

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2004
Police Station Community Room
7:00 p.m.**

Chair Person Hal Haberman opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Select Persons Brian Ashe and Hal Haberman.

Also Present: Norman Thidemann, Tnt. Town Administrator and the press and private citizens.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 21, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Charter Implementation Discussion: The Chair Person announced the formation of a Charter Transition Committee. The committee will be composed of two members of the Charter Commission, one member of the Finance Committee, one member of the School Committee and one member (or representative) of the Select Board. Each member of the committee to be appointed by the respective committee's chair person. It was further agreed by the Select Board to hold on the appointment of the DPW Director pending committee input. The Select Board also agreed that advertisements for the new Town Manager position should be placed with an application deadline of early October.

New Business: *Hilltop/Lawrence Drive Tree Belt Complaints:* The Board voted to advise the Building Commissioner to send a letter to each of the affected owners give them ten days notice that unless their tree belt area is cleaned up, the town will have the property cleaned at the homeowners expense.

Appoint Special Counsel. The Select Board voted to appoint Attorney Robert Aronson as Special Counsel in the matter of William Knaus, et al v. Bay Path College and Members of the Longmeadow Zoning Board of Appeals.

Consent Agenda:

The Board voted to award the final option year on the forestry contractp with Northern Tree Service.

Town Administrator Report: Nothing to report.

Executive Session: On a roll cal vote: (Ashe, yes and Haberman, yes) the Board voted to go into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining issues. The Board returned to open session at 7:59 p.m. for the purpose of adjourning.

The Select Board adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted,

Town Administrator