

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday July 10, 2006
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm

Chair Person Brian Ashe called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Present: Select Board Persons Kathleen Grady, William Scibelli, Brian Ashe, Paul Santaniello and Hal Haberman.

Also Present (AS SIGNED IN): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; J. Occhiuti; M. Salerno; J. Ottani; S. Ottani; E. Stolar and D. Nadeau

Acceptance of Minutes: Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept the June 19, 2006 Regular Meeting notes as presented. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Person Brian Ashe read the article titled “Whack -a-Nitwit Game” in the *Cries & Whispers* section of the Sunday Republican dated July 9, 2006. He was disgusted by the comments made by Springfield Police Commissioner Edward A. Flynn in the article. He and the Select Board want to reassure the residents of Longmeadow that all Law enforcement officials in the Town are committed to fighting crime and keeping the community safe.

7:07 pm Visitor Comment/Question Period (10 minutes total time limit) – Ms. Stalar spoke to the Select Board regarding an article she read in the paper on the subject of water rates. She suggested the Town stop fluoridation in the water to save money rather than raise water rates. Mr. Occhiuti asked the Select Board several questions about the potential raise in water rates. His questions would be answered during the discussion on the topic later in the meeting. Ms. Ottani, a resident of Dunn Road, shared with the Select Board that she has recently suffered a sickness. After several tests with no results, she started to eliminate items in her diet to try to pinpoint the problem per her Doctors suggestion. When she stopped consuming, cooking with and bathing in the water in her home, her sickness improved. She adamantly requests that the Select Board start the process to get Town water to the residents on Dunn Road.

7:18 p.m. Fire Chief Eric Madison:

1. Fire Alarm Rules and Regulations- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to accept the Rules and Regulations submitted by Fire Chief Madison. Select Person Hal Haberman seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote motion carried unanimously. A copy of the revised Rules and Regulations can be found on the Town website.

2. Emergency Planning Update 7:29 pm - Chief Madison has been working on the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and it is about 50% completed. He anticipates it to be completed by the first of the year. He has received a certificate from the American Red Cross identifying Center School as an official shelter. This places the location at the top of the Red Cross’ list for supplies and aid if needed. It also allows access to other shelters in the area for our residents and for other Towns to use our shelter if needed. Chief Madison reminded the Select Board that this location is not ideal and he is in the process of qualifying the High School as a shelter as well. As far as communication is concerned, Chief Madison has set up and initialized the Connect CTY Program. He has received positive feedback about this system. Town employees have attended and will continue to attend the (NIMS) National Incident Management Systems training. Beverly Hirshhorn has been working with Chief Madison for pandemic planning. There is a Table Top exercise planned for August fourth with the department heads

for a major inoculation. The process is ongoing and significant progress is being made. Select Person Hal Haberman commended Chief Madison for a job well done.

7:45 pm Old Business:

1. *Hearing Officer*-Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint the Town Manager to the position of Fire Code Hearing Officer. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

2. *Action on Water and Sewer Rates 7:48 pm* –After much discussion Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to leave the rates as they are for three (3) months until the Select Board can gather more information and make an educated decision regarding raising the rates. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

8:15 pm New Business:

1. Annual Board/Committee Vacancy Appointments

- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint David Kowarsky to the Audit Committee for a term of three years. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to appoint Ernest Welker to the Audit Committee for a term of three years. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. A roll call vote to appoint Ernest Welker won 4 to 1.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint Peter Graczykowski to the Board of Assessors for a term of three years. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint Richard Steingart to the Board of Health for a term of three years. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint William McGurk and Norman Michaels to the Cable Advisory Committee for a term of three years each. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint Ned Steiger to the Capital Planning Committee for a term of three years. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint John Bresnahan and Stephen Gazillo the Conservation Commission for terms of three years each and to appoint Maryellen McCarthy and James Simon as associates to the Conservation Commission for the terms of one year each. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to reappoint Andrew Mazur and Judi Threlfall to the Parks and Recreation Commission for terms of three years each. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to reappoint Deane Yesu as a non – voting associate to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term of one year. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to appoint Ernest Blake, Charlotte Burke, Patricia Camerota, Alice Hoffman; and James O’Donnell to the Council on Aging Board of Directors for terms of three years each; Charles Hamlin for a term of two years and George Pennington for a term of one year. Select Person Hal Haberman seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint Sharon Dickerman and to reappoint John Bowen to the Cultural Council for terms of three years each. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to reappoint Susan Hall and Brewster Sturtevant to the Historical Commission for terms of three years each. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint Becky Townsend as the PVPC alternate. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to reappoint Ed Dzielinski and Richard Kmetz to the Recycling Commission for terms of three years each; and to reappoint Dawna Jenne and Arlene Miller as non-voting associates. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to appoint Peter Bouvier to a term of three years; David Bowman to a term of two years and James Jones to a one year term on the Tree Committee. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to reappoint Ellen Freyman for a five year term and to reappoint Kate Bean as an associate with a three year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

2. *Appoint Counsels 8:29 pm*- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to re-appoint Dave Martel as Town Counsel and Kopelman and Paige as Land Use Counsel. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Select Person William Scibelli requested a review of expenditures with regard to the legal fees, hours etc.

3. *Accept Gift from Bay Path College 8:30 pm*- The Select Board gratefully accepted a gift of \$10,000 from Bay Path College to help underwrite the engineering study for the proposed generator at the High School as part of the Towns emergency preparedness plan.

4. *Discussion – Dunn Road Water 8:33 pm*- After much discussion, Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to place the project out to bid to determine the cost prior to voting on making a commitment to start the project. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

5. *Consolidated Maintenance 8:45 pm*- Select Person William Scibelli is scheduled to attend the School Committee meeting next week and will be presenting the proposed Consolidation plan to them at that time. The Select Board will vote at their next meeting.

6. *Request for Structure on Town Property 9:04 pm*- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to deny the request for a decorative fence to remain installed on a tree belt. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7. *Adopt Water and Sewer Abatement Regulation 9:05 pm*- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion that no abatement or adjustment of a water or sewer bill will be granted beyond the three most recent billing periods. Abatement and adjustment requests must be submitted within sixty (60) days of the due date of the bill. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

9:07 pm Consent Agenda:

Block Party Application – Hawthorne Street - Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

9:07 pm Correspondence - Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned that recycling is up 46%! She also mentioned the memo from the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation regarding discontinuing the annual event known as "Tent City" on Town property.

9:08 pm Select Board Reports- None at this time.

9:09 pm Town Manager's Report – Town Manager Robin Crosbie announced that the Fall Town Meeting will be held on November 14, 2006. She announced that the projected revenue increases for 2007 as compared to 2006 were as follows: Motor Vehicle Excise \$70,000; License Fees \$30,000; Recycling \$50,000. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will be on vacation the last week of July.

Executive Session – None Scheduled

Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary