

**Minutes
Select Board Meeting
Monday February 6, 2006
Police Station Community Room
7:00 p.m.**

Chair Person John Papale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Select Board Persons John Papale, Kathleen Grady, William Scibelli, Brian Ashe and Hal Haberman.

Also Present (signed in): Town Manager Robin Crosbie; G. Nolet Finance Committee; J. Occhiuti; D. Oleksak from the Longmeadow News and Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals P. Clark.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the January 17, 2006 Regular Meeting notes were accepted with one change in information. (Page two under correspondence fifth item.) Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to change the information to read that the deadline for picking up nomination papers is March 17, 2006 and the deadline to drop them off in the clerks office is March 21, 2006 for the Election to be held on June 6, 2006. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale took a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

A few reminders:

1. Public Sessions on Parks & Recreation Strategic Planning will be held on February 7th and March 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community House.
2. Town Meeting Warrant Articles Due February 14, 2006.

7:05 p.m. Visitor Comments and Questions

- Mr. Nolet, liaison to the Select Board from the Finance Committee, inquired if there were any questions or comments he could take back to the Finance Committee's meeting to be held later in the week. Mr. Nolet thanked Longmeadow Cable Television for making these meetings available to the public. Mr. Nolet questioned if there were other cost saving opportunities available that the Select Board could look into as far as trash removal was concerned. He suggested researching who is in charge of Bondi's Island and who is managing the agreement with them. Electricity generation and lower residual ash could be part of a Longmeadow strategy to either hold or reduce tipping fees.
- Mr. Joe Occhiuti had a question from his neighbor regarding the trash pick up proposal. He inquired if the residents were required to purchase new trash barrels. (The board responded no). He also wondered if educating and promoting the benefits of recycling could be directed to those areas In Town where recycling was low.

7:17 p.m. Representative Mary Rogeness – Update

Representative Rogeness attended the Select Board meeting to share information and discuss other issues with them. There was much discussion regarding Capital Funding and Chapter 70 monies for the School System. Chairperson John Papale asked if any thought was given to rewarding school districts that do well on the MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) testing. Representative Rogeness has no details but believes that the Governor has a proposal for merit pay. Select Person Hal Haberman mentioned the past article in the newspapers regarding money awarded to

several surrounding Towns for Capital items. He requested the Select Board be made aware when such monies are available and what they need to do get the available funding. Representative Rogeness and the Select Board discussed several other topics. The Select Board thanked Representative Rogeness for attending the meeting and would like her to attend a future meeting.

7:52 p.m. ZBA Applicant Interviews (regular vacancy – term to 6/30/09):

All applicants were present for the interview. David Lavenburg and Mark Sirulnik (current Associate Members of the ZBA; Zoning Board of Appeals) Russell Preston, Christina Turgeon, and Timothy Wright. The Select Board interviewed all applicants. The Select Board is required to wait (7) seven days before voting. A vote will be made at the next Select Board meeting.

Old Business:

8:38 p.m.

1. **8:24 p.m. Purchase Coordinator Update:** Mr. Chad Thompson submitted a summary of the activities currently in progress. He has saved the Town several thousand dollars already and is expected to net more than \$50,000 in savings and revenue. The Town Manager and the Select Board are very pleased with his performance and look forward to seeing continued cost savings.
2. **8:35 p.m. Response on Passport Issuance:** At this time the State Department is not accepting new facilities in the Springfield area. For future reference the staff and the physical space involved in the issuing of passports must be totally separate from the vital records of the clerk's office. It takes 10 – 20 minutes to issue a passport depending on the complexity of the situation and three to four people to staff the function. The quantity varies between 300 – 1300 per year. Town Manager Robin Crosbie will continue to monitor the situation.
3. **8:38 p.m. Vote on Request to Set Special Meeting for Interviews:** Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to set the date for the Special Meeting for interviews on Monday, June 12, 2006. Select Person Brian Ashe seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale called a vote and the motion passed unanimously.
4. **8:44 p.m. Vote on Request to Delay Consolidation:** A vote will be delayed and the item will be placed under Old Business for the next meeting.

9:10 p.m. New Business: none at this time

9:10 p.m. Consent Agenda: none at this time

9:11 p.m. Correspondence

- Draft annual Town Meeting Warrant

8:07 p.m. Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Robin Crosbie shared that Senior Rate relief has been increased.
- Due to the list of over due fees, the Town has collected \$900 already!

Select Person Hal Haberman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Select Person Kathleen Grady seconded the motion. Chair Person John Papale took a vote and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Wieners
Recording Secretary