

Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday – November 19, 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; C. Freedman; S. Solomon; D. Munson C. Gunn and G. Baker.

Announcements:

1. Special Town Meeting will be held on November 27, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Longmeadow High School.
2. Remaining Board/Committee Vacancies deadline is January 15, 2008
3. The vote recount will be held Tuesday November 20, 2007 at 9:00 am at the Community House.

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Select Person Brian Ashe made a motion to accept the Minutes of the October 15, 2007 Executive Session Meeting Notes as presented. 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 accept the Minutes of the November 5, 2007 Executive Session Meeting Notes as presented. 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 accept the Minutes of the November 5, 2007 Regular Meeting Notes with corrections. Select Person William Scibelli 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 November 7, 2007 Special Meeting Notes as presented. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Hal Haberman called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

7:05 pm Visitor Comment / Question Period

- Mr. Baker addressed the Select Board regarding his water bill. He stated that he had the water company come to his home to replace the meter and had his sprinkler system checked for leaks as a result of the incredible increase in water usage since his last bill. His concern is that he is unable to pay the balance as the amount is extremely high. At the request of Chair Person Hal Haberman, Town Manager Robin Crosbie will have Department of Public Works Director, Mike Wrabel, look into it.
- Mr. Monson complimented the Select Board for moving forward with the three year plan and

believes that residents need to take some responsibility as a Town to plan for the future.

- Mr. Curt Freedman read a statement regarding the water and sewer rates.

7:04 pm Old Business – None at this time.

7:15 pm Town Moderator Michael Kallock – *Special Town Meeting*- Mr. Kallock outlined the format for the Special Town Meeting. He explained how there will be a meeting within the Special Town Meeting and how this would be made clear to those in attendance. The Select Board reviewed the Warrant with Mr. Kallock and any questions were answered.

7:30 pm New Business

1. ***Policies, Missions and Goals***- Town Manager Robin Crosbie presented the Select Board with a revised Mission/Goals statement, a set of financial policies adopted by the Finance Committee and an a set of debt polices recommended to the Capital Planning Committee. Town Manager Robin Crosbie asked that the Select Board adopt the materials formally. Select Person Paul Santaniello had some concerns and believes that more discussion is necessary prior to adopting the materials. He would like more explanation of what the goals mean in dollars, he thinks that the goals are too broad for the Select Board and need to be more specific. He also has reservations regarding the financial policies. After some discussion, Chair Person Hal Haberman decided to table the discussion to the next meeting and suggested that the Board correspond via email with concerns or suggestions to be discussed at the next meeting.

7:54 pm Correspondence

- Select Person Paul Santaniello attended the Senior Play at the High School and complemented the kids on a GREAT JOB.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady announced that the she and Select Person Paul Santaniello will be holding their first Public Forum in January. The topic will be Assessing Property Taxes. There will be information regarding tax break availability and the effect of the override on your tax bill.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello mentioned a letter to DPW Director Mike Wrabel and wanted confirmation from him that everything was up to date. Town Manager Robin Crosbie confirmed that.
- Select Person William Scibelli mentioned a letter from Tighe & Bond regarding data gathered from the first round of testing groundwater located at 31 Pondsides Road in Longmeadow. The testing detected the following metals: arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, iron, lead, manganese, mercury and zinc. The second round of testing is scheduled for December 2007.

9:05 Select Board Reports

- Select Person Kathleen Grady and Select Person Paul Santaniello will be attending the next Planning Board Meeting on December 6, 2007; to continue discussions regarding the Long Range Plan.

8:01 pm Town Manager's Report - None at this time.

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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 8:03 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary