

Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday, March 19, 2018
Longmeadow High School, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow
Meeting Room A15 - 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Thomas Lachiusa, William Low, Marie Angelides, and Richard Foster

Absent: Mark Gold

Also Present: Stephen Crane, Paul Pasterczyk, Debbie House, Marybeth Bergeron, Phil Hallahan, Andrew Fox, Russell Dupere, Supt. Marty O'Shea, Jim and Julia Moulton and Richard Liasse

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Select Board Chair Thomas Lachiusa.

Announcements:

1. The Longmeadow Police Department and high school will hold a Community Training on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Our Community on Monday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium.
2. There is another potential snow storm for Wednesday.
3. Motor vehicle bills and water/sewer bills have been mailed out.

Resident Comments:

1. Andrew Fox, 29 Lorenz Street attended the meeting to express his displeasure with the responses he has received from town officials regarding the many complaints he has made concerning his neighbor's vehicles and the appearance of his neighbor's property. Mr. Fox submitted several pictures of the neighbor's property for the Select Board to review as well as a letter to the Select Board that was included in the Correspondence section of the agenda. Mr. Fox stated that bylaws are for neighbors, not violators and asked the Select Board to directed town officials to properly enforce the existing bylaws.

Select Board Comments: none

Town Manager's Report:

1. Tina Lane Crossing – MassDOT and Amtrak have been working together on safety improvements. Pre-permitting has started as well as wetland flagging and land survey.
2. Solar Project – Cadmus Group will manage a solar clean energy project that will include a feasibility study of Town owned sites, drafting an RFQ, and an economic analysis. The contract (\$12,440) is funded by a grant to PVPC from the DOER. May 1, 2019 is the expected completion date.
3. WESTCOMM – A consultant has been retained to assist in recalculating the budget, staffing plan, and allocation formula for a two-town regional emergency communications center (RECC). Seven applications have been received for the Executive Director position.
4. DPW Projects: DPW facility – filed sub-bids will be received on March 22 and General Contractor bids are due on April 5; Dwight Road Project – Plans are finalized, IFB will be issued on March 22, and bids are due April 12. DPW is working to gain construction access agreements with impacted property owners in advance of Town Meeting votes for easements; Longmeadow Street Intersection Improvements – currently scheduled for the 2023 TIP, plans should be at 25% design by July.
5. Development Projects – Big Y renovations, Young Mansion redevelopment, memory care facility on Williams Street, and Willie Ross School expansion. The internal review team has reviewed all four projects and will be meeting with project proponents to offer comments on the draft site plans.

Old Business:

1. Approved Minutes – *Mr. Low made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 5, 2018 as presented. Ms. Angelides seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed. Mr. Foster abstained.*

Mr. Low made a motion to approve the Budget Forum minutes from March 12, 2018 as presented. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion. The vote was 2 in favor and 0 opposed. Mr. Foster and Ms. Angelides abstained.

Mr. Low made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from March 14, 2018 as presented. Ms. Angelides seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed. Mr. Foster abstained.

2. Middle School SOIs – Superintendent Marty O’Shea and School Committee member Russell Dupere attended the meeting. The School Department intends to submit Statements of Interest (SOI) to the MA School Building Authority (MSBA) to address the facility related deficiencies of Williams Middle School and Glenbrook Middle School. A vote of the Select Board has to be submitted for each school. SOIs for the middle schools were submitted last year but Longmeadow was not invited into the program. This year’s SOIs are unchanged except for updated fiscal/capital information and dates. The MSBA’s first stage is a feasibility study, if the town is invited into the program. The School Committee discussed one building instead of two, and possibly looking at a K-8 building. The MSBA would come in and look at all options. The School Committee is developing a timeline and plan of what to do with the current two middle schools if the MSBA doesn’t come through. When submitting more than one SOI, a priority has to be designated; Glenbrook was designated as the priority SOI.

*Mr. Low read the motion to be Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 19, 2018, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Select Board of the Town of Longmeadow, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 14, 2018 for the **Williams Middle School** located at 410 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:*

Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists.

Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements;

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Longmeadow to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

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Replacement or renovation of a building which is structurally unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the health and safety of school children, where no alternative exists.

Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

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application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Longmeadow to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

New Business:

1. One Day Liquor License Request – *Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the one day liquor license for Keith Campbell for the Longmeadow High School Lacrosse Fundraiser on May 5, 2018 based on the fact that no children under age 21 will attend. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.*
2. Seasonal Liquor License Renewal – *Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the renewal of the seasonal liquor license for the Clubhouse Café (at Franconia). Ms. Angelides seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.*
3. Appoint Registrar of Voters – *Ms. Angelides made a motion to appoint Peter Bouvier (Republican) to the Board of Registrars for a three year term expiring March 31, 2021.*
Discussion: A Democrat's term is expiring. The other two members are a Democrat and Republican. The Select Board discussed appointing 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans. Mr. Foster feels a policy is needed.
The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.
4. Close and Sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant – The Select Board voted on most of the articles at the March 14th meeting. The remaining articles were voted on as follows:
#2 *Ms. Angelides made a motion to approve article 2, Snow and Ice Budget for \$250,000. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.*
#5 *Mr. Foster made a motion to approve article 5, \$50,000 for Police and Fire FY18 overtime budgets. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.*
#14 *Ms. Angelides made a motion to approve article 14, new Council on Aging facility for \$14,000,000. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed, Mr. Foster abstained.*
The Council on Aging wants to keep one article as opposed to splitting into two articles.
#15 *Mr. Low made a motion to approve article 15, DIF Budget with the amended amount of \$97,400. Ms. Angelides seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed, Mr. Foster abstained.*
#19 *Ms. Angelides made a motion to approve article 19, CPA project for \$3,300 for reusable molds to build picnic tables and benches at the Riverfront Conservation area. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed, Mr. Foster abstained.*
#20 *Ms. Angelides made a motion to approve article 20, CPA project for \$18,000 for Bliss Park improvements. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed, Mr. Foster abstained.*
#24 *Ms. Angelides made a motion to approve article 24, CPA project for \$10,000 for a feasibility study of the former train station. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed, Mr. Foster abstained.*
#27 *Ms. Angelides made a motion to approve article 27, easements for the Dwight Road corridor project. Mr. Low seconded the motion. Mr. Crane added that between now and Town Meeting we will know if temporary easements are needed or if a sum of money is needed for construction access. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed, Mr. Foster abstained.*
#28 *Mr. Low made a motion to approve article 28, Zoning Bylaw Amendment for commercial vehicles. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.*
#29 *Mr. Low made a motion to approve article 29, Zoning Bylaw Amendment to add monument signs to the definitions. Ms. Angelides seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed, Mr. Foster abstained.*
#30 *Ms. Angelides made a motion to approve article 30, Zoning Bylaw Amendment for monument signs for non-residential use in a residential zone. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.*
#31 This article is a Zoning Bylaw Amendment for existing and undersized lots, and infill and lot size averaging. This was on the warrant last May and did not pass. Mr. Lachusiusa feels that the town spoke

already. Mr. Low does not like it and will not vote for it. Mr. Crane plans on explaining it better to Town Meeting and address feedback from last year.

Mr. Crane will withdraw the article.

#32 Ms. Angelides made a motion to approve article 32 as now written, designating an OPEB Trustee.

Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

Ms. Angelides made a motion to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

The Select Board signed the warrant.

Ms. Angelides asked Mr. Pasterczyk where the \$155,000 was going to come from for the citizen petition for renovations of Wolf Swamp Fields. Mr. Pasterczyk stated that it will throw the budget out of balance by \$60,000.

Mr. Foster remarked that we know nothing about this project (Wolf Swamp Field renovations), where are the plans and who is authorizing it. Mr. Crane added that \$80,000 was approved last year for a well at the fields by citizen petition. A master plan has been created; traffic and safety will be addressed first. Mr. Foster questioned if this was the best use of so much money and that the project should not be piece-mealed. The project should be up on a board and discussed as a community.

5. Stormwater Credit Policy – A draft of the policy was presented. Non-residential property owners can file for an abatement if they do things to manage stormwater on site. An Engineer may need to evaluate the site and application. Veterans and seniors would not have an application fee. Schools and colleges that offer public education programs on stormwater online would receive a 10% discount.

This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

6. Resolution for 50th Class Reunion – A request was received for a welcome message or resolution for a 50th LHS class reunion to be held in April. Mr. Lachiusa signed a certificate and Mr. Crane will type up a cover letter to go with it.

Subcommittee Reports:

The Energy Task Force will meet on March 21, there will be a Scantic Valley meeting on March 22, and the Tax Ceiling Task Force will meet on March 28. A notice was published in the local news looking for 4 residents to serve on the Tax Ceiling Task Force.

Ms. Angelides made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie House

Documents: Agenda – March 19, 2018
Flyer for Preventing Child Sexual Abuse program
Town Manager's Report memo
Board of Health Feb. report, Building Dept. Feb. report
Council on Aging Feb. report, DPW Feb. report, Finance Feb. report
Fire Dept. Feb. report, Library Feb. report, Parks & Rec. Feb. report
Police Dept. Feb. report, Veterans Services Feb. report
Draft Minutes – March 5, 2018 regular meeting, March 12, 2018 Budget Forum
March 14, 2018 Special Meeting
Supt. of Schools SOI memo, SOI motions
SOI for Williams Middle School, SOI for Glenbrook Middle School
One Day Liquor License Application
Seasonal Liquor License Renewal
Registrars of Voters appointment memo, Republican letter of nomination
Democratic letter of nomination
Annual Town Meeting draft warrant
Stormwater Enterprise Fund Credit Policy

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04/02/18 Approved

Letter of Welcome request for 50th LHS Reunion
Letter – resident A. Fox