognized her as a Hometown Hero.
4. **LCTV Request for Regular Signage – 8:10 pm-** After some discussion and because the information displayed on the signs would be advertising “Town events”, the Board agreed to allow the approval of signs fall under the Town Managers discretion.

8:16 pm Consent Agenda

Sign Police Supervisors' Agreement

Sign Preliminary Election Warrant

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Ashe was not present.

8:16 pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:

- Information has been sent home to parents in the schools regarding the Swine Flu. The Board of Health is monitoring the situation.
- A Chapter 90 project list and funding update were provided to the Board.
- The Commonwealth Capital Application was completed and submitted.
- A meeting was held with Mike Wrabel and Thom Martens regarding Woodside. An update on the drainage project will be provided to the Board at a June meeting. Information on Converse will also be provided.
- The new splash pad is on schedule to be completed when the pool opens. Only the fencing and the electrical need to be completed.
- The Green Gazette newsletter was emailed to all Town employees. They are doing a great job!
- She attended an MIIA workshop on April 22 regarding reducing liability, particularly in employment law and public safety.
- A meeting will be held on May 7th to undertake early development of a Capital Improvement Plan for next year.

Select Board Reports / Correspondence / Comments

- Dr. Grady announced that the Open House at the Senior Center was a great success. She added that a “Shredding Party” will be held on May 2nd at Longmeadow High School.
- Mr. Barkett announced that the deadline has passed and a meeting is scheduled on April 30th to discuss the top eleven architectural submissions. The top 3 will be submitted to the MSBA.

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 8:27. pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners