

11/2/2009 - Select Board Regular Meeting Minutes

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**Minutes**  
**Select Board Regular Meeting**  
**Monday November 2, 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, William Scibelli and Robert Aseltine

**Also Present (as signed in):** J. Occhiuti; Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary S. Wieners

**Acceptance of Minutes:**

- Mr. Aseltine made a motion to accept the October 26, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 4:0:1. Mr. Scibelli abstained.
- Mr. Aseltine made a motion accept the October 26, 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 4:0:1. Mr. Scibelli abstained.

**Announcements-** None this evening.

**Visitor Comment/Question Period** – Mr. Kmetz reviewed some current data regarding results of the trash program that was adopted by the Select Board in 2007. He shared that the Town has saved \$123,000 as a result of the program.

**7:06 pm Select Board Comments**

Mr. Barkett thanked those who attended the Special Town Meeting and those who stayed after the fire alarm. He was informed that a sensor malfunctioned in the building that caused the alarm and that it went off the following day as well. He also thanked Mr. Kallock the moderator for all of his hard work and LCTV.

The next Tri Board Meeting will be November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm at the School Committee Room.

**7:07pm Capital Planning Committee Applicant Interview – Mr. Gelling**

**ZBA Associate applicant interview – Mr. Spencer** – The Select Board interviewed Mr. Gelling for the Capital Planning Committee and will make the appointment at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**1. Greenacre Lines Update- 7:10pm** – Town Manager Robin Crosbie reviewed the process to remove the lines on Greenacre Road. She then reviewed the policy the Traffic Safety Committee would follow for future traffic / speeding complaints made by residents. The Select Board discussed several changes in language. Mr. Barkett will continue to work with Ms. Crosbie on the policy and will present a new draft for third review at the next meeting. Attorney Scibelli made a motion to proceed with the removal process as recommended by Town Manager Robin Crosbie and

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DPW Director Mike Wrabel in the memo dated October 21, 2009; GREENACRE AVE. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and it carried unanimously.

**7:42 pm** - The Select Board interviewed Mr. Spencer for the Zoning Board of Appeals and will make the appointment at the next meeting.

**2. Debrief of Special Town Meeting – 7:45 pm-** The Select Board discussed what affects the Articles that passed and failed at Town Meeting have. He requested that Mr. Kallock be invited to attend in the future to share any thoughts he may have about Town Meeting. Mr. Gold shared that the Warrant needs to be distributed prior to Town Meeting to give residents time to review. Ms. Crosbie will find out the cost associated with that. Mr. Santaniello suggested that the Select Board hold a Forum after the Warrant is closed to discuss the Articles and give the residents an opportunity to ask questions or share concerns. He added that this could be used as a platform to educate the residents as to where the copies of the Warrant can be found around town.

**New Business:**

**1. Review Water and Sewer Enterprise Policy; First Reading – 8:00 pm** -After much discussion, Mr. Gold will continue to work with Ms. Crosbie on this policy and will present an updated draft for a second reading at the next meeting. Attorney Scibelli requested that the last three years water rates be included so the Select Board has all the information they need to make any changes to the policy.

A discussion on Water and Sewer rates will be placed on the February 2010 agenda.

**2. Discussion – Annual Town Meeting Date and Budget Calendar -8:21pm-** After little discussion a tentative Town Meeting Date was set for May 11, 2010 and an Election Date of June 8, 2010. Ms. Crosbie will update the Budget Calendar and provide it to the Board.

**3. Discussion-Budget Approach-** The Select Board decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

**Consent Agenda-** None this evening.

**8:30 pm**

The Town Manager reported the following to the Select Board:

- Mr. Wrabel is currently working on the solid waste contract and invited a member of the Select Board to participate. Mr. Gold accepted.
- Longmeadow has received \$22,000 reimbursement from disability payments made; another \$19,000 is expected.
- The Governor has cut the Quinn benefits to \$10,903.
- She is continuing to work on the Enterprise Fund Policies.
- Parents of infants 6 months of age or younger and expecting mothers are able to call the Board of Health at 565-4140 as there are a limited number of H1N1 vaccines available.

**8:36 pm Select Board Reports**

- Mr. Santaniello attended the MMA breakfast; he stated that it was very disappointing as no new information was shared regarding getting Massachusetts out of this fiscal situation. There was no good news.

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- Mr. Santaniello attended the Finance Committee meeting and strongly urged the Select Board to carefully review the questions the Finance Committee intends to ask Department Heads.

**Correspondence:**

- \* A letter from a resident regarding the “dangerous and very insensitive behavior” from trash collectors.
- \* A memo from Select Board Secretary Cynthia French detailing Select Board meetings through June 2010.
- \* An article from the Gazettenet.com regarding Amherst budget priorities.
- \* A copy of the letter E. Stolar read to the Select Board at the last meeting during visitor comment.
- \* Two letters to residents informing them their block party applications were accepted.

Mr. Santaniello made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting to enter into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss Collective Bargaining with the option to return to open session. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners  
Recording Secretary