

11/23/2009 - Select Board Extra Meeting Minutes

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**Minutes**  
**Select Board Extra Meeting**  
**Monday November 23, 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. Santaniello made a motion to accept the November 12, 2009 Liquor License Violation Hearing Meeting as presented. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 4:0:1. Mr. Aseltine abstained.
- Mr. Santaniello made a motion to accept the November 16, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes with the addition of the announcements. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0.
- Mr. Santaniello made a motion accept the November 16, 2009 Executive Meeting Minutes with one correction. Attorney Scibelli 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](http://www.longmeadow.org).

**Visitor Comment/Question Period** – None this evening.

**7:04 pm Select Board Comments**

- Mr. Gold informed the residents that the server hosting the Town's website has had some severe challenges. He commended Jim Moran and others for their diligence in getting it up and running. As of before the meeting it was 90% complete. He asked if anyone noticed items missing or dated information, to please email the webmaster.
- Mr. Gold commended the SBC for obtaining approval from the MSBA to move onto the next step in the LHS building process. There was some discussion regarding the time dedication of Chair Mr. Barkett to both boards and the possible conflict with upcoming budget decisions. The funding of the LHS building is not a budget issue, it is a debt exclusion voted on at Town Meeting and Mr. Barkett will take responsibility for balancing his time as he has been doing for the last year and a half.
- **Iron Chef Liquor License Transfer hearing** – Mr. Barkett opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 pm. Attorney David Shrair explained that the reason for the change in assets from MCCS, LCC to a new Massachusetts Corporation is strictly for tax reasons. Hearing no objections and seeing no public input Attorney Scibelli made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Santaniello seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 pm. Mr. Santaniello made a

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motion to transfer the Liquor License from MMCS, LLC to LHC Restaurant Corporation for the Iron Chef restaurant located at 923 Shaker Road owned and operated by Michael Chen. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0.

**7:30 pm – Tax Classification Hearing** – Mr. Barkett opened the Tax Classification Hearing at 7:30 pm. Mr. Pasterczyk reviewed the information provided by the Assessors Office. No members of the Board of Assessors were present at the hearing. Ms. Barbara Perry, Chair of the East of the River Five Town Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board as a representative for the businesses in Longmeadow requesting maintaining a single tax rate for Longmeadow. Mr. Occhiuti addressed the Board and shared concerns with the equation used to assess the homes in Longmeadow and asked if the process could be “tweaked”. Attorney Scibelli made a motion to close the Hearing. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0. After much discussion, Mr. Aseltine made a motion that the Select Board adopts a “factor of one (1) for Fiscal Year 2010, as recommended by the Board of Assessors, maintaining a single rate for all classes of property. Attorney Scibelli seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0.

### **Old Business**

**Adopt / Reaffirm Liquor License Violations Policy – 7:14pm-** After reviewing the document provided. Mr. Santaniello made a motion to adopt the Liquor License Violation Policy as presented to the Select Board. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0.

### **Budget Discussions**

- 1. Waste Enterprise Fund – Follow up- 8:00pm** –The Select Board reviewed the information provided. A discussion of DPW equipment will be tabled until a future meeting.
- 2. Fund Policies – Stabilization, Water, Sewer, and Ambulance – 8:09-** The Select Board reviewed the updated documents regarding fund policies. They have not received any official input from the Finance Committee and will not vote on the policy until they do. There was discussion regarding the content of the policy being general or more specific. There was also discussion regarding the minimum amounts left in the fund(s). A copy of the ambulance policy will be forwarded to the Finance Committee as well. Several members of the Select Board do not feel that the Finance Committee needs a copy of the water and sewer policy, as the Select Board is the Water and Sewer Commission.
- 3. Budget Framework – 8:43pm-** Mr. Pasterczyk reviewed budget scenarios for FY2011 and FY2012 with the Select Board. Mr. Greenberg officially requested on behalf of the Finance Committee a break out detail of all costs per department. LCTV signed off at 10:00 pm. Attorney Scibelli left the meeting at 10:05pm.

**New Business:** None this evening.

**Continuing Items:** None this evening.

**Consent Agenda-** None this evening.

**Town Manager’s Report** – None this evening.

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### **7:17pm Select Board Reports**

- Mr. Gold attended a meeting with the PVT.A.
- Mr. Gold attended a meeting with the Trash Committee and will be involved in the discussions regarding the trash contract that is up for renewal July 2010. It is the Committees goal to have a Request for Proposal to the Select Board for approval in January 2010.
- Mr. Gold attended a meeting with Ms. Crosbie, a representative from WMECO and others regarding the potential Solar Power possibilities in Longmeadow.
- Mr. Barkett stated that the MSBA has made a decision to accept the option provided and give the SBC approval to move onto the schematic design phase of the LHS project.
- There will be a tri-board meeting Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the School Committee Room.
- Ms. Crosbie passed on a memo from Town Counsel in response to the request made by Attorney Scibelli regarding the \$3 fee per child that is charged by Parks and Recreation. In his opinion, the fee does not break Mass General Laws. A copy of the memo will be forwarded to Parks Director Bari Thomas for reference.
- The Select Board will meet at 6:30pm next Monday, November 30, 2009 in conference room 5 if it is available, prior to the Tri Board Meeting.

### **Correspondence:**

- A Maple Road Traffic Calming petition was received with 17 signatures.
- A memo stating that Rob Aseltine will be the liaison to the Council on Aging Board of Directors.
- A copy of the letter sent to liquor license holders regarding new requirements.
- Two letters to establishments in Longmeadow issuing warnings for selling alcohol to a person less than 21 years of age.
- One letter to an establishment informing them of a two day suspension in their liquor license for selling alcohol to a person less than 21 years of age. A warning was issued in May of 2008 for the same offence.

Mr. Santaniello made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Aseltine seconded the motion. Chair Mr. Barkett called a vote and the motion carried 5:0.

The Extra Meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners  
Recording Secretary