

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 28, 2006

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

1. Approval of Minutes: None

2. Public Hearings: 7:00 PM – Special Permit – Thomas and Barbara Garrity – 220 Bradley Street (continued from Nov. 14, 2006) – Ch. Carlino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present: Atty. Don Hunter, representing the Garrity's, Shawn Mulholland and Thomas Garrity, Jr. Atty. Hunter had earlier left revised site plans showing topography, all trees marked for removal, original signature on all plans, lighting, the size of the sign and where it will go, where the blacktop will go and a reduction in the size of the parking lot by one-third. Atty. Hunter also provided the Board with a copy of a fire flow test showing a more than sufficient flow of water. Landscaping on the north side will be to shield abutters with six foot arborvitae trees planted six feet apart. Selectman Bailey asked about water sheeting off the driveway onto East Street. He also suggested the fence between the interior units having a "T" on the end of it for more privacy. Ch. Carlino suggested more screening around the dumpster. The hearing was opened to the public. Richard Wescott of 246 Bradley Street reiterated his belief that the building was not in harmony with the neighborhood. Joseph Delmolino of 258 Bradley Street was still concerned about traffic and safety. A copy of the site plan will be forwarded to the Traffic Commission. Mrs. Wescott was concerned about water going into a swale. There has been flooding in the past. She was told that issue would be taken up by the Conservation Commission if the Selectmen grant the special permit. Deidre Consolati stated she felt the house should be restored. Atty. Hunter said that was the intent of the Garritys in the beginning but it cannot be done. Selectman Bailey recommended the revised plans be given to other boards to look at and continue the hearing until the next Selectmen's meeting on December 12th. The Board voted, unanimously, to continue the public hearing to December 12th at 7 PM.

3. General Business:

At the recommendation of David Parker, IT Trainer, the Board voted, unanimously, to award and sign a contract with SoftRight Sumaria in the amount of \$23,860 to provide software and associated start-up and support service for the Collector's office.

At the recommendation of the DPW, the Board voted, unanimously, to award and sign a contract with J. Donovan & Sons to provide the town with sand for the 2006 – 2007 winter season at a cost of \$13.25 per ton, delivered.

The Board received letters from three individuals interested in becoming members of the Agricultural Commission. They are Mary Brittain, Brian Stone and Elizabeth Leahey. All are extremely qualified. Selectman Bailey suggested appointed Mary Brittain and Brian Stone for a term of three years and Elizabeth Leahey for a term of two years. The Board voted, unanimously, to appoint the three for the terms suggested by Selectman Bailey.

Mr. Nason stated that the Building Inspector had withdrawn his request to use a surplus DPW pickup truck for traveling to inspections. If the Selectmen give their permission, the truck will when be put on a disposition list and put out to bid. The Selectmen will then award the vehicle to the highest bidder. The Board voted, unanimously, to proceed with the disposition of the truck.

The Board received a letter from Robert Hogencamp asking them to waive the town's right of first refusal on a piece of property he owns that is in Chapter 61, forest land tax lien. Ch. Carlino disclosed that she is the first cousin of Robert Carty, who is looking to purchase a piece of the land in Chapter 61 from Mr. Hogencamp. Mr. Hogencamp is looking to sell Robert and Roxine Carty 1.38 acres of land at a purchase price of \$15,000. After a brief discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to waive the town's right of first refusal to purchase the land.

Mr. Nason informed the Board that he has spoken with every member of the Elderly Taxation Committee and they have agreed to consider requests to abate ambulance service fees. The Board discussed how much power this committee should have and that there should be guidelines used to determine who would be eligible. Mr. Nason said there is only one outstanding case and in the past one person made the determination. The Board suggested taking care of this one case and look for a model that would provide general guidelines.

The Board received a memo from Susan Kelley, Treasurer, asking the Board to sign a permanent bond and closing certificate for the wastewater treatment plant project. The Board voted, unanimously, to sign the documents.

The Board received a letter from School Supt. Jason McCandless recommending two appointments to the School Building Commission. Selectman Consolati recused himself. Mr. McCandless recommended Dr. Thomas Consolati and Gary Wellington as members. Upon motion by Selectman Bailey, seconded by Ch. Carlino, the Board approved the appointments.

4. Pending Business:

The Planning Board will host a training session on special permits and variances on Dec. 6th at 6 PM at the library.

A state aid for education workshop will be held on Nov. 30th at 4 PM and 5:30 PM at the Lee Middle and High School.

The Board received an e-mail from Jamie Cahillane of the Center for Ecological Technology stating the town received a grant from the DEP in the amount of \$1,627 to purchase 25 water conservation kits, 100 junk mail reduction kits, 2 public space recycling containers and 45 rain barrel discount rain vouchers.

5. Town Administrator:

At the recommendation of Dennis Kelly, DPW Asst. Supt., and Lisa Breault, Ambulance Director, Mr. Nason will appoint Mark Brooks as Custodian/EMT with the Selectmen’s approval. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment.

At the recommendation of Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., and Dennis Kelly, Mr. Nason will appoint Christian Daoust as seasonal truck driver/laborer. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment.

Mr. Nason informed the Board that he received correspondence from Thomas Webb who is managing a home improvement grant awarded by the Dept. of Housing and Community Development. Mr. Webb states that, to date, there have been no applications filled out by Lee residents. There are funds available to rehabilitate four units at \$35,000 and one unit at \$45,000. Ch. Carlino urged anyone interested to contact the Selectmen’s office for more details.

6. Public Comments:

Deidre Consolati came before the Board to say she felt signs in the middle of the crosswalks might make them more visible. She informed the Board that she recently went on a site visit at the Lee Travel Plaza and a Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) meeting regarding the proposed redevelopment. One of the issues was the waiving of an environmental impact study asked for by F.L. Roberts, owner of the property. Ms. Consolati asked the Selectmen to recommend against the waiver. As the Board had not received a BRPC draft recommendation, they would not vote on the matter but would schedule a special meeting to do so after they have received information from BRPC. The Board voted, unanimously, to meet on Dec. 6th at 4:30 PM.

Selectmen Consolati said he has received numerous calls regarding the crosswalks on Park Street. Where it’s two lanes, one car will stop and the one behind it will swerve around the stopped vehicle. The Board discussed ways to improve safety and felt a stronger police presence may help.

7. Motion to adjourn:

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 12 , 2006 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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