

Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday October 5, 2009
7:00 pm

Chair Person Robert Barkett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Select Board Persons William Scibelli, Robert Barkett and Robert Aseltine

Absent: Paul Santaniello

Mark Gold arrived at 8:10 pm.

Also Present (as signed in): Members of the Local 1903 Fire Fighter Union, members of Mass Cops, many residents of Greenacre Avenue, other unidentified individuals, Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary S. Wieners

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Mr. Aseltine made a motion to accept the September 21, 2009 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.
- Mr. Aseltine made a motion to accept the September 21, 2009 Executive Session minutes with one correction. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.

Announcements

- Mr. Barkett reminded residents about the changes relating to the real estate and personal property tax bill. The Press Release can be found on www.longmeadow.org.
- The Longmeadow leaf program will be starting on October 5th, more detailed information can be found on www.longmeadow.org.
- There will be a public forum on October 7th at 7:00 pm at the Glenbrook Middle School auditorium, regarding a Special Town Meeting Warrant Article. The Select Board will be seeking in put on the question of public employees working scheduled shifts of greater than 14 hours per day.

Visitor Comment/Question Period –

Ms. Michelle Morris read a statement to the Select Board on behalf of the majority of residents of Greenacre Avenue. She reiterated the opposition to the yellow and white lines painted down the middle of the street and again, requested the immediate removal of the lines and suggested that a more uniform process be created to avoid a similar situation in the future.

Mr. Occhiuti stated that once again the Select Board's agenda for this evening was not posted in the newspaper or online as of 6:15 pm. He also asked if budgeting guidelines have been presented to Town Manager Robin Crosbie.

Mr. Robert Taylor, President of the Fire Fighters Union, inquired as to how the forum will be organized and run on Wednesday.

Select Board Comments - None this evening

6:38 pm Old Business:

1. ***Adopt Town Manager Evaluation – 7:17pm-*** After little discussion, Mr. Aseltine made a motion to adopt the Town Manager Evaluation Form as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent. A copy with the correct dates will be forwarded to the Board.
2. ***Update on Greenacre Lines in Street- 7:18 pm-*** Town Manager Robin Crosbie stated that it was not the intention to agitate the residents of Greenacre Avenue. She then gave an explanation as to how the Traffic Committee came to the decision to paint the lines. She added that when it comes to safety issues, the residents are not typically notified of every solution and action. She then stated that after a discussion with Mike Wrabel, DPW Director, they are not opposed to removing the lines. Chair Mr. Barkett requested a written set of procedures to remove the lines as well as a time line and asked that this information is communicated to the residents of Greenacre before the next Select Board meeting. Mr. Aseltine asked that the Traffic Safety Committee adopt policies to regulate issues such as these. Town Manager Robin Crosbie stated that the item is on their next agenda.

New Business:

1. ***Mid-year Board / Committee Vacancy Appointments – 7:34 pm-***
 - Mr. Aseltine made a motion to appoint Michael Zeller as a regular member to the Board of Assessors for a term to expire June 30, 2011. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.
 - Attorney Scibelli made a motion to appoint Richard Kmetz as a regular member to the Capital Planning Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.
 - Mr. Aseltine made a motion to appoint Richard Foster as a regular member to the Capital Planning Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2011. There were no seconds. The Board members discussed Mr. Fosters experience and discussed if he would be a better fit on Capital Planning or Parks and Recreation. The Board moved on with other appointments.
 - Mr. Aseltine made a motion to appoint James Cass as a regular member to the Cultural council for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.
 - Mr. Aseltine made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Bone as a non-voting associate to the Recycling Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2010. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.
 - Mr. Aseltine made a motion to appoint David Bowman as a regular member to the Tree Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2011. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.
 - Mr. Aseltine made a motion to appoint Steven Danishevsky as a regular member to the Park and Recreation for a term to expire June 30, 2012. Attorney Scibelli seconded the

motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.

- Attorney Scibelli seconded Mr. Aseltine's motion to appoint Richard Foster to the Capital Planning Committee. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.

2. Sign Special Town Meeting Warrant – 7:44pm- The Select Board reviewed the Warrant that was presented. There was discussion regarding information provided by, Mike Wrabel DPW Director and Town Manager Robin Crosbie, regarding the sum of money in Article 14. Mr. Aseltine made a motion to amend the sum in Article 14 from \$475,000 to \$412,000. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent. Town Labor Counsel provided new language regarding Article 13. After reviewing the information, Mr. Aseltine made a motion to adopt the wording provided by Labor Counsel to “No employee of the Town shall be regularly scheduled to work for the town for more than fourteen continuous hours in any twenty-four hour period.” Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 2:1. Mr. Barkett opposed, Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent. After reviewing the rest of the articles, Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the other warrant articles as presented. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0. Mr. Gold and Mr. Santaniello were absent.

3. Discussion –w/ Finance Committee Re: Access to Department Heads- 7:51 pm- Mr. Barowsky, Chair of the Finance Committee, questioned when the Finance Committee would receive an electronic copy of the amended and accepted Warrant Articles from The Town Manager. Cindy French, Assistant to the Select Board, will make the corrections and send the file via email to Mr. Barowsky, carbon copying the rest of the Finance Committee by 10am Tuesday morning. This was acceptable to all. Mr. Barowsky then read a statement to the Select Board regarding the Finance Committees desire and right (per their interpretation of the Charter) to call Department Heads before their Board to have discussions regarding the budget and long range plan. (Mr. Gold arrived to the meeting at 8:10pm) Some concerns raised by members of the Select Board were duplication in efforts extracting information as well as preparing information, a lack of direction when called to appear before the Finance Committee and mixed messages or receiving confusing or conflicting information regarding budget directives. It was decided that a list of information desired by the Finance Committee would be provided so the Department Heads can be prepared. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will be notified of all interviews so she may attend. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will also compile all of the information collected from Department Heads to date for Mr. Barowsky to review. The Finance Committee will be attending the Tri-Board meeting and will be providing a list of future Finance Committee meetings to Mr. Barkett.

4. Request to support CPA Funds- Moved to the November meeting.

5. Discussion – Signage Turner Park- Requested that Bari Thomas come in and discuss the agreement with the Select Board.

6. FY10 Revenue Update – 9:00 pm- Town Manager Robin Crosbie presented and reviewed the FY10 Budget Revenue update with the Select Board. Given the information the Select Board will be discussing spending freezes and possible hiring freezes at their October 19th meeting.

Consent Agenda – None this evening.

9:20 pm Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported the following to the Select Board:

- There is a new Ethics Law Mandate that every employee must sign and certify that they have read it.
- She has met with the Schools, Chief of the Fire Department and the Health Department for H1N1 planning.
- The Finance department is working on the recovery of the revenue from the waste bags.
- Registration information for a MMA meeting is in the packets for the Board to review.
- Meetings are continuing on Capital Projects.

9:06 pm Select Board Reports

- Mr. Gold shared the results of his meeting with the Department Heads last week. As a result there were several good revenue building ideas. The information will be shared with the Select Board and the initiative will continue to move forward.
- Mr. Gold received a notice that COMCAST will be raising fees. He called the Cable Advisory Committee and requested they bring a representative from COMCAST in to explain, on camera, why fees are being raised during these economic times.
- Mr. Barkett shared that after much deliberation the SBC voted on Option 2B for the Longmeadow High School Project. This option is a Renovation / Demolition / Addition option. Results from the feasibility study are due to the MSBA on Friday.

Correspondence

- Mr. Santaniello provided a written statement to the members of the Select Board and requested it be entered as correspondence. Mr. Santaniello is adamantly opposed to the Finance Committee calling Department Heads before their Board. His letter detailed the reasons for his position.

Mr. Aseltine made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into Executive Session. The Select Board closed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session. The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary