

Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday July 06, 2009
6:30 pm

Chair Person Robert Barkett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Also Present (as signed in): E. Stolar; J. Occhiuti; E. Welker and P. Pasterczyk

Acceptance of Minutes:

Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the June 15, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr Santaniello made a motion to accept the June 15, 2009 Executive Session Meeting minutes as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr Santaniello made a motion to accept the June 22, 2009 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr Santaniello made a motion to accept the June 22, 2009 Executive Session minutes as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr Santaniello made a motion to accept the June 29, 2009 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr Santaniello made a motion to accept the June 29, 2009 Executive Session Meeting minutes as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Announcements: None this evening.

Visitor Comment/Question Period 6:32 pm

- Ms. Stolar brought to the Boards attention that the meeting was not listed in the Springfield Paper. She asked if the Select Board has entertained the thought of spraying or “fogging” as a preventative measure in Town for sickness as has been done in the past.
- Mr. Occhiuti asked who’s responsibility it is to list the Towns meetings with the local papers. He then inquired about when and where the Executive Session Meeting minutes were available for public viewing.
- Mr. McCarthy inquired about a piece of correspondence that was sent to the Select Board office. It will be discussed under correspondence.

Select Board Comments

It was brought to Mr. Santaniello's attention that the DPW has been maintaining tree belts for three (3) residents in Town. He asks that the Select Board look into this and either ask the DPW to cease maintaining these three tree belts, or maintain all of the tree belts in Town. He has brought this to Town Manager Robin Crosbie's attention and an update will be provided at the next regular meeting.

6:40 pm Police Captain Stankiewicz and Lieutenant Fontaine

1. 3-Way Stop

2. Burbank Road Problem

3. Speed Limits and how they are established

Chair Mr. Barkett took a moment to congratulate the men on their recent promotion to Captain and thanked them for their years of service for the Town of Longmeadow. Captain Stankiewicz reviewed the report detailing the data from the Burbank and Farmington Road analysis. He also provided and reviewed data regarding collisions in that area. Mr. Santaniello inquired about radar enforcement instead of installing a stop sign that may cause accidents or what other measures could be taken. Captain Stankiewicz does not recommend the installation of a stop sign at this particular location, nor does Mass Highway, given the data collected. Mr. Aseltine asked that the Traffic Safety Committee come before the Board and explain the reasons why they recommended a stop sign at that location. Attorney Scibelli suggested that unmanned police cars be placed on side streets to slow traffic and to paint the center line solid. Chair Mr. Barkett would like to come up with a plan to address similar issues that are occurring in many areas in Town. No vote will be taken this evening.

Old Business:

1. 2010 Budget Update – Paul Pasterczyk – 7:05pm - Mr. Pasterczyk reviewed and discussed the state of the budget to date with the Select Board for the current year, FY10 and FY11. The budget will be discussed with updates at the July 20th meeting. The Select Board will also request more up to date numbers from the School Committee regarding turn backs.

2. Set Goal-Setting Meeting Date- 7:33 pm - The Board decided to hold the Goal Meeting next Monday, July 13, 2009; 6:30 pm. The location will be announced.

New Business:

1. Vote to Approve Stop Sign Request – postponed.

2. Vote to Appoint Tax Title Custodian - Attorney Scibelli made a motion to appoint Mary Pequignot, Town Treasurer/Collector as the Tax Title custodian thru June 30, 2011, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 77B. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion – Capital Project Financing Concepts – Mr. Pasterczyk reviewed a document he provided to the Select Board regarding the effects of long term debt financing for different projects in Town.

4. Committee/Board Appointments (Summer 09) - 8:09 pm – The Zoning Board of Appeals is one member short of a quorum. Chair Mr. Barkett will find out if there are any other committees that are in the same position and will post all positions at the same time. Interviews will be held on the July 20th meeting.

Consent Agenda – None this evening.

Town Manager's Report - None this evening.

8:14 pm Select Board Reports

Mr. Gold requested scheduling Department heads and Committee Chairs to come in and have a 10 minute discussion about their departments / committees. He also wanted to review the Policy Handbook and discuss some items that he found should be examined more closely. This will be discussed in more detail next week during the goals meeting.

Mr. Barkett thanked the Educational Visual Team for their time. He also mentioned the concert on the Green at 6:30 pm tomorrow.

Correspondence

Chair Mr. Barkett feels that some of the correspondence should be listed for discussion on the agenda during the meeting. He will discuss this with Town Manager Robin Crosbie.

He then mentioned a piece of correspondence from the Audit Committee regarding posting the audit findings on the Town's website. After a brief discussion and seeing no opposition, it will be posted.

Attorney Scibelli 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 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners