

Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Longmeadow High School, Room A15, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA

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

Also Present: Town Manager Stephen Crane, Paul Pasterczyk, Jackie Sullivan, Mario Mazza, Pete Thurber, Dave Prickett, Dave Martel, Michael Clark, Margaret Cohn, Mary Rogeness, Sarah Tetso, Karen DeMarche, Rebecca Townsend, Peter Landon and Marybeth Bergeron, Larry Starr, Arlene Miller, and Liz Bone

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Select Board Chair Mark Gold.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcements:

1. Town Meeting is October 16, 2018 and will take place in the high school auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
2. Early Voting will begin October 22, 2018 and runs through November 2, 2018. The location has been changed to Greenwood Center due to the construction in front of the Community House.
3. The Board of Health is still conducting Flu Clinics, the next one will be October 23, 2018. Check the website for a list of all the dates and times.
4. Reminder; the Charlie Mike 5k run/walk will be Saturday, November 3, 2018.
5. The Town sponsored R.A.D. Self -Defense Course for Women run by the Police Department will begin on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Please register by October 19, 2018.
6. DPW will be continuing hydrant flushing until Friday, October 19, 2018.
7. Williams Street will be closed starting Tuesday, October 16, 2018 for road construction.

Resident Comments:

1. Margaret Cohn, Chair of the Longmeadow Historical Commission read a statement addressed to the Select Board and Town Manager that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has chartered the Longmeadow Historical Commission with planning and implementing programs for identification, evaluation and protection of our community's historic resources. The Historical Commission published a document relating to areas of historical significance in Longmeadow, MA revised in October of 2017, copies of the document were passed out to the Planning Board approximately one year ago and uploaded on to the town website. It was brought to Ms. Cohn's attention that some infrastructure projects have been started in historical areas without notice to the Historical Commission. The repaving project in Colony Acres agreed upon changes to the plan were never communicated with Palmer Paving and they proceeded with the original design. The work on the north end of Longmeadow Street has not started yet they are advising the Board that the Longmeadow Street North Historic District is on the National Register of Historic Places and requires additional review by interested entities, they are asking the Select Board to include the Historical Commission in the planning process.
2. Mary Rogeness spoke about the Charter Review Committee report relative to Storrs Library, which is a public charitable trust. The Charter Review Committee's proposed charter revision relative to Storrs Library seeks to strip the trustees of any management authority over the library. The proposals would make it impossible for the trustees to maintain the library and thereby destroying the library board. Ms. Rogeness would like it noted that Storrs Library is subject by statute to the oversight of the Attorney General's office and charter amendments would need to be approved by that office. The trustees are eager to work with the Town to ensure everyone's needs are met. They are urging the Select Board to reflect on the history and refrain from any action that would improperly divest the trustees of their obligations. The deed was signed in 1990 transferring ownership of the Library building and additional real estate from Storrs.
3. Sarah Tetso, member of the Library Board of trustees would like the Select Board to carefully review the statutes and the original trust documents before making any decisions as to how the Board of Library trustees operate.

4. Karen Demarche owner of Karen and Company spoke regarding Article 11 which will be voted on at Town Meeting, as a small business owner she feels more than six months is needed for a hardship waiver. Mark Gold suggested that she speak at the Town Meeting tomorrow evening, the article is already on the warrant and at this point the Select Board cannot do anything to change it as it is up to the town residents to vote on the article.

Select Board Comments: None

Town Managers Report:

Stephen Crane reported that Williams Street will be closed starting on Tuesday, October 16th for the week, paving will begin the following week, weather permitting. They will be doing curbing and sidewalks into November. Traffic signals will be installed in the spring. Sidewalks are almost completely done.

The DPW project is in a holding pattern still waiting for information from the Department of Environmental Protection, they are awaiting some sampling results. The Adult Center Design Committee had a kick off meeting with the architect, he believes the design will come together quickly. Due to the flooding in the basement of the Community House back in July some of the offices were displaced. Most of the offices have moved back into the Community House. Mr. Crane stated that they do have a great team of employees and the employees that were impacted took it all in stride with very minimal disruption of work. Mr. Crane commended the employees and Paul Pasterczyk. It has prompted a larger conversation about office assignments and locations. There will be a meeting on Thursday on possibly reassigning some rooms. Mr. Crane was asked to join the ERC5 (East of the River Chamber of Commerce), he has decided to try a one-year membership. Mr. Crane and Mr. Pasterczyk have been working with Superintendent Marty O'Shea, Assistant Superintendent Thomas Mazza and DPW director Mario Mazza on exploring the idea of using the accelerated repair program which is offered by the Massachusetts School Building Authority; they have programs that pay a reimbursement rate for boilers, roofs windows and doors. He believes the program is a worthwhile effort and they will continue to look at what their assets are and what is going to need replacement and when they will meet eligibility thresholds. Mr. Crane noted that the monthly reports of the departments are in the package.

Old Business:

1. Finalize Change Order – Richard Foster made a motion to adopt the delegation of Change Order Authority to the Town Manager and the Town of Longmeadow Building Committee as submitted Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion, *the vote was 5 in favor 0 opposed.*

New Business:

1. Discussion with the Town Moderator Rebecca Townsend on the October 16, 2018 Town Meeting:
Ms. Townsend informed the board that there are two articles that require a 2/3rds vote and one article that requires a 9/10ths vote. Ms. Townsend also informed the board that electronic poll pads will be used to check voters in. Eight graders from Williams Middle School will also be in attendance. Rebecca Townsend will step down as moderator for Article 11 and a new moderator will be appointed for Article 11 since a family member helped write the article. Paul Pasterczyk stated that the number in Article 2 has changed.
2. Presentation from the Charter Review Committee:
Dave Martel chair of the Charter Review Committee thanked the Select Board for appointing a strong committee. Mr. Martel also thanked Mr. Crane and Mr. Pasterczyk for their participation. The Charter Review Committee invited all Town Departments and Committees to meet with them for input. None of the changes they are recommending require an election for a Charter Commission. Mr. Martel and Michael Clark, Vice Chair, highlighted on some of the changes they were recommending:
 - Removal of the Town Manager and the Superintendent; would require 4 out of 5 Select Board members rather than a majority and reappointment should be 3 out of 5 Select Board members.
 - Section 5-2B all employees of the town other than those who fall under the jurisdiction of the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, are subject to jurisdiction of the Town Manager including workers at the library. Mr. Martel felt it was important to note that

employees of the Library are town employees and should fall under the jurisdiction of the Town Manager.

- Under section 7-3 sequence of events for consideration of the annual budget, the Town Manager would give the proposed budget to the Finance Committee at the same time that the Select Board receives it.
- With regards to the matter that the Finance Committee, the Capital Planning Committee and the Permanent Building Committee be one, after much debate they decided that they should all be kept separate.

Mr. Martel informed the board that they have provided them with an effective functioning document and hopefully the changes will make the Charter better. Marie Angelides questioned if they dealt with town meeting, Mr. Martel said they did not because the committee felt that the Town Meeting form of government was working. Richard Foster wondered why they did not interview the Select Board Mr. Martel told him there was an invitation to all Town Boards, Richard Foster informed him that he does not remember ever receiving such invitation. Michael Clark responded there was never any intention to not include the Select Board they assumed because the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager were regular participants in the Charter Review Committees deliberations they were partially representing the Select Boards interests as well. Mark Gold questioned the issue of merging the accounting departments, the school has their department and the town has their department, under the current charter it was supposed to have been merged. They are in violation of the charter Mr. Gold feels that either the charter be changed to reflect the current practice or do what the current charter says. Michael Clark noted that what the Charter Review Committee presented are recommendations for the Select Board to decide whether to accept their recommendations. Peter Landon (member of the Charter Review Committee) felt that this might be a good time to look at the form of government, he also believes that the committees and boards could be stronger. Mark Gold would start putting together some discussions with the Select Board to go over the recommendations that the Charter Review Committee has given them.

3. North interceptor update: Dave Prickett of DPC Engineering gave a presentation on some of the options for the project. One of the options (option 2) is to work with the homeowners and get the pipes up and off the slopes which would be the most cost-effective option, the downside is it would cause a lot of easements. Marie Angelides questioned would this be something that would be good for the next 50 years Mr. Prickett said it will make the conditions better long term. Stephen Crane asked if the Select Board would like to endorse any of the options that were presented? *The Select Board unanimously endorses option 2.*

Board/Committee Minutes:

1. Planning Board Minutes – September 12, 2018
2. Tree Committee Minutes – September 27, 2018

There will be a Special Select Board Meeting October 29, 2018 with the School Committee and the Finance Committee.

Mark Gold made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m. and enter into executive session for the purposes of accepting prior meeting minutes and to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel not to return to open session. Police and Fire Chief contracts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Low. Roll call vote: Mr. Foster – Yes, Ms. Angelides – Yes, Mr. Gold – Yes, Mr. Lachiusa – Yes, and Mr. Low – Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Sullivan

Documents:

Agenda – October 15, 2018
Flu Clinic schedule, Hydrant Flushing announcement, RAD Course announcement, Charlie-Mike 5K Run/Walk flyer Early Voting Schedule
Town Manager's Report memo

10/15/18 Regular Meeting
11/5/18 Approved

Eversource Letter dtd September 2018

Williams Street closure map

Audit Committee Work Plan FY19

BOH Report, Building Report, COA Report, DPW Report, Finance Report, Fire Report,

Library Report, Parks and Recreation Report, Police Report, Veteran's Report

Special Town Meeting Warrant 10/16/18

Charter Review Committee Final Report

DPC Engineering Agenda, North Interceptor – Dave Prickett

Planning Board Minutes 9/12/18, Tree Committee Minutes 9/27/18