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Minutes
Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday November 16, 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; J. Brennan; B. Thomas; K. Tobin; Town Manager Robin Crosbie and Recording Secretary S. Wieners

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Mr. Aseltine made a motion to accept the November 2, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as Presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0.
- Attorney Scibelli made a motion accept the November 2, 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes with one correction. Mr. Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0.

Announcements-

- Mr. Barkett read a press release regarding the change with real estate and personal property tax bills. Details can be found on the Town's website; www.longmeadow.org.

Visitor Comment/Question Period – Ms. Stolar addressed the board regarding rumors that she has heard about the Greenwood Center being closed. Attorney Scibelli stated that the Select Board will not respond to rumors, he added that the source of this rumor needs to come before the Board. Mr. Barkett invited Ms. Stolar to attend the Tri-Board meeting on November 30th.

7:11 pm Select Board Comments

- Mr Santaniello stated that he has seen equipment and man power on the streets of Longmeadow picking up leaves over the last week and asked why, if this equipment and workforce is available now, can't the old leaf program be reinstated. Arlene Miller was present to respond to the question. The old leaf pick up program ran 10 weeks, the current one runs 2-5 depending, a great savings. It was also mentioned that the DPW had men out on Veteran's Day questioning time and a half. IT was stated that the DPW has a floating holiday and that Veteran's Day is not a holiday for them; therefore time and a half was NOT paid.
- Mr. Barkett stated that the SBC attended a meeting with the MSBA in Boston today to explain their solution in order to secure a spot on the November 18th meeting agenda at which time the MSBA will make a decision to accept the option provided and give the SBC approval to move onto the schematic design phase of the project.

Old Business:

1. Revenue Generation Updates – Police, Park & Rec., Health, DPW- 7:24 pm- Ms. Crosbie reviewed the memo regarding revenue generating ideas from Department Heads. Five of the eight ideas on the initial list are still moving forward. Mr. Wrabel will provide more information regarding

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the Tree Donation Program at the next meeting. The Select Board was disappointed with the information provided. There is a sense that the spirit of the task was lost. The Select Board's goal was to solicit ideas from Department Heads generating hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue, to think outside the box and when resources are needed to see a profit, it would not be an obstacle to complete the task. Mr. Gold and Mr. Barkett will be working with Department heads next week to explore some of these ideas in more detail and pick out another five to work on.

2. Discussion: Park and Recreation Commission – Turner Park Signage Policy – 7:35 pm -

Bari Thomas, James Brennan and Kate Tobin were present for the discussion with the Select Board. Ms. Thomas discussed in detail the proposed policy regarding signage at Turner Park. She stated that she believes that the associations retain the funds raised by any advertising sold at those fields. She stated that taking on the process in-house will not be possible with existing staff as well as the fact that “fundraising” from the Town will not generate as much revenue as the sports associations raising funds. The Board is divided regarding this issue and suggested more time to review the document provided. Attorney Scibelli asked for a legal opinion regarding the \$3.00 per child charge currently in place. The Select Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

New Business:

1. Action on Recycling Fees – 8:16- Arlene Miller was present. The Select Board reviewed the memos providing information about current recycling and permit fees. Ms. Miller stated that the Recycling Commission would be reviewing the fees for special items such as mattresses or computers; and would report those figures to the Select Board at their December meeting. After some discussion Attorney Scibelli made a motion not to raise the sticker fees for Residential, Senior, additional, Residential Mail in, Senior Mail in or Replacement stickers and to discuss the other fees at the December meeting when more current information is available from the Recycling Commission. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and it carried 5:0.

2. Holiday Trash Amnesty Program Consideration- 8:35 pm – Mr. Santaniello made a motion to grant the additional one extra bag per household per week for the weeks of December 20th and 27th, 2009. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and it carried 5:0.

3. Make Appointments to Capital Planning and ZBA – 8:36pm- Mr. Santaniello made a motion to appoint Stephen Gelling to the Capital Planning Committee. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and it carried 5:0. Mr. Santaniello made a motion to appoint David Spencer to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and it carried 5:0.

4. Revised Draft Budget Calendar – 8:36pm- The Select Board reviewed the Draft Budget Calendar and made several changes. Ms. Crosbie will make the changes and electronically send a draft copy to the School Committee and the Finance Committee in order to have a discussion at the Tri Board meeting on November 30th.

5. Acceptance of Gift – 8:54pm- Attorney Scibelli made a motion to accept the gift. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. It was added that the gift is two bocce courts at Greenwood Center courtesy of Mr. Max Connery who is an Eagle Scout candidate. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and it carried 5:0.

6. Discussion-Liquor License Violation Policy – 8:55pm- The Select Board discussed and approved the letter(s) provided by Ms. Crosbie. They discussed the Liquor License Violation Policy and made several changes. Ms. Crosbie will bring a revised copy to the December 7th meeting for the Select Board's final approval. Once the policy is adopted, Attorney Scibelli suggested sending a copy to all license holders so they are aware of all the changes.

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Continuing Items

Fund Policies- 9:06 pm- The Select Board reviewed and discussed the proposed fund policies provided. There was much discussion and several suggestions and changes were made. Ms. Crosbie will make the changes and bring a revised draft to the Select Board's next meeting.

Consent Agenda- None this evening.

8:30 pm

The Town Manager reported the following to the Select Board:

- She attended the MSBA meeting today in Boston.
- She asked who would be attending the Fire Fighter Union meeting tomorrow. Mr. Gold will be attending.
- The change in the leaf area is generating some interest with residents in town as well as some concerns regarding the distance it is from surrounding homes. Mr. Scibelli requested a report detailing the cost of the leaf program and how it is funded.

8:36 pm Select Board Reports

- Mr. Barkett stated that sand blasting has started on Greenacre Road.
- There will be a Special Select Board meeting Monday November 23rd at 7:00 at the Police Station Community Room.
- There will be a tri-board meeting Monday November 30th at 7:30pm in the School Committee Room.

Correspondence:

- A response to the complaint against CMD from DPW and response to the resident.
- Schedule for the 2010 fall Special Town Meeting
- Memo stating cost to print and distribute the Warrant for Special Town Meeting to be \$1,295 with an estimated \$300 for distribution via the Reminder.
- A letter to a resident regarding the speed limit on Severn Street.
- A letter of recognition regarding the recent investigation of the massage parlor on Maple Road from Chief Siano to three of his officers.
- A letter from Comcast regarding the upgrade on the screen cable guide and an advance notice and forms required for the installation of cable equipment.
- An article from Boston.com regarding the State limiting water use and watershed groups rejoined the State waterway advisory panel.
- A newspaper article detailing a teacher contract negotiated in Windsor Locks with no overall raises and an increase in employee cost with health insurance co pays and prescriptions.
- An email from Mr. Brennan regarding the dollar amounts that sports youth programs have raised and invested in the fields they play on ranging from \$1,000 in equipment and field maintenance for youth soccer to \$10,000 for upper practice space sprinkler and replace seeding for youth football. Over the years he comprised a list of over \$200,000 gifted to the town by different sports organizations.

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.

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The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary