

6/1/2009 - Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes

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Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday June 1, 2009
7:00 pm

Chair Person Paul Santaniello called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: Select Board Persons Paul Santaniello, William Scibelli, Robert Barkett and Kathleen Grady.

Absent: Brian Ashe

Also Present (as signed in): Audit Committee E. Welker; E. Stoler; Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners.

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the May 18, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent.
- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the May 18, 2009 Executive Session Meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent.

Approval of Appointment and Ceremonial Swearing in, of Police Chief Siano - Mr. Barkett made a motion to approve the appointment of Robert F. Siano as Chief of Police. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent. Chair Mr. Santaniello administered the oath of office.

Recently promoted, Police Sergeant Robert Stocks and Police Sergeant Eric Wisnouskas were introduced to the Select Board and the residents of Longmeadow. They were welcomed and congratulated by the Board.

Announcements – The Annual Town Election will be held June 9th. The polls will be open from 8:00am -8:00pm; please vote.

Visitor Comment/Question Period – Mrs. Gwen Bruns read a letter that was directed to Town Manager Robin Crosbie regarding the increase in traffic on Greenacre Ave and the speed at which vehicles are traveling down this road. Several other members of that community were present at the meeting to voice their concerns as well. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will place this on the agenda to discuss with the Traffic Committee and will report back to the community members, as well as the Select Board, their findings and what the action plan will be.

Old Business – None at this time.

New Business

1. Re-Appoint Town Counsel and Labor Counsel-7:27 pm -

- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to approve the re-appointment of David Martel as Town Counsel for Fiscal Year 2010 based upon the recommendation of the Town Manager. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent.
- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Joel Bard of Kopelman and Paige as Land Use Counsel for Fiscal Year 2010 based upon the recommendation of the Town Manager. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent.
- Dr. Grady inquired about the Labor Counsel vote and asked that a discussion be held by the Board at a future meeting.

2. Set September thru December Meeting Schedule- 7:30pm- Chair Mr. Santaniello asked that this be tabled until the June 15th meeting when new members of the Select Board would have a say in upcoming meetings.

3. Approve Feasibility Study Agreement-7:34pm- After little discussion, Mr. Barkett made a motion to approve the Feasibility Study Agreement in connection with the possible construction and /or renovation project at Longmeadow High School as submitted to the Town by the Massachusetts School Building Authority and that a majority of the members of the Select Board are hereby authorized and directed, on behalf of the Town, to execute the Agreement. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent.

4. Approval of Temporary Borrowing- 7:36 pm – After some discussion with Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk, Dr. Grady made a motion to authorize issuance of bond anticipation notes in accordance with the recommendation of the Town Manager and the Director of Finance and Administration. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent.

5. Tax Bill Insert- 7:41 pm- After some explanation, Attorney Scibelli made a motion to approve the tax bill insert prepared by the Treasurer/Collector in accordance with MGL 60, Section 30A, as recommended by the Town Manager, Finance Director and Treasurer / Collector. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent. The Select Board decided not to utilize the emergency telephone system to notify residents of this change in billing.

7:40 pm Consent Agenda: Block Party Application – Mr. Barkett made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Dr. Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 4:0, Representative Ashe was absent.

7:45pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:

- She, along with Superintendent of Schools Jahn Hart and Chair of the School Committee Christine Swanson, have started to visit schools designed by the top three architectural candidates selected from the Design Panel. She added that if there are any questions that the Select Board may have for these schools, to forward them to her.

8:50pm Select Board Reports / Correspondence / Comments

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- Chair Mr. Santaniello congratulated the DPW for their fast work concerning the water main break on May 20th, and also stated that he has had nothing but positive feedback regarding the Emergency Telephone system that was used to notify residents of the break and encourage taking alternate routs.
- The Select Board extended Congratulations and well wishes to Longmeadow High School's Class of 2009.

Chair Mr. Santaniello made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session for the purpose Collective Bargaining to return to open session at 8:30 pm. 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 at 7:58 pm.

The Select Board re-entered into Regular Session at 8:32 pm.

8:32 pm Annual Vacancy Interviews- The Select Board interviewed the following individuals for the corresponding committees. The Board will make all appointments in two weeks.

Conservation Commission: John Breshnahan

Park Board : James Brennan

Audit Committee: James Shriver

Mr. Barkett 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 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners