

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 8, 2006

Present: Ch. Patricia D. Carlino, Frank A. Consolati, Gordon D. Bailey, Board of Selectmen
Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator
Ch. Carlino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** July 25, 2006

2. **Public Hearings:** None

3. **General Business:**

Herby Heath came before the Board seeking a one day malt beverages only license for the Firemen's Muster to be held on Sunday, Sept. 3rd at 1:00 PM. The muster will take place at the athletic field on Housatonic Street. He also asked, if it should rain, could they have a rain date of Monday, Sept. 4th, the Labor Day holiday. The Board said if the fire company can work out the details, they had no problem with a rain date. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the application for a one day malt only license for Sept. 3rd with a rain date of Sept. 4th.

The Board received an amendment to the agreement to purchase two ambulances from Yankee Fire & Rescue, Inc. The trade-in vehicles were listed in reserve order on the original agreement. The Board voted, unanimously, to sign the amendment.

Mr. Nason told the Board that two more people had volunteered to become members of the newly created Water Source Protection Committee. They are Jan Keglger of the Lee Land Trust and Thomas M. Garrity, an abutter. Mr. Nason said there are now ten members and they will be meeting tomorrow night at 5:30 PM. The Board voted, unanimously, to make the appointments.

The Board discussed the engineering agreement with Fuss and O'Neill for repairs to Tyringham Road. There are still some details that have to be worked out so the Board agreed to table this matter until their next meeting.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign a warrant for the up-coming state primary election on September 19, 2006.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a permit from Berkshire Gas Co. to retire service at the corner of Fairview and W. Park Streets.

The Board voted, unanimously, to reappoint Linda Cysz to the Sandy Beach Committee.

4. **Pending Business:**

Planning Board meeting – Aug. 21st @ 6:15 PM – John and Lisa Kelley
ZBA hearing – Aug. 23rd @ 7:00 PM – AJT Realty Trust

Ch. Carlino read a letter from Deidre Consolati stating that she and the police chief are working to solve the parking problems at the road to Sandy Beach. She will come before the Board when they have a solution.

Ch. Carlino read a letter from Tara Jones, EMT, regarding a grant the town received for the child passenger seat program. Ms. Jones applied for and received a \$4,300 grant from the Mass. Governor's Highway Safety Bureau. This will allow the town to purchase child passenger seats from infant rear having seats to booster seats. A fitting station will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 12 PM to 2 PM for residents to come and have their seats inspected. If they are deemed damaged or inappropriate for the size of the child, a new one will be provided free of charge. The Board once again thanked Ms. Jones for her efforts on behalf of the town.

The Board received a letter from Fred and Wendy Lampro of South Lee in which a man exhibited inappropriate behavior in front of their three daughters at the Lee Sandy Beach. Ch. Carlino said the Board will follow up on this matter.

5. **Town Administrator:**

Mr. Nason stated that the DEP recommends two or more designated signators to sign the requisitions for the SRF loan for the wastewater treatment plant project. The town must pay the contractor within 15 days of the approval of the application of payment or interest will be charged. Accordingly, the SRF payment requisition must be submitted as soon as the contractor's

payment request is approved. After discussion, Ch. Carlino designated both Selectman Consolati and Selectman Bailey as signators. The Board voted, unanimously, that any Selectman can sign these requisitions.

Mr. Nason and the Board discussed a date for the groundbreaking ceremony at the wastewater treatment plant. The date and time of August 22nd at 10 AM was agreed upon.

Mr. Nason announced that the Downtown Task Force will be meeting on Aug. 10th at 6:00 PM at the Airolodi Building beginning with a tour of the downtown corridor and ending back at the Airolodi Building for a more formal meeting.

Mr. Nason received a letter from Metcalf & Eddy regarding their Phase II repairs for long-term slope stabilization and maintenance to the slope that failed on Reservoir Road. Metcalf & Eddy's proposed project would cost the town between \$610,000 and \$815,000. Selectman Consolati stated he did not think it needs to be done. The slope seems to be holding with the work that was done. Mr. Nason said the State's opinion was that once the infiltrators were removed, it would eliminate the problem although they gave no written guarantee to that fact. Selectman Bailey suggested keeping track of the slope for now and take no action at this time. After discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to take the letter under advisement.

Mr. Nason was pleased to announced that the Mass. Dept. of Housing & Community Development awarded a FY06 Community Development Fund I grant in the amount of up to \$1,200,000 to the Town of Lanesborough on behalf of Lanesborough, Florida, Hinsdale, Lee and Savoy. This is a home improvement grant similar to the one the town received several years ago. The grant was written by Berkshire Housing Development Corp. as was the previous one the town received. The funding will be used to improve four houses at \$35,000 each and one at up to \$45,000. Berkshire Housing will be working on the backlog of previous application but will be coming to Lee to take additional applications.

Mr. Nason and the Board next discussed office space in Town Hall. Mr. Nason said he has not completed a study because the Building Inspector was on vacation and he was not able to get a cost for IT service at the Airolodi Building. He said, however, that all the information should be available for the next Selectmen's meeting with the exception of the IT costs. There was discussion on how to get the IT problems solved and the cost of moving the DPW office to the Airolodi Building. There was discussion on utilizing the DPW staff to move the office and whether a special town meeting would be necessary to appropriate funds for the move. This matter will be discussed again at the next Selectmen's meeting

- 6. Public Comments:** Selectman Consolati noted that the trains using the track going through town seemed to be moving much faster than before. He wondered if there had been improvements made to the tracks. Mr. Nason said he would call the Housatonic Railroad to find out. Ch. Carlino suggested asking the Police Chief to make the call.

Selectman Bailey stated that the MPO committee he is on is now seriously looking for a representative from Lee for their Transportation Advisory Committee. He said that it is important that Lee be represented because it involves regional transportation issues. Ch. Carlino said she would attend the next meeting to see what is involved. Discussion on committee vacancies.

7. Motion to adjourn:

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Alderman, Selectmen's Secretary

cc:	Board of Selectmen	Principal Assessor	Dept. of Public Works
	Town Administrator	Board of Health	Town Treasurer
	Town Clerk	Conservation Commission	Town Reps. District Chairmen
	Town Collector	Police Chief	Superintendent of Schools
	Planning Board	Building Inspector	Town Accountant