

Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday May 18, 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. Brian Ashe arrived at 6:58 pm.

Also Present (as signed in): P. Adornato; A. Antouopoulos, D. Lynaugh, S. Kuhn; J. Nurse; R. Steingart; E. Welker; E. Stoler; B. Baevsky; J. Occhiuti; S. Gaxicio; J. Maziarz; S. Hall and Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners.

Annual Vacancy Interviews- The Select Board interviewed the following individuals for the corresponding committees. The Board will make all appointments in two weeks. Any additional interviews will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

Audit Committee (two- 3-year term, up to two associate 1-year terms):

Paul Adornato	James Francis Moran
Stephen Kuhn	Ernest Welker
Daniel Lynaugh	Joe Occhiuti
Anthony Antonopoulos (would consider an appointment on any committee.)	

Board of Assessors (one 3-year term)- No Applicants

Board of Health (one 3-year term, up to two associate 1-year terms):

Robert Baevsky
Richard Steingart

Cable Advisory Committee (two 3-year terms, up to two associate 1-year terms):

Norman Michaels
Donald Holland

Capital Planning Committee (two 3-year terms, one 2-year term):

James Nurse

Community Preservation Committee (three 3-year terms including one member appointed from the Housing Authority, one 2-year term):

William Hoff
Arlene Miller

Conservation Commission (two 3-year terms, up to two associate 1-year terms):

Stephen Gazillo

Council on Aging Board of Directors (five 3-year terms)

Ernest Blake
Patricia Camerota
James O'Donnell

Cultural Council (three 3-year terms, three 2-year terms, two one-year terms):

Jean Maziarz

Historic District Commission (two 3-year terms, one alternate 3-year term, one 2-year alternate term, one 1-year term, one 1-year alternate term):

Denise Collins
Crystal Diamond
Timothy McKenna

Diane Nadeau
Michelle Steger

Historical Commission (two 3-year terms, two 2-year terms):

Susan Hall
Timothy McKenna

Michelle Steger
Steven Weiss

Recycling Commission (two 3-year terms, up to two associate 1-year terms):

Edward Dzielenski
Richard Kmetz
Arlene Miller

Tree Committee (one 3-year term, one 2-year term)- No Applicants

Zoning Board of Appeals (one 5-year term, one associate 3-year term):

David Lavenburg

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Mr. Barkett made a motion to accept the May 4, 2009 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 5:0.

Announcements – None this evening.

Visitor Comment/Question Period – Ms. Stolar questioned if the Board was considering closing the Greenwood Center. She added that the senior community consists of about 4,000 registered voters. She also mentioned that they are not asking for new facilities similar to what surrounding communities have built. Mr. Barkett asked why they would want a new facility. She responded simply more room. Chair Mr. Santaniello stated that the closing of the Greenwood Center has never been an agenda item in Regular or Executive Session.

7:24 pm Green Team Report – Town Manager Robin Crosbie introduced the volunteer members of the Green Team that were in attendance. Kelly Zieba Director of School Age Services at the Greenwood Center, Carl Sturgis Director of Storrs Library, Captain Andy Frazier Fire Department, Chad Thompson Purchasing Agent. The Green Team reviewed some projects they have completed such as the newsletter (available on line at www.longmeadow.org), conducting an audit of light bulbs in town buildings and replacing them with low wattage bulbs, applying for and receiving a grant to purchase bottle / can toters for selected locations and blue recycling buckets are now located at every desk, to name a few! Town Manager Robin Crosbie commended them for all their hard work and everyone is looking forward to what they suggest next.

8:12 pm FY09 Budget Discussion- Chair Mr. Santaniello stated that the Finance Committee and School Committee were invited to participate in this budget discussion. Neither board was present. The Select Board and Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk discussed what effects the turn backs will have on the budget. Mr. Scibelli suggested not discussing the budget again until real numbers can be provided by the Schools regarding their turn backs. This will be on the June 15th agenda as the School Committee is meeting June 8th and will most likely have final budget at that time. Mr. Pasterczyk also provided the Select board with a grid detailing potential grant cuts that have assisted with Town operations in the past.

7:36 pm Old Business

- **Annual Fees Review** - Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk was present and reported that for the FY09 Budget there will not be a deficit in the Solid Waste / Recycle Enterprise Fund due to turn backs from the DPW. The Select Board reviewed the proposed fee schedule provided by Town Manager Robin Crosbie in detail. It was requested that she research what neighboring communities are charging for final water meter readings. [When houses are purchased.] Mr. Scibelli mentioned that ABCC fees were just raised last year and requests giving the small businesses in Town a break and not raise their fees two years in a row. Representative Ashe stated that the total impact those increases would have on the budget is minimal and agreed that they should not be raised. Chair Mr. Santaniello asked for a comparison of fee rates with other communities that share the same demographics as Longmeadow, not just neighboring communities. Mr. Barkett asked what impact these fee increases have on the FY09 Budget. Paul Pasterczyk responded none; the increases were not included in the report. Therefore; Mr. Barkett is not in favor of raising any fees at this time. Mr. Pasterczyk added that the Town is down 75% in building permits receipts from last year at this time. After reviewing and discussing the report in more detail, Dr. Grady made a motion to accept the fee increases on Page 2; TOWN CLERK and TOWN COLLECTOR as presented in the proposal. Mr. Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Santaniello called a vote and the motion passed 4:0:1. Mr. Barkett abstained. Mr. Scibelli made a motion to accept on page 5, ANNUAL INSPECTIONS (780cmr s.106) as presented in the proposal. Representative Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried 4:1. Mr. Barkett opposed. Mr. Scibelli made a motion to accept pages 3 and 4, BOARD OF HEALTH / PLANNING BOARD fees as presented in the proposal as there are no increases. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Scibelli then suggested that the Board take “a breather” from the remainder of the fee schedule and revisit it next year. The rest of the Board agreed.
- Mr. Barkett made a motion to accept the Audit Report as Presented at the May 4th Special Meeting. Mr. Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

8:40 pm New Business – Finance Committee member Peter Greenburg was present at the meeting at the request of Mark Barowsky to discuss funding OPEB with the Select Board. Mr. Pasterczyk needs to confirm that the Select Board has the power to transfer funds into that account. Mr. Barkett inquired as to the amount the Actuary was requesting as an initial deposit; \$600,000 was the figure. The Select Board is considering depositing a much lesser amount to show good faith.

8:45 pm Consent Agenda

- 1. Approve / Sign Formal letter to Comcast**
- 2. Request from Center School to close street for Field Day**
- 3. Sign Annual Town Election Warrant**

Representative Ashe made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Santaniello called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

8:45pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:

- She attended Long Meadow Days and has received a lot of positive comments regarding the

new sewer jet on display. She will be running a post event meeting to discuss the event and discuss possible improvements for next year.

- She had a meeting with Superintendent of Schools Jahn Hart and the Police Chiefs to discuss changes in the structure of the department and the effect those changes will have on the school programs. They agreed to create a small task force to re-assess needs in the elementary and middle schools utilizing existing resources as well as an assessment of the SRO program.
- She will be attending the Designer Selection Panel on Tuesday morning in Boston with Jahn Hart and Christine Swanson, to rank and select feasibility study proposals submitted by architectural firms. There is also a 1:00 pm meeting to discuss student population projections with the MSBA.
- The patio at the Greenwood Center is underway as of today.
- There was a request from the Longmeadow Montessori School for a street closing. The event is on June 2nd. She is asking the Select Board to approve the request at this meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved 5:0.

8:50pm Select Board Reports / Correspondence / Comments – Chair Mr. Santaniello requested that Mr. Barkett explain the Time Line for the SBA project. Mr. Barkett explained that after the Town Manager Robin Crosbie returns from the Design Select Panel meeting in Boston, and the Architect is selected, the Feasibility study will begin. By mid fall, there should be more clarity regarding the direction the project will take, be it build new, add on and renovate or renovate the existing building. It is the goal to have a clear defined plan for the Spring Town Meeting for the residents 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 -YES. The Select Board closed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners