

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 11, 2006

Present: Frank A. Consolati, Chairman, Gordon D. Bailey, Patricia D. Carlino, Board of Selectmen  
Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator

Ch. Consolati called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**1. Approval of Minutes:** March 28, 2006

**2. Public Hearings:** None

**3. General Business:**

The Board received a memo from Susan Kelley, Treasurer, listing health insurance plans for FY07 recommended by the Insurance Advisory Committee. The Board voted, unanimously, to endorse the recommendation.

The Board received a copy of a press release from the Center for Ecological Technology stating that because of a grant the town received from Mass. DEP, the town will receive discount vouchers for 20 rain barrels. The town will also receive 50 water conservation kits. The rain barrel vouchers will be available at the Tri-Town Health Department on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from Noon to 2 PM. The water conservation kits will be available at the DPW office.

The Board received a letter from Peter Biasin stating he was resigning from the Cemetery Committee. The Board thanked him for his years of service and accepted his resignation with regret.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a temporary sign permit from the Lee Elementary PTO to announce their Family Fun Fair on May 20, 2006.

The Board received a contract from the Mass. Emergency Management Agency to fund road repairs caused by the October, 2005 rain storm. Selectman Bailey recused himself. This first payment will repair five roads. A second reimbursement is anticipated to dredge Vanetti Reservoir and the use of fire trucks. The town is also anticipating funds to restore Reservoir Road. The Board voted, unanimously, to sign the contract. Selectman Bailey returned to the meeting.

The Board received a letter from Matthew Carty expressing his desire to become an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Board voted, unanimously, to make this appointment.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a temporary sign permit for Jazzy Sadie's at Prime Outlets.

Martin Deely and Tony Caropreso, Planning Board member and chairman respectively, came in to give a brief explanation of the proposed changes in the zoning by-laws regarding Columbia Street and adult entertainment. Columbia Street would be changed from an I zone to an R-20 zone. The adult entertainment by-law was composed by the town's consultant from a number of towns and cities that had such a by-law approved by the Attorney General's office. Only industrial zones will be considered and severe restrictions will apply. The Board thanked them for coming in.

Mr. Nason asked the Board to approve the appointments he must make at this time of the year in accordance with Mass. General Laws. They were Doug Mann, Veterans' Agent, Gerry Cahalan, Sealer of Weights and Measures, and Cindy Belair, Animal Control Officer. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointments.

The Selectmen must appoint a Sign Officer in accordance with the town's by-laws. Inasmuch as the Board designated Donald Torrica, Building Inspector, to serve on April 25, 2005, he asked that they re-designate him. The Board voted, unanimously, to re-designate Donald Torrico as Sign Officer.

**4. Pending Business:**

The Chairman announced the following meeting dates:

ZBA hearing – April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM – Kiwanis Club of Lee

Planning Board hearing May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:15 PM – Erskine Park; May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:15 PM – Columbia St. zoning amendment; May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 PM – Adult entertainment by-law

**5. Town Administrator:**

With John Graziano, Chairman of the Finance Committee present, Mr. Nason went over the articles for the annual town meeting. Mr. Nason explained that the House Ways and Means Committee has proposed a \$140,000 cut in Ch. 70 funds. This would drastically reduce the net increase of state aid and put the town over the limits of Prop. 2 ½. Mr. Nason said that all departments had worked very hard to keep the town under the levy limit and had accomplished that goal. Now, everything has changed. We need to contact our state representative and urge him to act on the town's behalf to at least restore this funding. The Board received memo from the Town Administrator in Richmond asking to town to join in a mutual aid agreement for emergency personnel in case of a disaster. Selectman Bailey stated that being in Mississippi after the Katrina and Rita hurricanes, he saw first hand how difficult it was to coordinate local emergency personnel. He would like to have this put on the annual town meeting warrant. The Board voted, unanimously, to put this on the annual town meeting warrant.

6. **Public Comments:** The Board announced the baby town meeting date of April 20<sup>th</sup>, the annual town meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the annual town election on May 15<sup>th</sup>. They also asked their secretary of contact CTSB TV to televise the baby town meeting.
7. **Motion to adjourn:**  
Their next regular meeting will be Tuesday, , April 25, 2006 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Alderman, Selectmen's Secretary

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| 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              |