

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday – October 23, 2006
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm

Chair Person Brian Ashe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Absent: Hal Haberman

Also Present: Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recycling Commission A. Miller; J. Occhiuti; Audit Committee E. Welker; R. Wojcik and Planning Board L. Kornet

Announcements:

- Chair Person Brian Ashe commended the Police Department and Department of Public Works (DPW) on a job well done in respect to the severe wind storms last week.
- A reminder: Please do not rake leaves into the streets.
- Chair Person Brian Ashe extended condolences to the family of Robert Pisani on behalf of the Select Board.

7:02 pm Acceptance of Minutes

- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 10, 2006 Regular Meeting Notes with two corrections. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:05 pm Visitor Comments and Questions

- Mr. Ernest Welker, a member of the Audit Committee, informed the Select Board that a committee member will be present at all meetings in the future. He also announced that they will be conducting interviews for an external auditor on Thursday October 26th in the Fire Station Community Room.
- Joe Occhiuti wanted to be sure that the Select Board's 2007 meeting dates were discussed with the School Committee to ensure that they would not conflict.

7:10 pm Recycling Commission – Idling Reduction Campaign - Irwin Pers and Arlene Miller of the Recycling Commission informed the Select Board that the Town received a grant a year ago to implement an Idling Reduction Campaign. A policy was drafted and approved last June by the Board of Health. The next step is to have the Select Board approve the policy. The main objective of the policy is to educate residents about the State Idling Law and the reasons for it. After some discussion, Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to support the policy and the installation of signs in designated areas per the discretion of the DPW and Town Manager Robin Crosbie. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. Town Manager Robin Crosbie took a moment to congratulate the

Recycling Commission for receiving a School Recycling Grant. There was a quick discussion regarding the hours at the West Road leaf site. The West Road facility is open seven days a week 8:00 am – 5:00 pm thru mid December. Bagged leaves will be picked up starting November 6th, but leaves must be in special clear Town of Longmeadow bags. Starting November 4th, the Recycling Center will be open Saturday only from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

7:26 pm Old Business:

1. **Set Select Board 2007 Meeting Dates-** Postponed until next meeting.
2. **Reconsider Warrant Article for Community Preservation Act By-Law 7:29 pm-** Cynthia Sommer, Arlene Miller and Lou Kornet came before the board to explain why this item should be reconsidered and placed on the Warrant. The Community Preservation Act was passed by overwhelming numbers at the last Town Meeting. The next step is to pass this bylaw executing the creation of a committee to begin the task of researching the Town’s needs and where the money collected will be allocated. Select Person Paul Santaniello agrees with Select Person Haberman, that the item should be left for the Spring Meeting due to attendance issues. He strongly believes all policy/bylaw issues should be voted on at that meeting. Select Person Kathleen Grady feels there needs to be two meetings a year, suggesting the Fall Town Meeting be bylaw/policy and the Spring meeting be Budget focused. She believes if issues concerning the residents are on the agenda, they will come. After much discussion Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to reconsider the Warrant Article for the Community Preservation Act Bylaw. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion was passed 3:1 with one absent. B. Ashe-yes; W. Scibelli-yes; K. Grady-yes; P. Santaniello – no; H. Haberman was absent.

7:45 pm New Business:

1. **Placement of Signs Discussion-** Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to allow signs to be placed at the triangle at Williams and Bliss Streets. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. After some discussion Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
2. **Appoint Election Workers 7:47pm-** Chair Person Brian Ashe thanked Select Person Kathleen Grady for all her hard work improving the election process in Longmeadow. Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to approve the following list of election workers. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

ANN WARD	D	824 CONVERSE
ELEANORE CASDEN	R	32 BLOKLAND
DAVE GRIMES	R	608 PINWOOD
EMMIE GRIMES	D	608 PINWOOD
ANN COWEN	D	165 LAWRENCE
ESME LITTLE	D	28 COVENTRY
MARILYN FELDMAN	U	832 CONVERSE ST B202
JOANN MEUNIER	U	301 WOLF SWAMP
PETER SANTOS	R	797 LONGMEADOW

EARL GODFREY	U	156 BARRINGTON
CAROLYN BAMPOS	U	331 WOLD SWAMP
MARILY MARR	D	112 GRASSY GUTTER
MARGUERITE SZCZAWINSKI	?	
DOROTHY O'BRIEN	U	48 SYLVAN
GARY DUCKMAN	U	53 WOODLAND
DONALD A GAFFNEY	R	161 WOLF SWAMP
KEVIN LONERGAN	U	44 FERNLEAF
HELEN ROMER	U	74 BIRCH
MARIA HENNESSY	U	99 BIRCHWOOD
JEAN DERESIENSKA	U	24 MASSACHUSETTS

7:49 pm Consent Agenda- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

8:49 pm Correspondence-

- Select Person Kathleen Grady announced that the recent auction brought in \$12,021.63!
- Select Person William Scibelli mentioned a letter written in response to the Select Board's request for information regarding the damage to the drain pipes. Town Counsel believes that Bruschi Brothers is responsible for fixing any area of the pipe that becomes damaged. However, the Town will have an eighty year old patched up pipe. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting. Select Person William Scibelli also mentioned the Water and Sewer Rate study and announced that rates will not increase this year. There are nine lots of land available for purchase in Longmeadow. Residents interested can see Chad Thompson in the Accounting Office for sealed bid information. Bids will be accepted until November 28, 2006.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned a letter received by Mary Rogeness regarding amendments recently made to local tax exemptions for veterans. She encouraged any veterans or family members to contact the Assessors office for more information.

Select Board Reports – None at this time.

8:05 pm Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported that the DPW has contacted T-Mobile twice to schedule a visit from their engineer to inspect the site and has not received a response. She will alert the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Bay Path College has supplied a ten hour a week intern to work in the Human Resources Department.
- Town Manager Robin Crosbie provided the Select Board with an update of the capital projects as well as the Settlement Compliance Schedule as of October 2006. Most of the items are complete or in various stages of progress.

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie informed the Select Board that she and the DPW have created a tracking system for CH 90 funds. Now project expenditures will be monitored and reconciled with accounting at least annually.

Executive Session- None scheduled this evening.

Select Person William Scibelli 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 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary