

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday, November 1, 2004**  
**Police Station Community Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

**Present:** Select Board members Hal Haberman, John J. Papale, Brian Ashe, Kathleen Grady and William Scibelli.

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

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 18, 2004 Regular Meeting were approved as read.

**Visitor Comment and Question Period:** 1.) Paul Santaniello spoke to the board about the recent school department audit and noted the recent news about \$100,000.00 worth of books being ordered without school committee authorization. Mr. Santaniello wanted to be assured that the board was looking into this issue and that it is "taken care of". In response, the Chair indicated that before further comment he would consult with town attorney. 2.) Gerald Nolet commenting on the same issue asked "what plans does the Board have to carry out the school audit and what is the Board's "oversight" role? Mr. Nolet went to further ask what the "oversight process will look like?. The chair took the questions under advisement.

**Various Committee Applicant Interviews:** The Select Board chair introduced each of the applicants for the Cable Advisory Committee, The Cultural Council and the Conservation Commission. Chair Person Haberman asked each of the candidates to give a brief opening statement and to give a brief statement about their qualifications. At the conclusion of the interview session, the board voted unanimously to appoint Daniel Lynaugh to the Cable Advisory Committee, Michael Houff as a regular member of the Conservation Commission and John Bowen to the Cultural Council. The Chair thanked each of the candidates for volunteering to serve the town.

**New Business:** The Chair noted the request from Longmeadow Community Television concerning a change in the Select Board meeting schedule. The Board approved changing the January 3, 2004 Select Board Meeting to Tuesday, January 4, 2004. The Board approved the sign request from Jewish Geriatric Services for either 6 consecutive days or two three-day periods on two weekends. The Chair read and signed a proclamation declaring Tom Heralla day in Longmeadow and a proclamation declaring November as Red Sox Month in Longmeadow. After some discussion concerning the expiration of the Water and Sewer Commission on December 1, 2004 it was unanimously decided to invite the Water and Sewer Commission to the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Select Board meeting for the purposes of discussing the transition. The current policy concerning the posting of vacancy notices was discussed and it was agreed that vacancy notices would be posted on the Web and at the town hall.

**Old Business:** *Finalize November 30<sup>th</sup> Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant.* The Board reviewed the draft of the Special Town Meeting Warrant and voted to schedule and post a meeting for Wednesday November 10, 2004 at 7:45 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room in the police station for the purpose of voting and signing the final warrant.

**Consent Agenda:** A one-day Liquor License for a private party was approved.

**Town Administrator Report:** The Interim Town Administrator updated the Board on the progress of the Town Manager Screening Committee. The Interim Town Administrator briefed the Board on the progress to date to find a replacement for the dog officer and options concerning the possible Select Board meeting location change. The Interim Town Administrator noted a letter received from the President of Bay Path College that committed the college to paying property taxes on the newly acquired property on Longmeadow Street. The letter also stated that the college intends to use the property as the residence for the college president and has no plans to convert the property into dormitory space.

The Select Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman Thidemann, Int. Town Administrator