

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday June 15, 2009
7:00 pm

Chair Person Paul Santaniello called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Select Board Persons Paul Santaniello, William Scibelli, Robert Barkett, Mark Gold and Rob Aseltine

Also Present (as signed in): Town Engineer Thom Martens; B. DeGiulio; Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners.

Welcome New Select Board Members – Chair Mr. Santaniello welcomed Rob Aseltine and Mark Gold to the Select Board. He also thanked Brian Ashe and Kathy Grady for their years of service on the Board and wished them well.

Re-Organization of Select Board

- Mr. Aseltine made a motion to appoint Robert Barkett as Chairman of the Select Board. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.
- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to appoint Paul Santaniello as Vice Chair of the Select Board. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.
- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to appoint Mark Gold as the Clerk for the Select Board. Mr Aseltine seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Mr. Santaniello made a motion to accept the June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 3:0:2. Mr. Gold and Mr. Aseltine abstained.

Announcements – None this evening.

Visitor Comment/Question Period – Mr. DeGiulio came before the Select Board two years ago regarding the drainage / flooding issues in the neighborhood of his home on Woodside Avenue. He was unaware that this topic was on the agenda for this evening and will stay for the presentation. His reason for attending this evening was to see what the status was on the problem.

7:10 pm Streetlight Report – George Woodbury – Mr. George Woodbury made a power point presentation to the Select Board regarding the acquisition of the streetlights in Longmeadow. After much discussion on the material presented, the Select Board agreed to move forward with the paper audit process and requested that any findings be presented to them at a future meeting.

Old Business – Set September 2009 through June 2010 meeting dates – 9:06pm- The Select Board meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the Police Station Community Room on the following dates:

September 8	December 7	March 15
September 21	December 21	April 5
October 5	January 4	April 26
October 19	January 19	May 3
October 26	February 1	May 17
November 2	February 22	June 7
November 16	March 1	June 21

New Business

1. Appoint Peter Bouvier to the Tree Committee -7:53 pm – Attorney Scibelli made a motion to appoint Peter Bouvier to the Tree Committee. Mr. Santaniello seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion carried 3:0:2. Mr. Gold and Mr. Asetline abstained.

2. Update on Woodside / Williams Drainage and Converse Street 7:54pm - Town Engineer Thom Martens and DPW Director Mike Wrabel updated the Select Board on the progression of the Woodside / Williams Drainage problem as well as a proposal regarding major improvements to Converse Street in detailed power point presentations.

* On Williams Street the proposal included changing the flow direction on the end of Woodside Drive and utilizing the drainage swale located on the Williams School property. Mr. Warble will contact the Superintendent of Schools to request time on the School Committee's agenda per the request of the Select Board. Attorney Scibelli suggested he also investigate to see if an easement exists there. The Select Board agreed that the consultant needs to complete the modeling required in order to move forward and requested an update at the July 6, 2009 meeting. There are Chapter 90 monies available to fund some of this project.

* The Converse Street project includes transportation improvements (which would place this street on the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan thus qualifying it for federal and state funding), water system improvements, and sewer improvements. After discussing the project in detail, the Select Board would like to see the exact impact this project will have on water and sewer rates, a financial plan, where this project falls on the list of priorities from Capital Planning as well as the study from Tighe and Bond, and a detailed action plan outlining the steps in the project. The Select Board believes that this is a worth while project to pursue.

Consent Agenda – None this evening.

8:18 pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:

- The Water Tank is complete Longmeadow has back up water now!
- She will be interviewing the three architectural candidates tomorrow at 8:30am in Boston. She has toured several schools and has seen work by all three applicants.
- She attended a work shop with Finance Director Paul Pasterczyk and attended a seminar regarding the Investment false claims act.
- She and Mr. Santaniello attended the Council on Aging volunteer luncheon. She congratulated the recipients of the awards and added that the reception was wonderful.
- The Safety Committee has been meeting and she reported that the Towns losses are below the benchmark for the second year in a row. If the trend continues, the Town should see a deduction in premiums in the next fiscal year.

- Town Hall will be closed on June 19th in order to conduct the annual maintenance of Town Records.
- She presented the Select Board with a report on capital projects from 2004 – 2008.
- She also presented the Select Board a status report from 2009- 2010 Capital Projects and where they are in the various stages of completion.

Chair Mr. Barkett took this opportunity to discuss with the Select Board the creation of sub committees to help expedite work and report to the Select Board on different projects dealing with Finance, Operations and Schools. Mr. Santaniello is against the creation of sub committees and would not support it. He is not opposed to meeting weekly and inviting various boards / committees to the Select Board meetings to share information. Mr. Gold needs more information to determine what subjects the sub committees would be working with. Attorney Scibelli suggested appointing Select Board liaisons to each committee to attend the Select Board meetings to share information with the Board as a whole and speak about their committees. Mr. Aseltine feels that a sub committee would help the Select Board focus on interacting with other boards. Chair Mr. Barkett will speak with Town Manager Robin Crosbie and will bring an outline back to the Select Board for further discussion.

Chair Mr. Barkett would like the Select Board to meet (he suggested a Saturday) to discuss Goals and Targets for the upcoming year. Weekends are not convenient for some members of the Select Board. Mr. Barkett will meet with Town Manager Robin Crosbie to discuss possible dates and will come back to the Select Board with some options for a weeknight meeting. Mr. Aseltine suggested meeting at a different location to make the meeting more of a retreat, everyone agreed. The Goal meeting will be posted and open to the public and will be held before August 1st.

8:26 pm Select Board Reports / Correspondence / Comments

- Chair Mr. Barkett attended the rally at Bay Path College for the Extreme Home Makeover, he stated that it was a tremendous event and commended the efforts put forth by Bay Path College.
- Mr. Santaniello once again extended congratulations to those volunteers receiving awards at the Volunteer Luncheon held at the Council on Aging.

Mr. 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: M. Gold – YES; P. Santaniello- YES; W. Scibelli-YES; R. Barkett - YES. R. Aseltine -YES. The Select Board closed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session. The Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners