

11/05/2007 Select Board Meeting Minutes

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Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday – November 5, 2007
Police Station Community Room
7:00 pm

Chair Person Hal Haberman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Also Present (as signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners; J. Occhiuti; C. Freedman; S. Solomon; D. Munson and R. Wojcik.

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 11, 2007 Special Meeting Notes with one correction. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 15, 2007 Regular Meeting Notes as presented. Select Person Paul Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously

7:05 pm Visitor Comment / Question Period

- Mr. Monson asked the Select Board what the plan was if the override failed at the poles. He also asked if the Select Board had any intention of revisiting the water and sewer rate plan.
- Mr. Curt Freedman read a statement regarding the override.
- Mr. Joe Occhiuti made a statement regarding the override.

7:58 pm Old Business

Accept local action plan for Climate Protection Grant - Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to adopt a "Climate Protection Resolution and Action Plan". Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried 4:1. P. Santaniello opposed.

7:15 pm New Business

1. *Set Select Board 2008 Winter / Spring Meeting Schedule*- The Select Board will meet on the following dates:

Monday January 7	Monday March 17
Tuesday January 22	Monday May 5
Monday February 4	Monday May 19
Tuesday February 19	Monday June 2
Monday March 3	Monday June 16

All meetings will be held at 7:00 pm at the Police Station Community Room.

2. *Make Vacancy Appointments* -

- Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to appoint Denise Collins to a two year term on the Historic District Commission. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
 - Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Hoff to a three year term on the Historical Commission. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
 - Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to appoint James Goodhines for a three year term to the Park and Recreation Commission. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried 3:2. P. Santaniello and K. Grady opposed.
3. ***Discussion – Meeting November 7 - 7:17 pm*** – The Select Board will have a special meeting on November 7, 2007 at 5:15 pm and / or on November 8, 2007 at 7:30 am if the override fails.
 4. ***Vote Emergency expenditures on LHS Roof*** – After some discussion Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to move this topic into Executive Session for the purposes of litigation. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried 4:1. K. Grady opposed.
 5. ***Request for Waiver of Town Tree belt Sign Policy 3-Day Limit – 7:22 pm*** - Select Person Kathleen Grady made a motion to grant The First Church of Christ in Longmeadow a waiver of the three day policy and allow their signs for the “Christmas of the Green” to stay up from November 28 through December 1, 2007. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:30 pm Correspondence

- Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned a letter from the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. stating that Longmeadow High School was being removed from the accreditation warning list and acknowledging significant progress to address past cited deficiencies.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady made the Board aware of a letter she wrote to David and Betsy Hartman in response to their letter.
- Select Person William Scibelli mentioned a letter received from Town Counsel stating that the “Sam Altman Petition” will not have a binding effect at Town Meeting.

9:05 Select Board Reports

- Select Person Kathleen Grady attended a Council on Aging meeting and reported the following: volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels. Anyone interested can call 565-4150. In conjunction with Armata’s there is a Grocery Delivery available on Thursdays, please call ahead to make arrangements and there is now a nurse is traveling to home bound residents to give flu shots.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady attended a Community Preservation Committee meeting and made a request to begin painting the Community House sooner; unfortunately they are unable to change from their current schedule.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady met with the gentleman who attended the Public Forum and stated that he would not support the override because of the Water and Sewer Rates to discuss his statement. She did call first and was welcomed.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady attended the Department Head meeting that was held on November

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1st. She found it extremely informative.

- Select Person Paul Santaniello apologized for not being able to attend the Public Forum last week. He then mentioned a flyer that he found in his door regarding the override and cleared up some items that were factually incorrect.

7:50 pm Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported that the Department Head Meeting was a success.
- She reported that she attended both Public Forums regarding the override.
- Town Manager Robin Crosbie reported that the Capital Budgets have gone to the Capital Planning Committee and copies will be sent to the Select Board as well.
- Town Manager Robin Crosbie has put together a multi year capital plan. She admits that it is not perfect but will provide the Board with a picture of future capital needs.
- Town Manager Robin Crosbie pointed out a plan prepared to identify possible water losses around Longmeadow.

8:00 pm Executive Session

Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to enter into Executive Session for Collective Bargaining, not to return to open meeting. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. A roll call vote: P. Santaniello – YES; K. Grady – YES; H. Haberman – YES; B. Ashe – YES; W. Scibelli – YES. The motion passed 5:0.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary