

Select Board Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
Longmeadow High School, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow
Meeting Room A15 - 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Thomas Lachiusa, Mark Gold, William Low, and Richard Foster. Absent: Marie Angelides

Also Present: Paul Pasterczyk, Debbie House, Peter Thurber, and James Rivers from DPC Consulting

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

Announcements:

1. Arbor Day is April 26th and will be celebrated at Wolf Swamp School at 1:00 p.m. with a ceremonial tree planting donated by the DPW. The Longmeadow Gardeners donated seedlings to give to each 4th grade student. This free event will be held rain or shine and is open to the public.
2. Two of the four clay tennis courts at Bliss Park were open for the season on April 14th. The remaining two courts are expected to be ready by May 5th.
3. Longmeadow Street between Birnie Road and Williams Street will be closed Wednesday in order to connect a new water main from the Green to residents on Chandler Avenue. Traffic will be detoured east of the Green in front of Center School while the school is closed for vacation.
4. The state aid numbers that have been released are favorable.

Resident Comments: none

Select Board Comments:

1. Mr. Gold would like a report from the Tree Committee as to what the status of the tree belt trees is now after the October snowstorm a few years ago.
2. At the last meeting Mr. Gold questioned the wording of the referendum vote for the funding of the new Adult Center. Mr. Pasterczyk was correct in not including the amount.
3. Last fall the Select Board met for a special meeting to approve a road cut for Alex's Bagels. The work was never done. Mr. Gold believes answers are due from Eversource and the owner of the mini mall.
4. Mr. Foster commented on the Board of Registrars discussion that occurred at the last meeting. A legal opinion was asked for and received. The town would have to adopt MGL Chapter 51 Section 16A to have four Registrars plus the Town Clerk. This would allow two Democrats and two Republicans and the Town Clerk who is unenrolled. Adopting 16A would have to occur at the next Annual Town Meeting in May.

Town Manager's Report: Mr. Crane was not at the meeting. Acting Town Manager Paul Pasterczyk attended.

1. Mr. Lachiusa noted that the DPW Director is writing a letter to MassDOT regarding the damaged sidewalks on Converse Street.
There are still approximately 900 residents that need to license their dogs by April 30th.
Carole Mazzarino, long time youth services Library Assistant retired.
2. April 18th is the last day to register to vote; the Town Hall will be open until 8:00 p.m. tomorrow.
3. Mr. Gold asked that the Parks and Recreation March report be forwarded to the Select Board.

Old Business:

1. Approved Minutes – *Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 2, 2018 as presented. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.*
2. Board of Registrars Discussion – *Mr. Gold made a motion that the Town of Longmeadow, at the first opportunity legally allowable, propose to the town residents that we adopt MGL Chapter 51, Section 16A. Mr. Low seconded the motion.*

The acceptance of MGL Chapter 51, Section 16A has to go on an Annual Town Meeting warrant per the statute. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

New Business:

1. Longmeadow Country Club Liquor License Amendments – The Longmeadow Country Club submitted an application for a change of manager and change of officers/directors.
Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the change of manager for the Longmeadow Country Club. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.
Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the change of officers/directors for the Longmeadow Country Club. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.
2. One Day Liquor License – Longmeadow Historic Society Event
Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the one day liquor license for the Longmeadow Historic Society for the May 11, 2018 event. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.
3. Center School Street Closure Request – *Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the closure of Longmeadow Street from Longfellow Drive to the Center School gymnasium driveway on June 8, 2018 with a rain date of June 11, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. for Field Day events. Mr. Low seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.*
4. Charter Review Committee Request – The Chair of the Charter Review Committee has requested that the Select Board extend the members terms for six months to avoid them having to re-apply to meet the June 30th expiration date. This will give the Committee more time to prepare their final report and recommendations. The Select Board will check with Town Counsel to see if this is allowed. Mr. Gold and Mr. Low would like the Charter Review Committee to attend a Select Board meeting to discuss what they have been working on.
5. North Interceptor/I&I Update – Pete Thurber and James Rivers (DPC Consulting) attended the meeting. Last week an exposed section of the North Interceptor leaked (joint leak) behind Severn Street off of Western Drive after a private contractor working in a nearby yard moved it while dumping debris. The DPW went in and made repairs on a Saturday. The contractor will be paying the cost for the repairs. Replacement plans for the Interceptor from Western Drive to Emerson Road are being studied. The I/I project interrupted the Interceptor study. The Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) had to be done first. The number one problem with the Interceptor is access. There is a section where the cast iron pipe is up on concrete pillars. The pipe is in fairly good condition for its age, its integrity is fine. Mr. Foster questioned when we are going to stop studying and start a repair plan, and should we be fining contractors for dumping debris that could cause a major disaster. Three or four years ago \$95,000 was approved for the Interceptor repair and was voted to be very important. A seismic shift would cause the pipe to move and possibly cause a disaster. We need to do something to keep the pipe secure and gain access to it. The interceptor is not on town property, we have easements. Mr. Lachiusa and Mr. Gold feel that signs should be posted along the easements to warn that the pipe is there. An option that came up last week for this one small section of the pipe through the I/I study is to take easements and move the pipeline up to the Western Drive properties. Mr. Foster questioned what will it take to get the Interceptor project done and he would like Mr. Crane and Mr. Pasterczyk to work on finding the answer to that question. The original Tighe & Bond study on the Interceptor was 75% complete before the I/I was started. The town is working on phase II of the I/I project through June. The full report and evaluation will be done before December 31.
Chandler Avenue Update: The gas company had to cut and cap an old gas main before the DPW could replace the water main.
Longmeadow Street/Alex's Bagels – the road was not cut but concrete pad has been poured.

Subcommittee Reports:

1. Report on Town Manager's relationship with contractors for next meeting when Mr. Crane will be here per Mr. Foster.
2. Mr. Gold is a member of the PVRTA Board of Trustees and is asking the Select Board to support the PVRTA Resolution presented in the meeting packet. The PVRTA is suffering a \$3.5 million shortfall in their budget. Next year they will raise fares 20% and there may be a reduction in services. This is significant for Longmeadow as there is currently only one bus route and the bus travels twice a day. An increase in funding from state will help. The PVRTA has been level funded for 2 years now. The PVRTA is

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asking for a 2% increase in funding which would hold off any service cuts. The service cuts have been deferred until fall with the hopes of receiving an increase in state aid. The PVTA is asking all participating towns to approve the resolution calling on the Legislature to increase funding to the Regional Transit Authorities (RTA).

Mr. Gold made a motion to approve the PVTA Resolution. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

3. The Tax Ceiling Task Force has accepted all five applicants and is working on proposals for the Select Board.

Mr. Gold made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m. and to enter into executive session, not to reconvene, for the purposes of accepting past meeting minutes and to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. (Citizen Recognition Award vote). Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Gold-yes, Mr. Low-yes, Mr. Lachiusa-yes, and Mr. Foster-yes.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie House

Documents: Agenda – April 17, 2018
Announcements – Arbor Day, Longmeadow Street detour, clay courts opening
Department Reports for March
Draft minutes from April 2, 2018
Legal opinion – Board of Registrars
Stephen Kennedy Letter dated April 2, 2018
Copies of MGL Chapter 51 Section 15 and 16A
Longmeadow Country Club Liquor License application for a change of manager and change of officers/directors
One Day Liquor License Application – Historic Society
Center School street closure request – field day
Charter Review Committee Charge and Chair email request
PVTA Resolution