



MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6:00P.M.

Council on Aging Media Room, 328 North Main Street

East Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01028

Present: Paul L. Federici, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, William R. Gorman, Chairman, Board of Health, Kevin M. Manley, Clerk of the Board

The Chairman of the Board opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence. Announcements were made in accordance with M.G.L. 30A, §20 (e), and noted that the meeting was being recorded by the Board of Selectmen, East Longmeadow Community Access Television. 22 News began recording before the scheduled Hearing.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Chairman stated that at the last meeting the Chairman Board of Health and the Clerk of the Board were not voted on as well as the Benefits Administration Manager's Liaison.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to keep Selectman Gorman on as Chairman Board of Health and to make Selectman Manley Clerk of the Board. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ASSIGNMENTS

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to appoint Selectman Manley as the Benefits Administration manager Liaison. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC FORUM

6:00 P.M. - John Geraci, 40 Waterman Avenue, re: Unresolved issue

Mr. Geraci mentioned that he has been dealing with the issue for a long period of time having to do with the square footage of his home. Mr. Geraci just wanted resolution and feels that it can be resolved. He stated that he was upset with the Freedom of Speech issue also with regards to a comment that was made by a prominent person involved with the issue. Selectman Federici told Mr. Geraci that he will make sure to follow through and get back to him.

6:05 P.M. – Richard Turnberg, 243 Somers Road, re: Unfinished business

Mr. Turnberg spoke about the allocations, accusation, innuendo's and threats of having investigations over the past several months. Mr. Turnberg said that if any elected officials in

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Public Forum continued

Town make an accusation or allocations they should be held accountable to prove it and to back up what they say and if wrong they should retract what they say. Mr. Turnberg about the Interim Administrator Greg Neffinger. Mr. Turnberg had questions for the Board. Selectman Federici said that the questions asked were water over the bridge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Open Session Minutes: February 19 & 29, 2016

These votes were only for Selectman Federici and Gorman

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the open session minutes of February 19 & 29, 2016. So moved by W. Gorman. P. Federici seconded out of necessity. Motion passed 2-0.

Executive Session Minutes: February 19 & 29, 2016

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the executive session minutes of February 19 & 29, 2016. So moved by W. Gorman. P. Federici seconded out of necessity. Motion passed 2-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

OLD BUSINESS

Warrants

Presentation of Articles: Selectman Federici will present Articles 9, 11 & 13. Selectman Gorman will present Articles 10 & 15; Selectman Manley will present Articles 4, 5 & 6.

Balance of Community Funds

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to take the remaining balance \$328.71 of the Republic funds and give to the Veterans Graves Officer to put towards new veterans wreaths. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Reserve Fund Transfer

The Chairman of the Board stated the purpose of the request for the Reserve Fund Transfer: Warrant inserts for every household plus 200 extra copies to be distributed at Town Meeting, Town Reports for 2015, set up and copies. The expenditures were unforeseen because of the unusual amount of advertising for two Interim Town Administrator's, Police Chief Search and seeking an eligible purchaser for the sale of an LIP house.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$4,274.69. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Donation of POW Flag

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to accept the donation of a POW Flag from Mr. Carpenter, 63 Chestnut Street. So moved by K. Manley. W. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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New business Board of Selectmen

4th of July Parade

The Board of Selectmen will walk at the 4th of July Parade.

Memorial Day

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the recommendation from the ITAMS and American Legion for the Memorial Day Committee Members. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Request from Masonic Temple

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the request from the Masonic Temple for a One Day Liquor License (beer & wine) and Entertainment on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 6:00pm-11:00pm at the Masonic Hall, 43 Chestnut Street. So moved by K. Manley. W. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Request from Rotary Club

Selectman Federici recused himself from the vote because his is affiliated with the Rotary Club.

Motion:

W. Gorman proposed a motion to approve the Rotary Club Summer Concerts 2016, June 29 – August 10, 2016, Temporary Food Service Permits, and rain dates, concerts & Food Service through August 18, 2016. So moved by K. Manley. W. Gorman seconded out of necessity Motion passed 2-0.

Board of Selectmen Meeting schedule

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to move the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 to Wednesday, May 25, 2016. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS

6:30 P.M.

Presentation Republic Services Scholarships

Eric Curtis representative from Republic Services was present for the presentation of the scholarships to Jenna Mazza, \$1,000 recipient, \$500 dollar recipients were Jessica Haywood, Lindsay Manning, Caroline O'Connor, Alexis Oliver, Isabella Sears, Matthew Turnberg and Vanessa Turnberg.

BOARD OF HEALTH

NEW BUSINESS

Funeral Directors License

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the Funeral Directors License for Frank A. Forastiere

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New business Board of Health continued

Forastiere-Smith Funeral Home, 220 North Main Street for year ending April 30, 2017. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board noted the re-organization of the following Boards: School Committee, Planning, Board of Public Works and Board of Assessors.

MEETINGS/INVITATIONS/REMINDERS

The Clerk of the Board read into the record the meetings/invitations/reminders.

Board of Selectmen Meeting, Mon. May 16, 2016 at 6pm (before the Annual Town Meeting)
East Longmeadow High School, Conference Room C-3, 180 Maple St.

Annual Town Meeting, Mon. May 16, 2016 at 7pm East Longmeadow High School Auditorium,
180 Maple St.

Town Offices closed, Mon., May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion for a five minute recess. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

7:15 P.M. – Paul Morrisette, Fire Chief
Resignation of Call Firefighter

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to reluctantly accept the resignation of Kevin Relihan, Call Firefighter. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Captain David Villamaino

The Fire Chief spoke about Captain David Villamaino, Senior Captain of the Call Firefighter Department and his 35 years of service. A Citation from the Board will be given to Captain Villamaino in recognition of his 35 years of service.

Request to designate Michael Minahan as Training Officer

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to designate Michael Minahan as Training Officer for the East Longmeadow Fire Department per the contract. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Request to designate Matthew Turowski

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to designate Matthew Turowski as Mechanic for the East Longmeadow Fire Department. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed. 3-0.

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Appointment Fire Chief continued

Ambulance Contract

The Ambulance Contract expires June 30, 2016. Selectman Federici briefed the Board that he had discussion with Dennis Murphy, AMR Town liaison relating that because of the new government change the Town of East Longmeadow is not in a position to enter into a new three year contract. Mr. Murphy said that there is a one year extension available in the current contract. Selectman Federici said that he had spoken with Eric Madison and it would be ok with the Charter Commission. The Fire Chief suggested extending for six months and have the new Town Manager and the Charter get involved. The Fire Chief said that some of the language should be reviewed. Selectman Federici will have discussion with Hampden and talk about a six month extension and report back to the Board.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion for a two minute recess. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

HEARING

7:00 P.M. – Liquor License Hearing, Application to sell Alcoholic Beverages, Wine & Malt as a Common Victulaer, Green Wich East Longmeadow LLC, Green Wich at 14 Maple Street. The Chairman of the Board opened the Hearing. The Clerk of the Board read the Hearing notice into the record.

Present for the Hearing was Harold Cromwell, Manager, and Vladimir Sinigur, Substitute Manager. Mr. Cromwell gave a brief overview of the business (salads and sandwiches). Mr. Cromwell told the Board that he operates other fast food restaurants. He also mentioned that all other Department approvals are in place. Selectman Federici asked if anyone in the audience would like to give their comments. John Moyland's concern was with parking and that it could bring an undue hardship on other businesses. Mr. Cromwell said that there is less seating (4 or 5) than the previous business (Boston Market) and that this was discussed at great lengths with the Planning Board.

Motion:

Liquor License

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the application to sell alcoholic beverages wine & malt as a Common Victualer, Green Wich East Longmeadow LLC, Green Wich at 14 Maple Street. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion:

Substitute Manager

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the Substitute Manager, Vladimir Sinigur. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion:

Common Victualer License

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the Common Victualer License. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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Liquor license hearing continued

Motion:

Food Service/Retail Food

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the Food Service/Retail Food License. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion:

Milk & Cream License

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the Milk & Cream License. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Motion:

Hours of Operation

P. Federici proposed a motion to approve the hours of operation, Monday through Sunday 10:00am-10:00pm. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

7:30 P.M. – Jeffrey Dalessio, Police Chief

Update Police Department

The Police Chief gave a brief update on the Department, reorganizing staff, new assignments all staff are staying positive. There are a few issues that have to be addressed.

Discussion on hiring

The Police Chief handed out paperwork with regards to what was budgeted. The Chief said that as of July 1 they will be down to 5 Sergeants and 17 patrolmen totaling 22, there is a shortage. Selectman Federici said that it was his belief that in a meeting with Appropriations the Board was instructed that they could hire up to three officers, either a lateral or through the Police Academy. Selectman Federici will verify this. There was further discussion regarding laterals. The date of the start of the Academy is November 7. Selectman Gorman asked who was the director at the Academy because of issues in the past. The Chief will look into it.

Discussion on promotion

The Chief said that they could hire within the Department but come July 1st they will be down one Sergeant. Selectman Federici will check with the Charter to see if it would be allowed to hire laterals before July 1st.

Designate authority to Police Chief

P. Federici proposed a motion to designate authority to the Police Chief to access the Civil Service Web Site. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

TOWN COUNSEL

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal T-Mobile renting property at the Pine Knoll Recreation area

Town Counsel said that under the existing Zoning By-laws this is not allowed in that area because it is a residential A zoning district. There was further discussion by Town Counsel. The Board will go with the Planning Board's response regarding the request. Town Counsel will draft a letter if the Board directs him.

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Old business Town Counsel

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to have Town Counsel draft a letter to T-Mobile explaining that there is no interest in having a cell tower on Pine Knoll's property. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

T-Mobile Lease Renewal

The ten year Lease expires the end of June. Town Counsel said that he had discussion with Interim Town Administrator Greg Moyer that an RFP needs to be put together and go out to solicit bids. Town Counsel said that there is not enough time to do this before June. Town Counsel discussed start working on an RFP and have the new Manager handle it. Town Counsel will draft a letter to T-Mobile stating what was discussed.

Interim Town Administrator
This item was not discussed.

Building Department position

Selectman Manley told the Board that the Building Commissioner gave him the job description. Selectman Federici will check with someone on the Charter Commission to see if there would be a problem with sending out the ad for a new Building Inspector. The Board will review the building material that was submitted by the Commissioner.

Old Fire Station Lease

It was the understanding of the Board that they told the Jaycees they had the building in December. Town Counsel said that he thought that was the understanding and that there was a letter from the Jaycees that it was their understanding as well. Town Counsel said that however there was an issue with the lease when Interim Greg Moyer was here and then it was carried over to Interim Greg Neffinger. Town Counsel said that in a letter from the Jaycees they said that they never received the lease. Town Counsel said that it was his belief that there was an issue making sure that other departments didn't want it and an issue about what the rental was going to be and to make the building surplus property. Town Counsel had discussion that a new government will be coming in shortly and suggested that it would make more sense to have the Jaycees use the building for storage and the Board will recommend to the new manager that they honor the agreement that the Board made; don't feel it makes sense to go forward. Selectman Federici will ask the Charter if the Board would be allowed to give a license to the Jaycees to use the Old Fire Station during the Carnival time period. Tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Unreturned equipment

Town Counsel said that a number of items have been returned as of today and the balance of the items are in the mail. Town Counsel said to hold off until the next meeting to make sure all is returned.

Town Counsel also suggested with regards to other town equipment from another individual that hasn't been returned yet to hold off and giving the individual one final request to return the items. Selectman Manley was not in favor of waiting anymore enough chances were given.

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New business Town Counsel continued

Town Counsel will work with the IT Director to send out a demand to return the items by May 23rd.

Motion:

P. Federici proposed a motion to enter into executive session to discuss matters of union collective bargaining because to do in open session may be detrimental to the Town, to return to open session only to adjourn. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote. Selectman Manley, yes. Selectman Gorman, yes. Selectman Federici, yes.

Motion:

P. Proposed a motion to adjourn. So moved by W. Gorman. K. Manley seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorraine Banspach, Assistant Executive Secretary.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ON TUESDAY,
JUNE 21, 2016.

Kevin M. Manley, Clerk of the Board