



MINUTES

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Council on Aging Auditorium and Media Room, 328 North Main Street
East Longmeadow, Massachusetts 01028

Present: Angela Thorpe, Chairman, Board of Selectmen, William R. Gorman, Chairman, Board of Health, Paul L. Federici, Clerk of the Board. Greg Neffinger, Interim Town Administrator was not present for the meeting.

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, Chris Goudreau, The Reminder, Channel 22 News, Western Mass News, Sean Teehan, The Republican

PUBLIC FORUM

6:00 P.M. – Richard Turnberg, 243 Somers Road, re: Unfinished business

Mr. Turnberg spoke about following the issue from the beginning regarding Selectman Gorman, Selectman Thorpe, Greg Neffinger and the Police Chief search in favor of Dan O'Brien and his (Mr. O'Brien) interview and gave his opinion. Mr. Turnberg had questions for the Board. Selectman Thorpe told Mr. Turnberg that this was not a question and answer session.

6:05 P.M. – Rocco Carabetta, 16 Redstone Drive, re: Oath of Office & Appropriations Letter

Mr. Carabetta had questions for Selectmen Gorman and Thorpe regarding the oath of office they took and at a previous meeting where two motions were passed one to appoint a new Chief and one to give the Interim Administrator a three year contract. Mr. Carabetta asked why the two motions were in the best interest of the Town because potentially the motions could cost the Town a substantial amount of money. Selectman Gorman said that there is no contract Mrs. Thorpe is doing the contract. Selectman Gorman asked Mr. Carabetta to explain it to him why it will cost the Town money. There was some discussion on hiring police officers. Appropriations letter was not addressed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Open Session Minutes: June 3,9,25, 2015; July 7,28, 2015; August 4, 18, 2015; September 8,15,22, 2015; February 2,5,16, 2016.

Motion:

A. Thorpe entertained a motion to accept the minutes of February 2, 5 & 16, 2016 with corrections. So moved by P. Federici. W. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 3-0. The other minutes on the Agenda were tabled.

Executive Session Minutes: June 3,9,25, 2015; July 7, 28, 2015; August 4,8, 2015;

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Approval of minutes continued

September 8, 22, 2015; February 2,5, 2016.

Motion:

A. Thorpe entertained a motion to accept the executive session minutes of February 2,5, 2016.
So moved by P. Federici. W. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OLD BUSINESS

Old Fire Station

Selectman Thorpe reported that it has been vetted. Negotiation will be held with the Jaycees and the contract will be forthcoming.

Community Funds - Proposals

Selectman Gorman left the discussion due to a conflict of interest. Selectman Thorpe stated that originally there was to be one scholarship for \$1,000 and four for \$500. Eight people applied and were all good videos. Selectman Thorpe wanted to give all candidates a scholarship.

Motion:

A. Thorpe proposed a motion for one scholarship for \$1,000 and seven for \$500, totaling \$4,500. So moved by P. Federici. A. Thorpe seconded out of necessity. Motion passed 2-0.
Selectman Gorman returned to the meeting.

Selectman Thorpe said that money has been given in the past to the First Congregational Church to help defray the cost of their monthly gathering "Friday on the Rotary". Selectman Thorpe asked to give \$600 for the Birchland Park Students, which comes out to \$1 per student to help with the cost.

Motion: A. Thorpe entertained a motion to give the First Congregational Church \$600 for their monthly gathering "Friday on the Rotary". So moved by P. Federici. W. Gorman seconded
Motion passed 3-0.

Brown Property

This item was tabled.

Elmcrest Country Club Waiver

The waiver was signed.

Town Administrator Updates

No updates, the Interim Town Administrator was not present for the meeting.

Warrants

This item was tabled

TOWN COUNSEL
OLD BUSINESS

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Town Counsel continued

Collective Bargaining: TEU
This item will be in executive session.

MEETINGS/INVITATIONS/REMINDERS

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

Board of Selectmen Meeting, Mon., April 11, 2016 at 6pm COA Auditorium and Conference Rm. 328 North Main St.

Board of Selectmen Meeting, Wed., April 13, 2016 at 6pm at the COA Media Rm. 328 North Main St.

Annual Town Elections, Tue., April 12, 2016 at Birchland Park Middle School, 7am-8pm

Town Offices closed Mon., April 18, 2016 in observance of Patriots' Day.

Drug Take Back Day, Sat., April 30, 2016 from 10am-2pm at the East Longmeadow Police Station, 160 Somers Rd.

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.

Motion:

Thorpe entertained a motion to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining, TEU because to discuss in open session would be detrimental to the process only to return to open session only to adjourn. So moved by P. Federici. W. Gorman seconded. Motion passed 3-0 by roll call vote. Selectman Gorman, yes. Selectman Federici, yes. Selectman Thorpe, yes.

Motion:

A. Thopre entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved by P. Federici. W. Gorman seconded Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lorraine Banspach, Assistant Executive Secretary.

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING OF WEDNESDAY,
MAY 25, 2016

Paul L. Federici, Clerk of the Board