

Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday August 5, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Longmeadow High School, Room A15, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA

Present: Chair Marie Angelides, Mark Gold, Thomas Lachus, Richard Foster and Marc Strange.

Also Present: Interim Town Manager Jay Moynihan, Paul Pasterczyk, Jackie Sullivan, Chief Dearborn, Michele Marantz, Chief Stankiewicz, Marybeth Bergeron, Town Treasurer Cheryl Cudnik, Edward Kline, Chris Nolan, Peter Nassar and Adam Dalessio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Select Board Chair Marie Angelides.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcements: Jay Moynihan reminded everyone that the plastic by-law goes into effect on August 6, 2019. Marie Angelides announced that she would be amending the agenda. Under New Business #9 on the agenda Wolf Swamp Rd. field task force change from discussion to action. Under Old Business add Interim Town Managers contract. *Mark Gold made a motion to amend the agenda. Richard Foster seconded the motion. The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.* Marie Angelides reminded everyone that there is a Special Town Meeting on August 20, 2019.

Resident Comments: Michele Marantz of 117 Rugby Rd. spoke as a resident and as chair of the Longmeadow Pipeline Awareness Group. Ms. Marantz stated that her purpose this evening was to request answers to questions that bear on Longmeadow's ability to prevent a meter station and high pressure pipeline in a residential neighborhood. Ms. Marantz informed the Board that as a result of last month's efforts by their group, they collected over 300 signatures calling for a by-law change banning the construction of any industrial gas facility in a residential zone and in response the Board scheduled a Special Town Meeting that will take place on Tuesday August 20, 2019 to hold a vote on Article 1. In conversations with town residents about the issue Ms. Marantz stated that they have been asked for the Select Board's position on the article so tonight she is looking for an answer that she can share with residents. Michele Marantz stated that she is aware that the Select Board has recently hired Attorneys who specialize in pipeline law who have advised you to avoid making any public statements on any gas related issue. Because this relationship has been in the works for some time they are assuming that this prohibition will be lifted in the near future, Ms. Marantz would like the Board to let them know when this happens because the pipeline awareness group would like to know the Select Board's individual position on the by-law ban. Ms. Marantz stated that her second set of questions relates to blocking the Tennessee Gas portion of the site. Ms. Marantz reminded the Select Board that the June 11, 2019 election saw 68% of the voters endorsing a Select Board effort to stop the construction of a Longmeadow meter station and high pressure pipeline. Ms. Marantz believes that this should be evidence enough that the voters want you to work energetically to block a project that threatens the health, safety, well-being, and property values of our town.

Board/Committee Vacancy Interviews:

Edward Kline of 108 Magnolia Circle is seeking an appointment on the Housing Authority. Mr. Kline has been the Chair of the Housing Authority for the past 20 years.

Christopher Nolan of 97 Salem Rd. is seeking a position on the Conservation Commission, Mr. Nolan is an air transport specialist and project planner and is currently an associate member on the Conservation Commission.

Peter Nassar of 9 Druid Circle is applying for a position on the Audit Committee. Mr. Nassar is an auditor and has a background in accounting.

Ms. Angelides informed all applicants that they would make a decision at their next meeting.

Select Board Comments: Richard Foster stated that he has been talking to Russ Dupre and he is still very active in holding meetings with the people in Boston and local government around here on the concrete issue. There will be a meeting in September Richard Foster cannot be there but he would like someone from the Select Board to be there if possible.

Town Manager's Report: Mr. Moynihan stated that there were a couple questions with regards to some of the concerns with the tennis court disposal and also with regards to what issues there are from a safety standpoint. Jay Moynihan asked

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Project Manager Adam Dalessio and Building Committee Chair Marybeth Bergeron here tonight to give an update. Adam Dalessio stated that the tennis courts tested positive for ACM material within the asphalt, it was encapsulated within the asphalt. From there they went to DEP, they have written a non-traditional work plan with the help of the company ATC, which was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mark Gold asked how they could have people in hazmat suits doing work while children are being picked up and dropped off at camp. Mr. Gold stated that it is inconceivable that there is hazardous material remediation within 50 feet of where the campers are. Mr. Gold feels this was terrible planning. Marybeth Bergeron stated that the subject came up with the Building Committee whether or not the public should be notified that the remediation was going to take place but at levels above their pay grade it was decided that it was not needed because the material was not friable, it was a short period of time and they would deal with the trouble shooting as it came in, so that is why the plan went ahead. Mr. Dalessio stated that DEP did come out during the process and they walked the site to make sure that everyone is complying. Ms. Bergeron stated that this material is not friable and is not dangerous to your health. Adam Dalessio and Marybeth Bergeron assured the Board that safety is their number one priority.

Jay Moynihan stated that MGM has contacted him to set up a meeting for looking back at the costs the town has incurred they are in the process of setting that meeting up.

Mr. Moynihan inquired about the I&I, the DPW is going to have a meeting, the final data is evidently done in draft they will be forwarding it to the DPW the week of August 18th.

Paul Pasterczyk noted that the State budget was finalized last week or so, he had sent out a note stating where we stood with state financial aid. Comparing that with the budget that was passed and the goal that the Select Board had with that two percent we would be right on target however, we do have a \$40,000.00 warrant article for the softening of the cross walk that will put them behind about \$30,000.00. Paul believes they would still be able to make that up and they would be able to meet the 2 percent goal for the 2020 budget.

Paul Pasterczyk also noted they received a check from Bay Path University for the fifth installment of the fire apparatus. Paul thanked Bay Path for their partnership in this endeavor.

Chair's Report: Marie Angelides announced that the kiddie pool is open. Ms. Angelides reported that she attended the Tree Committee meeting and this has been a challenging year for the tree warden. Since January he has removed 137 trees in town that have been identified and has only planted 80 trees since Fall. The tree warden is often called to take care of emergencies in the parks and right now there is no line item to take care of dangerous trees in the parks. He is already running short on funding. So he will probably be coming in front of us sometime in the future.

The Planning Board will be having a hearing on the Zoning warrant article.

Ms. Angelides also received an update from Bernie regarding the Town Manager search, there have been some really nice resumes coming in and those will be funneled within the next week or so to the Town Manager Search Group. Ms. Angelides believes the interviews will be done by the end of the first week in September.

Old Business:

1. **Approve Minutes:** July 10, 2019 Special Meeting and July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting.
*Tom Lachiusa made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 Special Select Board meeting. Mark Gold seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***
*Tom Lachiusa made a motion to approve the minutes for the July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting. Richard Foster seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***
2. **Vision/Goals:** Marie Angelides stated that she is going to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.
3. **Interim Town Managers Contract:** Marie Angelides stated that the interim town manager's hours were limited to 30 hours a week. Mr. Moynihan stated that last week he had worked 36 hours and feels that because of all that is going on the board may want to change the number of hours. *Richard Foster made a motion to extend*

*the interim Town Managers hours to a maximum of 38 hours if needed. Mark Gold seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

New Business:

1. **Quarterly Investment Report:** Town Treasurer Collector Cheryl Cudnik presented the board with the Quarterly Investment Report: Treasurer's Investment Report for April through June 2019. As per the Investment Policy: The Town held no long term investments that exceeded the five-year limit. The individual bank balances were under the five-million-dollar balance provision except for Newburyport Savings that hold the bond proceeds which allows for an eight-million-dollar balance provision according to the Investment Policy. All banks again received the highest safety rating of green from Veribanc except for Belmont Savings Bank which received yellow for the first time in May. All accounts are fully insured / secured. At the end of April, we transferred \$2,000,000 of general fund money to Adams Savings Bank. With this transfer Adams Savings Bank increase their rates from 2.00% to 2.55%. In May we transferred an additional \$2,000,000 from Peoples Bank to Adams Savings Bank to maximize interest we can earn with general fund money. Also in April we transferred \$240,000 of East Boston Saving Bank bond proceeds to Newburyport Savings Bank bond proceeds to obtain the maximum amount of revenue from interest earned. We had a twelve-month General Fund CD's mature in May with Country Bank that paid a rate of 2.00%. CD rates were not very favorable. I moved the amount of \$1,141,468 to our existing general fund money market account we have with Country Bank paying a rate of 2.50%. Money markets account interest rates are currently more favorable than 12-month CD's. We had one bank decrease rates, East Boston Savings Bank decreased one of our accounts that was paying a rate of 2.50% to 2.40%, our other two accounts with East Boston Savings Bank still are paying the rate of 2.30%. Belmont Savings Bank is in the process of being acquired by Peoples United Bank. With that being said Belmont Savings Bank reported as yellow on Veribanc Report at the end of May. I have used these funds held with Belmont Savings for funding payroll and vendor accounts. Peoples United Bank will be fully insured and collateralized. The interest accumulating on the bond proceeds will be allocated into the Town's General Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund. For the quarter ending June 30th; interest earned on all bond proceeds was \$73,989.56. The interest we earned this quarter on the OPEB Pension Reserves Investment Fund was \$82,110.98. The Town had two deposits to the State Pension Reserve Investment Fund totaling \$2,448,321.23; the balance now in the SRBT is \$2,591,133.96 an increase of \$142,812.73 in earnings since inception. In May we started a program on our Vendor and Payroll Accounts called Positive Pay. This is where we upload the check register file to the bank which then matches the checks being cashed to the checks upload. Since we have implemented this program we have had 7 fraudulent checks totaling the amount of \$46,062.00 attempt to be cash on our Vendor Payables account. We were able to stop these from being paid. The net increase of \$125,056.40 in cash and investments for the quarter was a result of paying off a BAN in the amount of \$1,290,375 and issuing a new BAN and renewal in the amount of \$2,273,125 creating an increase to cash in the amount of \$982,750. As Treasurer, I will continue to seek the best possible interest rates; fund our accounts payable and payroll accounts timely with funds from bank accounts earning the lowest interest rates when possible. The Treasurer's office will continue to monitor all funds in accounts and move funds to achieve the highest yield available and will continue to practice safety, liquidity and yield when investing and paying the bills on the warrant.
2. **Appoint WESTCOMM Board Alternate:** Marie Angelides noted that with Stephen Crane's resignation there will need to be an alternate Director appointed to the WESTCOMM Board of Directors until a permanent Town Manager is hired, Mr. Crane recommended that Fire Chief John Dearborn be appointed. Chief Dearborn and Chief Stankiewicz gave an overview as to what is currently happening with WESTCOMM. Chief Dearborn stated that nine dispatchers started today, they are doing orientation. The town work started last Thursday and the data network is very close to being done. Chief Dearborn said they are making good progress. They have had over 100 applicants for dispatchers. Chief Stankiewicz stated that they are working on their dark station right now and working on administration to determine how they will transition. Chief Stankiewicz stated they will be working with electricians to secure the lobby remotely. Mark Gold asked if there were any provisions to run these parallel so that you can test this out before you cut the cord to the old one. Chief Stankiewicz informed him that they do have some transition plans in place.
*Mark Gold made a motion to appoint John Dearborn as the alternate director to the WESTCOMM board of directors until such time as we have a permanent Town Manager. Marc Strange seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

Marie Angelides asked that she be able to shadow Chief Dearborn until a new Town Manager is hired, Chief Dearborn agreed.

3. Close and Sign Special (8/20/19) Town Meeting Warrant:

*Mark Gold made a motion to close and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Richard Foster seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

4. Election Worker Appointments: *Mark Gold made a motion to approve the list of Democratic and Unenrolled Election workers that were submitted. Richard Foster seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.** Marie Angelides stated that she will reach out to the Republican Chair Committee as they have not submitted a list yet.*

5. Block Party Approvals (2): *Richard Foster made a motion to approve the block party application for Eton, Farmington on September 22, 2019 (with no rain date) from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tom Lachiusa seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

*Tom Lachiusa made a motion to approve the block party application for Ellington St. from Longmeadow to Laurel St. for September 7, 2019 with a rain date of September 14, 2019 from 4:00 pm - 10:00pm. Mark Gold seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

6. Street Closure Approval: *Mark Gold made motion to approve the Street closure application for the Center school carnival on Longmeadow St. between Longfellow Drive and Williams Street on September 20, 2019 with a rain date of September 27, 2019 from 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Richard Foster seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

7. Streetlight Bonding Length Vote: Paul Pasterczyk explained to the Board about the bonding. Paul is recommending that they authorize this vote so that the town can borrow up to 10 years. Mr. Pasterczyk feels they would have ample time to pay this back. There is a specific vote that needs to be taken. Mark Gold asked if we are confident that a 10-year bonding will result in a year one savings? Paul Pasterczyk thought they were looking for a five-year turnaround with similar numbers but he would have to review it to make sure.

Marc Strange read the following motion:

I, the Clerk of the Select Board of the Town of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held August 5, 2019, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was unanimously passed, all of which appears upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that the maximum useful life of the LED streetlights to be financed with the proceeds of the \$870,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 14, 2019 (Article 15) is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) to be 10 years.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located, or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the subject matter of this vote were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

*Tom Lachiusa seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

8. Patrol Officers' and Dispatchers' Collective Bargaining Agreements: Mark Gold has some recommendations on approaching contracts in the future. This contract came before them fairly late and in his opinion it was not as

complete as it could be. The policy Mark Gold is asking the Select Board to consider is a policy that would require certain items presented to the Select Board a minimum of 48 hours in advance. Mr. Gold believes it is good practice to add this policy. Marie Angelides stated that she will put this on as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Richard Foster agrees with Mr. Gold that there needs to be a policy in place. Mr. Foster stated the delivery of this contract was very poor.

*Richard Foster made a motion to approve the Patrol Officers contract. Tom Lachiusa seconded the motion. **The vote was 4 in favor 0 opposed and 1 present (Mark Gold).***

*Tom Lachiusa made a motion to approve the Dispatchers Collective Bargaining Contract. Richard Foster seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

9. **Wolf Swamp Fields Task Force/New Greenwood Sign:** Marie Angelides stated that she attended the Park Board meeting that was held on 7/31/2019 and the Park Board is asking that the Select Board form a Wolf Swamp Project Task Force. *Mark Gold made a motion to approve the formation of a Wolf Swamp project task force. Marc Strange seconded the motion. **The vote was 4 in favor 0 opposed and 1 present (Richard Foster).*** Mark Gold and Marc Strange volunteered to be on the task force. *Richard Foster made a motion to approve Mark Gold and Marc Strange to the task force. Marc Strange seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.*** Ms. Angelides stated that the Park Board also brought up replacing the sign at Greenwood. The current sign says Greenwood Park Center, the new sign would read Longmeadow Parks and Rec. Ms. Jarvis submitted a photo as to what the new sign would look like. Mark Gold feels that a sign that reads Longmeadow Park and Rec. gives the impression that the Park and Rec. headquarters are located there. Marc Strange agrees with Mark Gold. There was no motion to approve the sign.

Subcommittee Reports- Tom Lachiusa stated that they are ready to set up a meeting with the Library regarding the agreement to work out the final details and then they will bring them to the Select Board.

*Richard Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Mark Gold seconded the motion. **The vote was 5 in favor and 0 opposed.***

The next Regular Select Board Meeting will be August 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Sullivan

Documents:

Agenda, P. Nassar application, C. Nolan application, Town Manager report, Draft minutes 7/10/2019 special Select Board meeting, 7/15/2019 Select Board regular meeting minutes, Treasurers quart. Report to Select Board, Investment policy quart. Reports, Westcomm Board alternate document, STM Warrant, Block Party applications Eton – Farmington Rd., Block party Ellington, Street closure application, Election worker Appointment lists, Letter to Eversource re: streetlight purchase, Upgrade response to EA comments, FEIR Comments, Plan 7-19-19, New signage Greenwood pdf, Wolf Swamp Project task force, Speak out from Michele Marantz.