

**Planning Board – Special Meeting with Select Board**  
Longmeadow High School Meeting Room A15 - 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA  
*Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30 p.m.*

**Planning Board Members Present:** Donald Holland, Chair; Walter Gunn, Clerk; Ken Taylor, Bruce Colton.

**Select Board Members Present:** Marie Angelides, Chair; Richard Foster, Marc Strange

**Select Board Members Absent:** Thomas Lachusua, Mark Gold.

The **Planning Board Special Meeting** was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Donald Holland. Upon the arrival of Mr. Marc Strange at 6:39pm, Ms. Angelides called the **Select Board Meeting** to order at said time.

Mr. Joshua Levine (78 Farmington Ave.), the single candidate that applied for the Planning Board and was present at the meeting, was thankful and excited for the opportunity. Each board member asked a single inquiry on various topics.

- a) On the topic of independent traffic studies, Mr. Levine manifested the importance of maintaining a third party on task for such cases to avoid conflicts of interest and any potential influence of the applicant.
- b) On the topic of the applicant's background in real estate law, Mr. Levine attested that, while his professional experience would allow him to comfortably navigate zoning bylaw languages as well as look deeper into applications or provide an alternate point of view during reviews, he'd recuse himself should the Planning Board receive applications from any current or previous clients of his law firm out of abundance of caution.
- c) On the topic of his personal life, Mr. Levine explained that his move from Washington, D.C. to Longmeadow, MA, was prompted by a desire to pursue a more balanced work/family life. With such goal attained, he can now channel his passion for this town by exercising civic duty. Having been in Longmeadow for just under two years, he has acquired knowledge about the issues related to the gas metering station on Shaker Road and is willing to research the matter further in order to provide a competent review should an application be received by the Board in the near future.

Walter Gunn made a motion to adjourn Planning Board's special meeting and Ken Taylor seconded the motion, all in favor 4-0 with none opposed, meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bianca Damiano*