

10/26/2009- Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes

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Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday October 26, 2009
7:00 pm

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

Present: Select Board Persons Paul Santaniello, Robert Barkett, Mark Gold and Robert Aseltine

Absent: William Scibelli

Also Present (as signed in): E. Stolar; Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary S. Wieners

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Mr. Aseltine made a motion to accept the October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0:1. Mr. Scibelli was absent and Mr. Santaniello abstained.
- Mr. Gold made a motion accept the October 5, 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 3:0:1. Mr. Scibelli was absent and Mr. Santaniello abstained.
- Mr. Gold made a motion accept the October 19, 2009 Tri-Board Meeting Minutes with editorial edits. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Mr Santaniello added that Ms. Swanson made suggestions regarding consolidation of Town Building use. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote to accept the amended motion and it carried 4:0. Mr. Scibelli was absent.
- Mr. Gold made a motion accept the October 19, 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Scibelli was absent.

7:03 pm Announcements- The Fall Special Town Meeting will be held tomorrow October 28th at 7:30 pm at the Longmeadow High School Gymnasium.

Visitor Comment/Question Period – Ms. Stolar congratulated the Select Board because the agenda was posted on the web site, however; the Warrant was not in The Reminder. She then read a letter of concern from a senior resident regarding merging the Parks and Recreation Department with the Counsel on Aging (COA). Ms. Stolar shares her concerns. Town Manager Robin Crosbie stated that the Parks Board and the COA are working together and the plans are too premature to present to the Select Board. Mr Santaniello asked for an outline of what happens to the staff with the merger. Ms. Stolar provided him with a matrix, however; Town Manager Robin Crosbie stated that it is not final.

7:14 pm Select Board Comments

Mr. Barkett shared that the School Building Committee will be meeting with the MSBA on November 18th. A representative from the MSBA toured the school to verify items in the feasibility study.

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7:17 pm Moderator Michael Kallock – Pre-STM Discussion - The Select Board reviewed the Warrant and Motions with Mr. Kallock. The money amounts will be finalized, updated copies will be sent to the Select Board and several will be brought to the meeting by Town Manager Robin Crosbie. Attorney Scibelli will not be attending the meeting as he is recovering from surgery. Mr. Aseltine will take over his readings. Mr. Aseltine will contact the School Department to attempt to get a final amount required for Special Education costs. Mr. Gold stated that if that number is not provided, then the amount of \$235,000 should be entered as that is the last number discussed. Mr. Gold suggested that the wording be changed for the explanation of Article 5. Mr. Barkett stated that any comments or questions regarding that article Mr. Gold can speak to on Town Meeting floor. It was confirmed that if Article 6 fails, then a request for no action can be made on Article 7. Mr. Aseltine will amend the explanation on Article 7. It was noted that new wording was provided for Article 11 and Mr. Kallock will confirm that a majority vote is required to pass Article 12. Mr. Santaniello questioned what would happen if Article 15 is not passed; he requested specifics from Town Manager Robin Crosbie.

Old Business:

- 1. Greenacre Lines Update- 8:10** – Tabled until November 2nd meeting. Mr. Barkett requested the residents be notified that this is on the agenda.
- 2. Vacant Positions –8:23 pm-** After much deliberation and discussion the Select Board came to a joint decision to continue with the hiring process of the vacant budgeted positions detailed to them in order to maintain the existing level of service for the remainder of this fiscal year.
- 3. Mr. Gold** added that he wants to be sure that the Select Board follows up with the Department Heads regarding revenue generating ideas and to take action on some of them Mr. Santaniello requested that Bari Thomas come to a meeting to have a discussion regarding the signs in Turner Field.
- 4. Mr. Gold** stated that action is still needed on the Enterprise Funds. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will provide copies of the current Water and Sewer Policy for a start for the Board to review and revise. Mr. Gold will work with her on this objective. It was suggested that a generic policy be created for miscellaneous accounts. This will be on the November 2nd agenda.
- 5. Mr. Gold** requested that the Select Board interview Steven Gelling for the Capital Planning Committee. He was a very active member and was unable to attend the last interviews. The Board agreed.

New Business:

- 1. Liquor License Violations – 9:00** -After much discussion, Mr. Santaniello suggested scheduling a public hearing separate from the regular hearing to bring the violators in for a discussion. The hearing was tentatively scheduled for November 12th at 6:30 pm, location to be announced.
- 2. Representative to PVT A – Discussion – 9:06pm-** After little discussion Mr. Santaniello made a motion to appoint Mr. Gold as PVT A representative effective after November 15, 2009. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Mr. Barkett called a vote and it carried 4:0; Attorney Scibelli was absent. Mr. Barkett will do his best to attend the meeting scheduled for tomorrow at noontime.
- 3. Meeting Schedule – 9:10 pm-** The Select Board will hold additional meetings to continue Budget discussions as well as Collective Bargaining Strategies on November 23 and November 30th. Mr. Barkett will contact Mary Vogel and Mark Barowsky regarding changing the Tri- Board meeting to Nov. 30th.

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4. Notice of Gift – Laurel Park Bridge – 9:16pm- After reviewing the information provided, the Select Board has no objections to accepting the gift.

Consent Agenda: Block Party Applications – Mr. Santaniello made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as Presented. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Scibelli was absent.

9:24 pm

The Town Manager reported that free cash has been certified by the State (\$489,350). She has been working on the Warrant Articles for Town Meeting.

Select Board Reports- None this evening.

Correspondence:

- * An email sent to Mr. Barkett, forwarded to the Board from Mr. Duquette
- * Longmeadow's Refuse and Recycling Percentages – FY10- Spreadsheet
- * Collection Policy and Procedures for Municipality and Local Government document
- * A letter in response to Mr. Cianfaglione regarding Greenacre Ave.
- * Information on the 2010 Annual MMA Meeting

Mr. Santaniello made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting to enter into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss Collective Bargaining not to return to open session. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 4:0. Mr. Scibelli was absent.

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary