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Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday – May 21, 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, Hal Haberman and Paul Santaniello.

Absent: William Scibelli

Also Present (as signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners; Comcast Manager of Government and Community Relations S. Fitzgibbons; Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) of Hampden Co. K. Norbut; Board of Health B. Hirshhorn and Mr. & Mrs. Leichthammer.

Announcements: The Select Board announced that the Pancake Breakfast was a success! Select Person Kathleen Grady announced that the van arrived at the Senior Center and she will be giving rides on Election Day.

Acceptance of Minutes: Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to accept the Minutes of the May 7, 2007 Regular Meeting Notes as presented. 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 came before the Select Board to inform them that there has been no action taken as for building the fence. He strongly suggested that if nothing is done about the dog, the Town be sure that they have the proper insurance in place should the dog attack again.
- Mr. Steve Fitzgibbons, Manager of Government and Community Relations for Comcast, attended the meeting to discuss the Cable Franchising Campaign Kit provided by the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) and to answer questions.

Old Business

1. **Harris Dog Fence 7:20 pm-** Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported that as of today a fence has not been erected and there has been no further communication since the email received dated

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April 23, 2007. Select Person Paul Santaniello has concerns and issues with someone [anyone] who disregards orders from the Select Board. After some discussion Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion that the dog named Sadie residing at 19 Greenacre Drive immediately be removed from the premises until a fence is properly installed and inspected by the Town. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. The topic was opened for discussion. Select Person Hal Haberman added that Ms. Harris must still comply with the original order and made an amendment to the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the amended motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1. Fees Update 7:30 pm- The Select Board reviewed the report presented by Town Manager Robin Crosbie containing proposed changes for fees under the Select Board. After much discussion Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept all increases except for any increase in recycling fees or recycling sticker prices. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion and the topic was opened for discussion. Select Person Kathleen Grady inquired about the Street Opening fees and amended the motion to increase those fees to \$165.00. Select Person Paul Santaniello requested a breakdown of costs for recycling (Swap Shop, hauling of debris) so that they can make an educated decision regarding fees. A report will be provided for future discussion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the amended motion carried unanimously.

2. MMA Telecommunications Matters 7:11 pm - The Select Board reviewed the information provided by Town Manager Robin Crosbie regarding the preservation of local cable and video franchising authority. After much discussion Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to support the campaign entirely and take the steps outlined in the kit. The Select Board agreed.

7:45 pm Consent Agenda:

1. *Center School Street Closing Request*
2. *Montessori Street Closing Request*
3. *Block Party Applications*
 - a. *Blockland/Terry/Willett/Woodside*
 - b. *Pinewood/Erskine/Cherry*

Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

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7:46 pm Correspondence- Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned the letter Town Manager Robin Crosbie wrote to Representative Rogeness regarding funding support for the DPW project.

7:49 pm Presentation on Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) – B. Hirshhorn - Beverly Hirshhorn, Board of Health Director, has started the process of creating a MRC unit. MRC units function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources. She stated that this group would assist in all situations, not just major catastrophes. She has been awarded a grant for \$10,000 to start the organization and is working with the MRC of Hampden County to recruit and set up processes. Kathleen Norbut, a representative from MRC, addressed the Select Board with more detailed information about the organization and what her role is in assisting Beverly Hirshhorn in the task. Select Person Hal Haberman suggested that a letter of support of this organization go out on behalf of the Select Board. The other members agree.

Select Board Reports

Select Person Paul Santaniello will be joining Select Person Kathleen Grady at the Planning Board meeting on June 7th at 7:00 pm at the Police Station Community Room to discuss the Long Range Plan.

Town Manager's Report –

Peg Boxhold from Elegant Affairs delivered her application for her Liquor License and a hearing date needs to be set. The Select Board agreed to set the hearing for the June 18, 2007 Regular Meeting.

8:16 pm Executive Session

Select Person Hal Haberman 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, H. Haberman – yes, K. Grady – yes, P. Santaniello – yes. W. Scibelli was absent.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners

Recording Secretary