

Select Board Regular Meeting
Monday, November 5, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Longmeadow High School, Room A15, 535 Bliss Road, Longmeadow, MA

Present: Marie Angelides, Richard Foster, and Thomas Lachus. Mark Gold and William Low were absent.

Also Present: Town Manager Stephen Crane, Paul Pasterczyk, Debbie House, Cheryl Cudnik, Marybeth Bergeron, Richard Joseph, and Steve Dudek

Interviewees: Liz Bone, Andrew Berke, and Jeffrey Welch

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcements:

1. Tuesday, November 6th is election day. Voting will be held at the Community House. The road project is done, line painting (angled) is partially done. There are 4 marked handicapped parking spaces.
2. The town will be receiving an extra \$94,667 in Chapter 90 funds.
3. Bay Path University was named one of the safest universities in the state. Mr. Crane congratulated Bay Path and the Longmeadow Police and Fire Departments.
4. Mr. Foster reminded everyone that one of our own Select Board members is on the election ballot. Ms. Angelides is running for the Hampden County Register of Deeds.
5. The early voting turnout was 25%; Mr. Crane commended the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, and the election workers.
6. The Charlie-Mike Veterans race was held on Saturday. Despite the weather, about 100 runners attended. Proceeds will go to Vet Air, Project New Hope, and the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.

Resident Comments:

1. Richard Joseph, 57 Wheelmeadow Road and Steve Dudek, 136 Grassy Gutter Road would like to build and donate a "wall ball" to the town through booster clubs and donated funds. The cement wall would be 40' wide by 15' high with grass or turf extending approximately 25' on each side. The wall would be located in the back of Russell Field up against the Blueberry Hill woods. The wall would be positioned perpendicular to Bliss Road. Youth soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey support the project as well as the high school Athletic Director, School subcommittee, Town Manager and Building Inspector. A graffiti resistant coating will be put on the wall. The DPW has agreed to monitor the wall from a graffiti standpoint and utilize their equipment to remove any that may occur. The estimated cost of construction and turf is \$50-70,000. The recurring annual cost is approximately \$1,000. The estimated schedule is March – April 2019. Lighting is a possibility, appropriate lighting would cost about \$15-18,000. Turf life is 15-18 years. The next step would be for the Select Board to accept the donation. This topic will be added to the next regular meeting agenda.

Select Board Comments:

1. Mr. Foster would like the Bliss Park vote (mark the deed that this is Park Land) on a future agenda.

Quarterly Board/Committee Interviews:

1. Jeffrey Welch, 19 Allen Road applied for a position on the Recycling Commission. Mr. Welch is new to town. He is interested in recycling and feels it is his civic responsibility.
2. Andrew Berke, 32 Williston Drive applied for a position on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Berke has lived in town for a little over three years and works with a P&R Commissioner who suggested he apply.
3. Elizabeth Bone, 34 Elizabeth Circle applied for a position on the Energy and Sustainability Committee. Ms. Bone was a previous member of the Energy Task Force and is a member of the Recycling Commission as well as a Recycling Coordinator in another town. Ms. Bone would like the term ending in June of 2020.

4. David Morse, 58 Emerson Road did not attend his interview for a position on the Energy and Sustainability Committee.

Town Managers Report:

1. Longmeadow and East Longmeadow have been working on shared public health services.
2. Mr. Crane and the Outreach Coordinator will be speaking at the Greater Springfield Social Services event this week in regards to the "Neighbor to Neighbor" program. Glenmeadow pursued a grant for this program which targets and intervenes in isolation situations.
3. Big Y will hold a Grand Re-Opening of their Longmeadow store on Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Old Business:

1. *Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the October 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed.*
Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the October 15, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Lachiusa seconded the motion. The vote was 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

New Business:

1. Quarterly Investment Report – Town Treasurer Cherly Cudnik attended the meeting to present the quarterly investment report for the period ending September 30, 2018.
The borrowing for the General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan is complete. On August 28th funds were received for the DPW Facility and the Dwight Road Improvement District in the amount of \$23,950,230 (\$22,250,000 bond and \$1,700,230 premium). With these funds we opened a new money market account in the amount of \$7,500,000 with Newburyport Savings Bank that is paying a rate of 2.25%. We moved to our existing account with United Bank \$6,500,000 that is paying a rate of 1.90% and we moved \$2,309,460 to East Boston Savings Bank that is paying a rate of 2.01%. We also paid off the 90-day BAN in the amount of \$4,260,700 for the DPW Facility. Interest accumulating on the bond proceeds will go into the Town's General Fund. For the quarter ending September 30th; interest earned on the bond proceeds was \$23,146.33. Two twelve-month Stabilization CD's matured in August, one with Belmont Savings paying a rate of 1.45% in the amount of \$256,710 and one with Country Bank paying a rate of 1.34% in the amount of \$513,605. The two amounts were combined and put into a twelve-month CD with Belmont Savings Bank in the amount of \$770,315 that is paying a rate of 2.50%. The net increase of \$17,904,309 in cash and investments for the quarter was a result the bond proceeds received.
2. Calendar Year Fees Review – Mr. Crane and Mr. Pasterczyk reviewed the calendar fees with the departments heads and recommend no changes at this point.
3. Senior/Veteran Abatement Policy Review – Reviewed, recommend no changes. The state maximum abatement is \$1500. Longmeadow is at \$900. This program is not exempt from federal taxation; the town pays the social security taxes.
4. Council on Aging Bylaws – Town Counsel reviewed the marked up copy of the bylaws that was included in the meeting packet a while ago. Mr. Pasterczyk brought up some questions on wording. Mr. Pasterczyk will communicate the terminology changes to the COA Board and check back with Town Counsel.
5. Adult Center Supplemental Fundraising – Marybeth Bergeron, 497 Inverness Lane attended the meeting to discuss the Longmeadow Adult Community Center Fund which is in the process of filing for 501 c (3) status. The non-profit organization will raise funds to subsidize the costs of the new Council on Aging Adult Community Center at Greenwood Park. The organization is requesting authorization from the Select Board to grant naming opportunities to donors for various rooms, furniture, patio pavers, etc. Examples of various Senior Centers and their naming plaques were included in the informational packet. Mr. Crane suggested that the Select Board adopt a naming opportunity schedule in whole. Mr. Foster would like this discussed with the whole Select Board and not just the three present. This will be continued at the next meeting on November 19th. Mr. Crane emailed the current naming policy to the Select Board but it doesn't really cover this situation.

Subcommittee Reports: none

The next regular Select Board meeting will be on November 19, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie House

Documents:

Agenda – November 5, 2018
Wall Ball Project Information Packet
Quarterly Board/Committee Interview Schedule
 Applications: Liz Bone, David Morse, Andrew Berke, Jeffrey Welch
Wall Ball Project presentation
Select Board Draft Minutes 10/1/18 and 10/15/18
Quarterly Investment Report and Spreadsheet
Calendar Year Fees Listing
2019 Senior/Veteran Volunteer Abatement Program
Council on Aging Bylaws
Adult Community Center Fund packet
Bd/Comm Minutes: Historical Commission 9/13/18 and 9/26/18, Park Board 9/17/18
Capital Projects Status 9/30/18