

Minutes of January 21, 2010
Longmeadow Board of Directors Meeting

Present: Chairman, G. Pennington, Vice Chairman, M. Hurst, Director, K. Michelman, E. Blake, P. Camerota, J. Carey, S. Finestone, A. Friberg, D. Nadeau, J. O'Donnell, B. Rochford, Secretary, M. Jenkins, A guest, J. Bowen, and Rob Aseltine from the Board of Selectmen.
Excused: Rose Morace

At 9:35 a.m. Chairman, G. Pennington called the meeting to order. He thanked Karen, Director, Vice Chairman, M. Hurst and Secretary, Margaret Jenkins for being there for him. He then turned the meeting over to Selectman Rob Aseltine. Mr. Aseltine stated the following: Town budget is not ready yet; a draft should be presented at the 2/1/10 meeting of the Select Board by the Town Manager; there's a \$2.1 million deficit in Town; \$3 Billion deficit statewide; there will be a budget presentation at Town forums; most departments will see some impact. E. Stolar stated that "Seniors are Cheap to Keep," M. Hurst asked "are Seniors moving out of Town?" Director, Karen said "there are nearly 4,000 Seniors in Town.

Secretary's Report – Only one clarification regarding "special students being educated out of Town" clarification needs to be made about that statement – Pam Camerota made motion to pass, seconded by E. Stolar. Motion unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report – Director, K. Michelman stated we are six months in the fiscal year. We are on target. We are still waiting for the Formula Grant Fund balance. Patio cost \$8,000-9,000, and there's \$3,851 left in that fund. D. Nadeau asked "what's going to happen to this balance?" Karen replied that "she didn't know if more furniture or equipment needed to be purchased." S. Finestone stated that "there seems to be some confusion as the Town owns the building."

Advocacy – Director, K. Michelman gave E. Stolar a letter which she said "it suggests that we cancel Thank You's for donations." P. Camerota stated that "it is proper to send Thank You's for all donations." S. Finestone agreed.

GSSSI – E. Blake said he attended their meeting yesterday and there was nothing concerning Longmeadow. He said he was unable to go next month. P. Camerota said she would be able to go in his place.

Legislative – Director, K. Michelman said the Government has earmarked adult programs.

Longmeadow Update – S. Finestone said the past election was like a Presidential election, 60%-70% voted.

Nutrition – Betty Rochford stated that today is a Scottish Luncheon and 55 people plan to attend. This is the first time for an International Luncheon and that it may continue in the months ahead. On a daily basis 30 people are served. K. Michelman said "they have changed the time of their programs so people can coincide with lunch."

Over Sixty – A. Friberg said the next meeting will be 2/4/10 with Peter Santos giving a program on Longmeadow.

Transportation – E. Stolar asked for a leave of absence. Presently they are using the Park Van.

FOLOCA – D. Nadeau reported there is \$106,000 in the Treasury. K. Michelman stated that FOLOCA has agreed to implement a fund to support the Adult Center Program Coordinator position, \$11,000. We are considering raising the Bridge fee an additional \$2. We will also be implementing administrative fees to many programs, perhaps a \$1 - \$5 depending upon the activity. After much discussion D. Nadeau stated that maybe she could gradually raise the program fees.

FY 2011 Budget – Director, K. Michelman reported that the Town Administrator has recommended that we not fill the 12 hr per week secretarial position. Would be a \$9,000 per year budget reduction, but more importantly, this is a vital position at the Center. They are the go to person for the department, answer many resident's questions, scheduling, making appointments, monthly reports etc. This will leave a real gap in our ability to respond to the needs of residents and hinder daily operations. We will fill the position with volunteers.....

New Hires – We have a new Community Health Nurse: Patricia Barkman. Diane N. suggested that Karen might get some secretarial help through an internship with high schools part time or a work study program with Bay Path.

Karen reported a Cultural Council Grant was awarded to the Park & Rec department for an International Field Day.

Staff Reports/Directors Report – Director, K. Michelman gave an update saying there are 15 new applicants for Food Stamps this year, 14 new requests for fuel, and 40 on Meals on Wheels. Gift shop netted \$13,000 in 2009. There is a need for Errand Runners and Meals on Wheels drivers. Her proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for the Home Modification Fund was well received. The Town Manager met with Veteran Agent Peter Santos and Karen and now has forms available for Veterans if needed. Abatement Program had 14 applicants and 13 slots available, so a lottery was held. Karen passed out the Longmeadow Adult Center's 2011 report on Areas of Efficiency, Outsourcing Consolidation Regionalization Enterprise Funding to all present. P. Camerota said the report is great; the problem in Town is money. Both S. Finestone and E. Stolar agreed.

J. Carey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Camerota. Time 11:10 a.m. Motion unanimously passed.

Margaret Jenkins, Secretary