

Select Board Special Meeting  
Wednesday July 10, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.  
Longmeadow High School, Room A15, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA

**Present:** Chair Marie Angelides, Mark Gold, Thomas Lachiusa, Richard Foster and Marc Strange.  
**Also Present:** Town Manager Stephen Crane, Paul Pasterczyk

Chair Marie Angelides called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

*Mr. Foster made a motion to enter into executive session for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation and the Chair hereby declared an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, to reconvene to open session.*

*Roll call vote: Ms. Angelides – yes, Mr. Foster – yes, Mr. Strange – yes, Mr. Lachiusa – yes, Mr. Gold – yes.*

Open session was again called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Chapter 61B First Right of Refusal vote – Ms. Angelides gave a background of MGL Chapter 61B. She spoke to attorneys researching the issue.

*Mr. Foster made a motion to not exercise the MGL Chapter 61B First Right of Refusal option regarding the Longmeadow Country Club property to be purchased for a metering station. Mr. Strange seconded the motion.*

Mr. Gold stated that 68% of the voters voted in favor of the referendum to pursue the First Right of Refusal. Mr. Lachiusa feels that it is in the town's best interest not to spend \$2.7 million on this. Mr. Foster noted that the Board has listened to the attorneys and has asked a lot of questions and has spent a lot of time on this. Mr. Strange believes there is no guarantee that the metering station would be prevented from being built if the town exercises its 61B rights. Mr. Foster added that the only way to stop it is to find another location; other efforts to prevent the metering station would likely fail according to the attorneys.

*The vote was 1 in favor (Mr. Gold) and 4 opposed (Ms. Angelides, Mr. Foster, Mr. Strange, Mr. Lachiusa).*

2. State of Emergency Declaration – The Select Board voted to declare a state of emergency on July 7, 2019 due to the microburst the previous day.  
*Mr. Gold made a motion to suspend the declaration of emergency status as of 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 12, 2019. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.*

3. DPW Change Orders – *Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the DPW change order for fire suppression. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.*  
The first change order is for fire suppression. The town needs to tap into the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission's line for water and the line wasn't where it was supposed to be. A separate water line has to be purchased. The second change order is for additional fees (\$94,500) to extend the contract since the existing contract expired due to delays in the DPW construction. Mr. Gold questioned where the funds would come from. Mr. Pasterczyk stated there is \$1.3 million left in the amount of bond issue. The original authorization was \$19.7 million. Ms. Angelides asked if there were any bonds finishing up this year. Mr. Pasterczyk said the fire truck bond was finishing up and other BANs have been rolling over. Mr. Foster noted that the DPW project has been delayed 9 months. Mr. Crane added that there will be a change order coming as a result of the delay; there is a disagreement over the amount of the claim. We need to build the building to know what the additional costs will be. Asbestos containing material (ACM) issues continue to pop up. The DEP has been as cooperative as possible while still having to do their regulatory work; the town only has a contract with the General Contractor, not the subcontractors.

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*Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the change order in the amount of \$94,500 to extend the contract.*

*Mr. Lachuska seconded the motion. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.*

Mr. Crane noted that Colliers International is doing a good job all things considered.

Mr. Crane thanked the Select Board for being available for the remote emergency meeting on Sunday, July 7, 2019.

*Mr. Foster made a motion to adjourn the special meeting at 9:30 p.m. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Marc Strange

Documents:

Agenda/meeting notice

Emergency Declaration form

Chief Dearborn email-declaration instructions