

Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday March 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
High School Meeting Room A15, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow

Present: Chair Marie Angelides, Tom Lachiusa, William Low, Mark Gold and Richard Foster

Also Present: Town Manager Stephen Crane, CFO Paul Pasterczyk, Debbie House, Atty. Michael Schneider, Marybeth Bergeron, Larry Rubin and Richard Liasse

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Marie Angelides. After the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was held for Warren Cowles the employee who died in a tragic accident on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

Announcements:

1. On March 14th we lost a DPW employee, Warren Cowles in an accident during the snowstorm. Mr. Cowles was an employee for 29 years and also a resident. The services will be at Curran Jones Funeral Home in West Springfield on Thursday, March 23 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The Funeral will be on Friday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Crane is working with the family to explore other ways of donating. A Gofundme page has been set up by the family to help with funeral expenses. Many residents, organizations, other communities and employees have extended their condolences and offers to help out. More information will be forthcoming from Mr. Crane.
2. The Bliss Park clean-up has been moved to April 8 due to the weather.
3. The Converse Street construction project will be starting up within the next couple of weeks. Signs will be going up to inform and forewarn travelers.

Resident Comments:

1. Richard Liasse, 608 Frank Smith Road – Mr. Liasse commended the first responders who tried to rescued Mr. Cowles.

Select Board Comments: none

Town Managers Report:

1. DLS Report- The DLS Report for the Town was received with a low margin rating which means we have good assessing.

Old Business:

1. Minutes Approval – *Mr. Lachiusa made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes from February 27, 2017 as presented. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Mr. Gold abstaining. Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 6, 2017 as presented. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.*
2. Thermal Imaging Project – The Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation Energy, LLC (HGCF Energy, LLC) is funding the scanning and reports for this project. Mr. Gold received a call from the thermal imaging company. They will start scanning homes in a week to 10 days from the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The Police Department and residents need to be made aware that these “scanning” vehicles will be slowly driving around the neighborhoods at night. No financial support is needed. All homes will be scanned; high energy loss homes will receive a report. This is being done throughout Western Mass. The scanning has to take place in the cold weather. Mr. Gold suggested that the Energy Task Force be the liaison to do the filtering and come back to the Select Board if resources are needed. *Mr. Gold made a motion to direct the Energy Task Force to work on the home thermal energy scanning project and report back to the Select Board with any additional resources needed. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.*
3. Greenwood Park Master Plan – There was a short discussion about the daycare business and what functions and programs the town would have in 10-15 years. The Adult Center Building Committee is

looking at the Dietz plans now. Mr. Gold questioned the wording of the article for the Adult Center that says “new and/or renovate”. He believes if there is no intention to renovate then the wording should not be in the article.

4. Warrant Articles – Most of the warrant articles were discussed and voted on at the last Select Board meeting. The remaining few articles were discussed and voted on at this meeting. Mr. Gold supports the new DPW building and the additional cost for the location. Mr. Foster noted that DPW personnel cut space and made realistic and straight forward decisions in planning the new building.

Article 9 - Mr. Gold made the motion to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain any fee, easement or other interest in all or any part of a parcel of land owned by Famiglia, LLC in the Town of Longmeadow known as 170 Dwight Road and designated on the Longmeadow Assessors Maps as Map 234, Block 3, Lot 35A; Map 234, Block, 4, Lot 35A; and Map 177, Block 136, Lot 35A, approximately 12.07 acres in the area, for the purpose of constructing a new Department of Public Works Facility or other municipal purpose(s), on terms and conditions deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interests of the Town, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow, \$2.6 million for the purposes of this Article as set forth in Article 10, or act anything in relation thereto. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Article 10 – Mr. Foster made a motion to accept Article 10 as revised. Mr. Gold seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

The Select Board will need to vote a ballot question at the next meeting.

Mr. Gold made a motion to approve Article 15 (school revolving account) as corrected. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Ms. Angelides would like to see the reference to the Master Plan removed from the explanation for Article 31.

The Stormwater Enterprise Fund bylaw will be added to the body of Article 32.

Mr. Foster made a motion to reopen the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Mr. Gold opposed.

Mr. Foster made a motion to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

New Business:

1. The Annual Town Meeting Warrant was signed.
2. Seasonal Liquor License Renewal – Clubhouse Café has a seasonal liquor license which renews in March and runs through January 15th. (This license was renewed for 2017 in December of 2016 with the other liquor license renewals.)
Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the renewal of the seasonal liquor license for Clubhouse Café. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.
3. One Day Liquor License Approval – *Mr. Low made a motion to approve the one day liquor license for the high school Boys’ Lacrosse Comedy Night Fundraiser on May 13, 2017 at the Community House. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.*
4. Letters of Gratitude – Chief Dearborn supplied a list of town departments and outside resources that provided assistance to the Town during the incident on March 14th. Ms. Angelides will write letters of thanks.

Mr. Lachiusa made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m. and enter into executive session for the purposes of litigation and approving executive session minutes, not to reconvene to open session. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Angelides – yes, Mr. Lachiusa – yes, Mr. Low – yes, Mr. Gold – yes, Mr. Foster – yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie House