

**Minutes**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Monday – November 20, 2006**  
**Police Station Community Room**  
**7:00 pm**

Chair Person Brian Ashe called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

**Also Present:** Town Manager Robin Crosbie; Recording Secretary Stacy Wieners; Audit Committee P. Adornato; WMECO R. Galaska; Acting Town Clerk G. Nolet.

**Announcements:**

- Chair Person Brian Ashe wished the residents of Longmeadow a Happy Thanksgiving on behalf of the Select Board.
- Chair Person Brian Ashe announced the resignation of Planning Board member, Richard Curran, and wished him the best of luck on any future endeavors. He also extended best wishes to Gary DeLisle who recently resigned from the Board of Selectmen for the Town of East Longmeadow.

**7:02 pm Acceptance of Minutes**

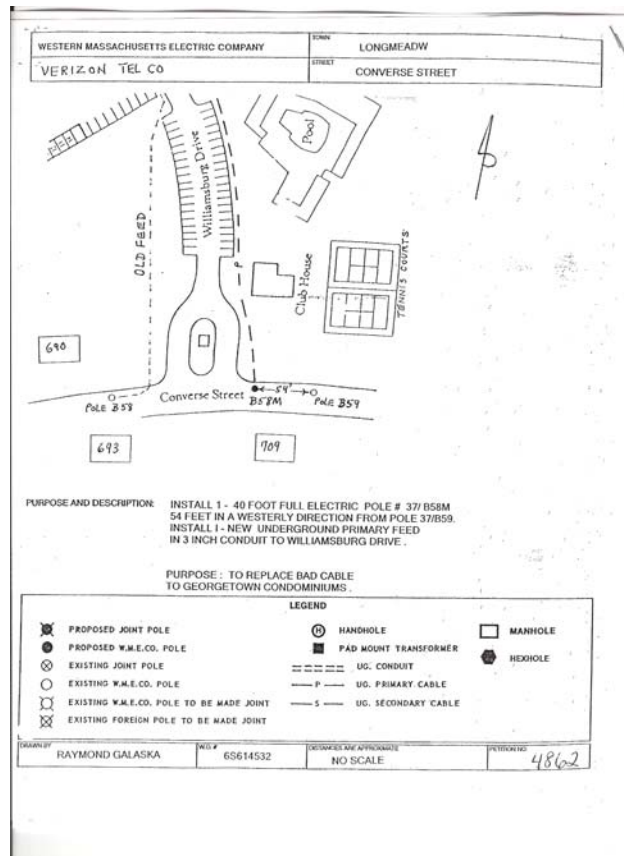
- Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2006 Regular Meeting Notes with two corrections. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- Select Person Hal Haberman a made motion to accept the minutes of the November 6, 2006 Special Meeting Notes with one correction. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.

**7:03 pm Recycling Commission Chair Person Irwin Pers – *Recycling Fees***- Mr. Pers presented the Recycling Commission's recommended fee changes for calendar year 2007. There was some discussion regarding the proposed schedule. The Annual Permit Fee is not technically an increase from the Commission; the Town Clerk requested the fee increase as an incentive for residents to mail in their renewals. After much discussion Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to accept the Recycling Commissions recommended fee changes. Chair Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion was passed 4:1. (B. Ashe- yes, W. Scibelli – yes; H. Haberman – yes, K. Grady – yes, P. Santaniello – no) Select Person William Scibelli made a motion to amend the motion and increase the proposed Bulk Items –Pick-up Truck fee from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per load. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the amended motion was passed 3:2. (B. Ashe- yes, W.

Scibelli – yes; H. Haberman – no, K. Grady – yes, P. Santaniello – no) The fee changes are listed below:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Annual Permit Fee: <i>*\$30.00 if renewed by mail</i>	\$30.00	\$35.00*
Senior Permits <i>*\$20.00 if renewed by mail</i>	\$20.00	\$25.00*
Television Disposal (over 17")	\$ 5.00	\$10.00
Console Television	\$15.00	\$25.00
Bulk Items – Pick-up Trucks	\$10.00/load	\$25.00/load

**7:23 pm WMECO Petition Hearing – Raymond Galaska, WMECO-** Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to open the public hearing for the petition filed by Western Massachusetts Electric Company to install one (1) 40 foot full electric pole #37/B58M 54 feet in a westerly direction from pole #37/B59. Install one new underground primary feed in 3 inch conduit to Williamsburg Drive. (See diagram). Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. The Public Hearing was opened. Mr. Galaska presented the Select Board with details regarding the petition. One resident questioned if the road would be cut into. (It will not). After some discussion Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to close the public portion of the hearing and accept the petition submitted by WMEC. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously.



**7:34 pm Building Demolition Committee Remaining Applicant Interviews:** The Demolition Committee has four positions to be filled, two interviews were held at the last meeting. At this meeting Craig Carr and Kathleen Berube were interviewed by the Select Board; appointments will be announced at the next meeting.

**7:43 pm Moderator Michael Kallock – *Special Town Meeting Review***- The Select Board and Mr. Kallock reviewed procedures and minor details regarding the two Special Town Meetings.

**Old Business:** None at This Time

**7:31 pm New Business -*Winterfest*** – Chair Person Brian Ashe would be honored to participate in Winterfest program this year.

**Consent Agenda:** None at This Time.

**8:10 pm Correspondence-**

- Select Person Paul Santaniello questioned a draft letter where the Police Chief was asked to list standards and requirements regarding “Tent City”. He questioned why this issue is even before the Select Board. Other members of the Select Board are not opposed to hearing about alternatives to “Tent City” and parents wishing to sponsor a post prom event should submit their proposals to the Select Board.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady reminded everyone of the opening on the Planning Board. She also shared that the Town and Planning Board were awarded the Massachusetts Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant for the sum of \$13,296. Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned a letter written to School Committee Chair Person Mary Vogel asking for the School Committee to reconsider the policy regarding used of school buildings on behalf of the children in the Parks and Recreation basketball program.
- Chair Person Brian Ashe announced that the Home Town Hero Award deadline has been extended to November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Select Person Paul Santaniello had a question regarding a letter requesting reinstatement of holiday pay for school crossing guards. Town Manager Robin Crosbie responded to his question.

**8:25 pm Select Board Reports**

- Select Person Paul Santaniello had a question regarding an issue with absentee ballots. Town Manager Robin Crosbie responded that one precinct in particular has more absentee ballots than usual. There appeared to be a software glitch with the number of absentee ballots and the problem is being resolved. Select Person Kathleen Grady mentioned that the election went well.
- Select Person Kathleen Grady informed the Select Board that she attended a meeting regarding the Wheelmeadow Brook Sewer project. She wanted to let the Select Board know that Bruschi Bros is not responsible for the pipes breaking during construction. The Town

of Longmeadow conducted an inspection of that drainage line in July of 2005. Cameras were thread thru the pipes; the poor condition of the pipes was evident at that time.

**Town Manager's Report**

Capital requests have been submitted. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will be meeting with Department Heads to review the plans on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Town Manager Robin Crosbie announced the following fund balances: Free Cash \$1,268,800; Operating Stabilization Fund \$1,368,000; Water Fund \$705,000; Sewer Fund \$928,000; Ambulance Fund \$208,000

The Audit Committee has recommended, by unanimous vote, that the Thomas J. Scanlon firm be retained as the Town's independent auditor for the 2007-2009 fiscal years.

Town Manager Robin Crosbie requested that the topic of a Holiday Waste waiver be added to the agenda for discussion. All of the Select Board agreed.

**Executive Session** – None Scheduled

Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Select Person William Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Person Brian Ashe called a vote and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners  
Recording Secretary