

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday – June 18, 2007
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm

Select Board Clerk Hal Haberman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Select Board Persons Kathleen Grady, Hal Haberman and Paul Santaniello.
Chair Person Brian Ashe arrived at 8:10 pm

Absent: William Scibelli

Also Present (as signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners; School Committee C. Swanson, Audit Committee: P. Landon, E. Welker; Superintendent of Schools J. Hart and J. Occhiuti.

Announcements: None at this time.

Acceptance of Minutes: Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 4, 2007 Regular Meeting Notes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Select Person Kathleen Grady requested that the Recording Secretary include in the minutes specific times documenting the arrival of Select Board members after the meeting has been opened. All future minutes will include specific arrival times within the body of the text as well as listed in the **Present** heading. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:05 pm Visitor Comment / Question Period - Mr. Joe Occhiuti informed the Select Board that the agenda, once again, was not advertised in the paper. He shared his concerns with the lack of communication regarding dates and times of meetings with those residents who do not have internet access.

7:10 pm Audit Committee Report - Mr. Peter Landon, Audit Committee Member, presented the Select Board with a summary of the committee's activities for the third quarter of the 2007 fiscal year. The Select Board had some discussion with Peter Landon and Ernest Welker regarding the report.

7:19 pm Elegant Affairs Liquor License Application Hearing - Select Person Hal Haberman called the hearing to order at 7:19 pm. Margaret Boxold from Elegant Affairs was present to answer any questions. There was no public present for comment. Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to approve the new Liquor License for M.G.B. Inc.; doing business as Elegant Affairs. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. There was some concern regarding the license being approved in Boston and returned prior to her current short term license expiring. Town Manager Robin Crosbie informed the Select Board that this application just arrived in the office and could have been submitted at any time to ensure there would not be a gap. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to close the hearing. Select

Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. The hearing was closed at 7:26 pm.

8:30 pm Old Business- Discussion – Budget Strategies Executive Committee- Select Person Paul Santaniello stated he will work with Select Person William Scibelli on the committee. He explained that the charge of the group would be to discuss short and long term budget issues and discuss resolving those issues as boards. Select Person Kathleen Grady believes that creating such a committee is a bad idea, as the boards involved are policy making boards. She also feels strongly that the Town has experts to handle budget issues and that this committee may undermine the authority of those individuals. She is not, however, opposed to meeting as a group to discuss and brainstorm specific issues as they arise. Select Person Hal Haberman agrees with Select Person Paul Santaniello. Chair Person Brian Ashe added that a smaller group may make more progress than the entire boards meeting. Everyone agreed that if the reports coming back are showing that the committee is not being productive, it could be dissolved. Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to create a Budget Strategies Executive Committee comprised of two members of the Select Board, two members of the Finance Committee and two members of the School Committee for a term of one year, to discuss budget issues and report back to their respective boards with resolution suggestions. Select Person Hal Haberman seconded the motion. Select Person Kathleen Grady requested taking the word “executive” out. The other members agreed. Select Person Kathleen Grady amended the motion to change the name to Budget Strategies Committee. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the amended motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote to accept the original motion to create the committee with the revised name. The motion carried 3:1. B. Ashe – yes, P. Santaniello – yes, H. Haberman- yes, K. Grady- no.

New Business:

1. Appointments to Boards/Committees 7:40 pm-

- Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to appoint E, Holland Low and William Monks to the Cable Advisory Committee for three year terms. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to appoint Stephen Gelling for a two year term, Mark Gold and Nicholas Katsoulis for three year terms to the Capital Planning Committee. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to appoint Peter Bouvier, Karen Chadwell and Albert Laasko to the Conservation Commission for three year terms. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to appoint Anamarie Ferry Frigberg, George Pennington, Betty Rochford and Eleanor Stolar to the Council on Aging for three year terms. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to appoint David Kowarsky to the Historic District Commission for a three year term. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Select

Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

- Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to appoint Rebecca Townsend to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) for a one year term. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to appoint Dawn Barkman, Dawna Jenne and Arlene Miller to the Recycling Commission for three year terms. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to appoint James Ryan to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- 8:24pm Chair Person Brian Ashe was present for the following appointments.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to appoint Jonathan Fein for a three year term and Kevin Lonergan for a two year term, to the Board of Assessors. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to appoint Michael Coppola and Barry Izenstein to the Board of Health for three year terms. Select Person Hal Haberman seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointment of Counsel 7:29 pm- Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to re-appoint David Martel as Town Counsel and Kopelman and Paige as Land Use Counsel. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Action on School Statements of Interest – Glenbrook/Williams Middle/LHS 7:55pm- Christine Swanson, School Committee Member, and Jahn Hart, Superintendent of Schools, presented the finalized Statements of Interest for Longmeadow High School, Glennbrook Middle School and Williams Middle School.

- Select Person Kathleen Grady made the following motion: Having convened in an open meeting on June 18, 2007, the, Board of Selectmen of the Town of Longmeadow, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated June 30, 2007 for the Longmeadow High School located at 95 Grassy Gutter Road, Longmeadow which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which Longmeadow may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future: : Priority 1: Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists; Priority 3: Prevention of the loss of accreditation; Priority 5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of the heating system in a schoolhouse to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in the schoolhouse; and Priority 7: Replacement or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting

this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

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application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion – MMA Municipal Partnership Act 8:01 pm- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to endorse the Municipal Partnership Act as requested by the MMA. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. The topic was opened for discussion. This act allows communities to have options for increasing revenues and reducing operational costs. Each community must go through their own process to adopt any of these options. Select Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

8:10 pm Adopt Water/Sewer Rates- Chair Person Brian Ashe arrived. There was a brief discussion regarding the options presented. The option selected will have the least impact on the majority of homeowners in Town. Select Person Paul Santaniello reminded everyone that the last change in rates was in 2002 and it was a decrease of 10%. Town Manager Robin Crosbie shared that Springfield will be increasing the cost of water for Longmeadow in the very near future. Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to adopt the water and sewer rates as set forth under Option 2. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to approve placement of articles for establishing water and sewer enterprise funds on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – None at this time.

Consent Agenda- None at this time.

7:30 pm Correspondence-

- Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned the letter that was sent to the residents of Dunn Road. Mike Wrabel, DPW Director, stated that construction started today.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady announced that the deadline for applications for the Finance Committee has been extended to 11:30 am Friday July 6, 2007.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady thanked Cindy French, Town Manager Robin Crosbie Administrative Assistant, for creating petition forms and instructions to be used by voters. These documents will assist both petitioners and Town officials in the petition process. The forms can be found on the Town's website www.longmeadow.org.

7:35 pm Select Board Reports

- Select Person Paul Santaniello, Select Person William Scibelli and Select Person Kathleen Grady attended the Longmeadow High School Graduation ceremony. They enjoyed it very much and wish the Class of 2007 best wishes.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello and Select Person Kathleen Grady attended the Planning Board meeting to discuss the Long Range Plan. The meeting was very productive and they will

continue discussions with the Planning Board.

- Select Person Kathleen Grady drove the van on Election Day although she had one passenger, she is confident the van will be used more in the future.
- The Select Board congratulated the Longmeadow Boys and Girls Lacrosse team on a fantastic season. Both the School Committee and the Select Board are very proud of the way both teams represented the Town of Longmeadow.

7:45 pm Town Manager's Report –

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie provided the Select Board with a document reviewing the FY2007 budgeted revenues to date.
- Town Manager Robin Crosbie announced that in observance of Independence Day, non-essential personnel may leave at 12 noon on July 3rd with their supervisor's approval.

8:40 pm – Reorganization of Select Board

- Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to appoint Hal Haberman as Chair of the Select Board. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion was carried unanimously.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello made a motion to appoint Kathleen Grady as Vice Chair. Select Person Hal Haberman seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion was carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint Paul Santaniello as Clerk. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion was carried unanimously.

8:46 pm Executive Session

Chair 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 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary