

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday – May 7, 2007
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm

Chair Person Brian Ashe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Select Board Persons Brian Ashe, Kathleen Grady, William Scibelli and Paul Santaniello.

Absent: Hal Haberman

Also Present (as signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners and Mr. & Mrs. Leichthammer.

Announcements: The Select Board is seeking residents to serve on various Boards/Committees during its annual appointment process. Applications are available in the Select Board's office or online at www.longmeadow.org. Completed applications must be received by May 29th at 4:00pm.

Acceptance of Minutes: Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to accept the Minutes of the April 17, 2007 Regular Meeting Notes with one correction. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:05 pm Visitor Comment/Question Period: Mr. Leichthammer addressed the Select Board regarding a dog named Sadie, who lives at 19 Greenacre Drive. He still has very grave concerns regarding the dog and questioned why the Board did not follow through with the order made from the last meeting.

Old Business

1. Discussion – Town-Wide Facilities Committee 7:20 pm- The Select Board continued their discussion regarding the Town Wide Facilities Improvement Committee. Select Person Paul Santaniello stated again that he feels that the parameters must be well defined and that a committee of nine members would be to large. He suggested creating a task force of residents. This group would be under the direction of Town Manager and each member would bring a specialty to the table, be it engineering, building or architectural expertise. Select Person Kathleen Grady agrees with Select Person Santaniello. He still believes. Select Person William Scibelli fears that citizens would loose interest in participating in the long run. Town Manager Robin Crosbie informed the Select Board that a firm has been

contracted to complete the Facilities Survey of the buildings in Town. Select Person William Scibelli suggested waiting for a future meeting to continue the discussion as the board cannot come to an agreement at this time. Town Manager Robin Crosbie added that waiting for the survey to be completed will provide the Select Board with more information to make a better decision. Everyone agreed.

2. Discussion – \$100K Article for Highway Project (see Ch.90 Correspondence) 7:50 pm- Select Person Paul Santaniello stated that he feels the money should be returned to Free Cash. Select Person Kathleen Grady agreed. After some discussion the Select Board decided to return the money to Free Cash.

3. Discussion – Vacancies Interview Date 7:56pm- The Select Board decided to hold interviews during the regular scheduled meeting to be held on June 4th, at the Police Station Community Room at 6:00 pm.

New Business:

1. Set Summer Schedule for Meetings 7:57 pm- The Summer meetings will be held on Monday July 9th and Monday August 13th.

2. Set Ballot Questions 7:59 pm- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to place Article 20 on the ballot and that the order of the questions be 1. Town Audit – Article 20 and 2. Fluoridation.- Article 22. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: None at this time.

Correspondence- None at this time.

8:01 pm Select Board Reports

Select Person Paul Santaniello has been involved with a task force of volunteer residents to look at alternate energy sources for the Town of Longmeadow. This group is working under the purview of Town Manager Robin Crosbie. They are currently doing some homework researching organizations that have already implemented alternate sources of energy. (Springfield Technical Community College has installed Solar Panels) Select Person Paul Santaniello inquired what the process was for the Select Board to officially create this group or if they needed to be appointed.

Select Person Kathleen Grady attended a meeting with the Historical District Commission and has received approval to install railings on the Community House steps. She is still working on a railing around the ramp.

Select Person Paul Santaniello attended the Planning Board meeting held on May 3rd and shared that the Planning Board would like one of their members to be on the Facilities Improvement Committee., if it

happens. He also added that the Planning Board will be involved with the Long Range Plan for Longmeadow and will be meeting with Select Person Kathleen Grady at their next meeting to be held June 7th at 7:00 pm at the Police Station Community Room.

8:10 pm Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following:

- Tighe and Bond has been selected through an RFP (Request for Proposal) to conduct the water and sewer system assessment.
- Hill Engineers has been selected as the on-call architect
- The Building Facility Assessment Firm selected is JCJ Architecture from Hartford.
- All six RFP's have been completed
- The site survey is being done for the Department of Public Works
- All Capital projects and priorities for new projects to be voted on at Town Meeting have been updated. Work to repair the Police roof is underway
- The Community House roof repair will begin this week.
- A new Sealer of Weights and Measures has been hired
- Performance evaluations have begun with department heads.
- Meeting will be held with Department Heads this Spring to goals for FY08.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello inquired about MUNIS. Town Manager Robin Crosbie responded that meetings are ongoing and the issues are being addressed.

Select Person Paul Santaniello stated that the Select Board owes Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Finance Director, Paul Pasterczyk an apology for the Select Board not taking a stand and supporting the budget that she presented, as instructed. He feels that the Select Board needs to support the directive given the Town Manager with regards to the budget so **modifications** are not made an hour before it is to be voted on. His hope is that this will not happen in the future and added that the Select Board should be looking at the FY09 budget very soon.

8:16 pm Executive Session

Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to enter in to Executive Session for contract negotiations not to return to open meeting. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. A roll call vote: B. Ashe – yes, W. Scibelli – yes, K. Grady – yes, P. Santaniello – yes. H. Haberman was absent.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.