

Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday January 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
High School Meeting Room A15, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow

Present: Chair Marie Angelides, William Low, Mark Gold and Richard Foster. Tom Lachus was absent.

Also Present: Town Manager Stephen Crane, Debbie House, Mike Giampietro (Bay Path), Tom Elmore, Kim King, Marybeth Bergeron, Jim Russell and Richard Liasse

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Marie Angelides.

Announcements:

1. The DPW is finishing up the Christmas tree collections. Please leave your trees on the street corners.
2. Resident Veteran Steve Douglas was presented with a replacement Purple Heart at the last Veterans Circle meeting as well as replacements of many other medals he earned while serving his country. Mr. Douglas's original medals were stolen several years ago.

Resident Comments:

1. Kim King, 15 Pinewood Drive – Ms. King asked the Select Board to support the SOI for the middle schools. She stated that both middle schools have had many issues for years including electrical and air handler issues. Ms. King added that there is a petition circulating with over 230 signatures in favor of the SOI. Ms. Angelides informed residents that there will be a joint meeting with the School Committee on January 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the high school to discuss the SOI.
2. Jim Russell, 108 Bel Air Drive – Mr. Russell read and handed out a copy of a memo from the Parks and Recreation Director to Mr. Crane dated 12/16/16 and asked that the Select Board take into consideration what the Parks and Recreation Department has done at Greenwood and to consider the daycare aspect. Mr. Russell served on the Town Manager's Task Force and the Select Board Adult Center Building Committee (ACBC). These were two hard working committees that did due diligence. Mr. Russell feels it is not feasible to renovate Greenwood and asked that the Select Board focus on one of the four locations brought forth by the ACBC soon.

Select Board Comments:

1. Mr. Low volunteered to deliver meals to homebound residents on Christmas Eve. He found this to be very eye opening and the residents were very happy and appreciative.

Town Manager's Report:

1. Cell Tower Lease – Wireless Edge has been presented with a draft lease contract to construct a cell tower next to the Blinn Tennis Courts. A site walk was done on January 6th. More information will be forthcoming. This tower will increase the level of service and is a revenue generator for the town.
2. Dwight Road Project – The developer will be making a presentation to the Select Board at the February 6th meeting and will be requesting that an article designating a DIF district (map) be placed on the Town Meeting warrant.
3. DPW Project – Mr. Crane recently met with the design team and forwarded updated plans to the Select Board.
4. MIIA Risk Profile – The MIIA member risk profile charts were included in the meeting packet for review.
5. MAHB Document – The MAHB who assists Massachusetts Boards of Health through training, technical assistance and legal education distributed a document on the regulation and taxation of the Marijuana Act and the effects of the law at the local level. This was included in the meeting packet for review.

Mr. Gold asked about the layout of the fuel pumps and the sand/salt pile on the updated DPW plans.

Mr. Gold asked Mr. Crane if he was comfortable with the safety programs that are in place for town employees. Mr. Crane replied that he is comfortable with what is in place and that MIIA continually offers all kinds of trainings which Paul Pasterczyk notifies all departments about. Credits are received for trainings attended.

Old Business:

1. Approve Minutes – *Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the December 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0. Mr. Foster abstained.*
2. Age-Friendly Community – West Springfield just became a designated Age-Friendly Community. The model “Local Executive Order” was reviewed and amended. Mr. Gold suggested changing the words “Blue Ribbon Commission” to “Council on Aging” and “Local Executive Order” to “Select Board Resolution”.
Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the Select Board Resolution for an Age-Friendly Community as amended. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.
3. Permanent Building Committee – A draft committee charge was reviewed by the Select Board. Mr. Low submitted his draft version with amendments for review. There was some discussion on what the composition of the Building Committee should be in regards to school construction. Mr. Crane stated that the state has a certain roster for a School Building Committee. Members may have to be added (for a MSBA funded project) to the permanent building committee to meet state requirements.
Mr. Low made a motion to approve the Building Committee Charge with amendments. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

New Business:

1. Bay Path University Entrance Improvements – Michael Giampietro, Vice President of Finance and Administration for Bay Path University and Thomas Elmore of Elmore Design Collaborative, Inc. attended the meeting. Mr. Elmore explained the proposal to improve pedestrian access and introduce curbing and sidewalks to the main entrance to Bay Path. The proposal also includes adding one pedestrian signal light and handicapped accessible ramps with warning strips. Mr. Crane noted that there is currently a signed agreement in place between the Town and Bay Path for the stone walls constructed in the tree belt at the main entrance. Mr. Crane will draft an amendment to the agreement to include the proposed work. The construction timetable is spring/summer 2017.
Mr. Foster made a motion to adopt the proposal for the Bay Path main entrance with the amendment to be made by the Town Manager to the original agreement. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.
2. Set Annual Town Election Date – The Town Clerk submitted a memo to the Select Board with a preliminary election date, if needed, of April 25, 2017 and an annual town election date of June 13, 2017 along with deadlines for nomination papers, registering to vote, posting the warrant and absentee ballots.
Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the date of April 25, 2017 for the Preliminary Town Election, if needed, and June 13, 2017 as the date of the Annual Town Election with other dates as stated in the Town Clerk’s memo. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.
3. Warrant Article Submission Schedule – Citizen Petition articles for the Annual Town Meeting are due in the Select Board’s office by noon on February 28, 2017. At least 10 names, addresses and signatures of registered voters are required for a petition article to be placed on the warrant. All signatures will be certified by the Town Clerk. The following sentence will be added to the memo announcing the article submission schedule: “The Select Board cannot guarantee certification of signatures on citizen petitions if received after noon (12:00 p.m.) on February 28, 2017”.

Subcommittees and Reports: none

Mr. Foster feels that people speaking during the Resident Comments section of the meeting should refrain from using Select Board members’ names when making comments.

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Mr. Gold noted that he has been receiving emails asking for support of the SOI for the middle schools. The Select Board has not seen the SOI yet and does not know what is in it. Mr. Gold would like to receive the SOI before the January 23rd joint meeting with the School Committee so he has ample time to review it.

Executive Session was not needed.

Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the tentative agreement for the Police Supervisors as presented by the Town Manager. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Mr. Crane commended Chief Stankiewicz for the changes being made in the Police Department.

The executive session minutes from December 19, 2016 will be tabled to the next executive session.

Upcoming Select Board Meetings:

The Select Board meeting on January 23rd will be a joint meeting with the School Committee and will start at 6:00 p.m. at the high school.

The Select Board meeting on February 6th will be with the Capital Planning Committee, Community Preservation Committee and will have the DIF presentation.

The Select Board will hold another joint meeting with the School Committee on February 14, 2017.

The Community Preservation Committee will hold a Public Hearing at the high school on Wednesday, January 11th. All applications can be viewed online.

Mr. Gold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie House