

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 27, 2007

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** none

2. **Public Hearings:** None

3. **General Business:**

Phil Smith, Lee Chamber Director, came before the Board to ask that they grant a temporary sign permit for Jacob's Pillow. It is their 75th anniversary and they would like to place signs on street lights from Center Street to the turnpike exit. Mr. Smith said the chamber has had an excellent year and it has signed up 37 new members. The chamber is now targeting large cultural venues. Jacob's Pillow has a long history with the town. Ruth Dinnerman came before the Board and gave a brief history of Jacob's Pillow. It is the oldest and longest running dance festival in the country. Ms. Dinnerman is asking to put 20 signs on street lights that will be up from June through the end of August. The signs will promote both the Pillow and the Lee Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Dinnerman was told that in order to place signs on Park and Housatonic Streets, the state would have to give its permission. Mr. Nason will look into this. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the temporary sign permit. The Board voted, unanimously, to waive the fee for the permit.

Rich Vinette, Lee CDC Executive Director, came before the Board to ask for support for an application for a downtown technical assistance grant in the amount of \$6,000. A professional planner and the Dept. of Housing and Community Development will look at what it will take to redevelop the Bookless Block on Main Street. The Board voted, unanimously, to support the grant application. Mr. Vinette told the Board that Mr. Nason had discovered a way to use unused CDBG grant funding to do a study of the downtown corridor to determine areas of slum and blight. Every building would be inspected. This study would be done by the Building Inspector, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Lee CDC. This would make the town eligible for federal funding for ten years.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Change Order #2 for the wastewater treatment plant project in the amount of \$20,573.49.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Change Order #1 for the new trailer recently purchased by the fire department in the amount of \$200.00.

The Board next addressed two issues involving cable television. The first was a letter from Malcolm Chisholm, President of the Five Town Cable Advisory Committee, to Time Warner Cable regarding complying with the terms of the existing License Agreement it took over when it purchased Adelphia Communications. The next was an issue regarding Time Warner Cable paying CTSB, the local public cable television access provider, through the town rather than directly. The Board voted, unanimously, to authorize Time Warner to pay the town's public education and government (PEG) access payment directly to CTSB.

4. **Pending Business:**

Planning Board meeting April 16, 2007 @ 6:45 PM – Planning Board fees

5. **Town Administrator:**

Mr. Nason explained that in the Building Inspector's Clerk's absence due to vacation, Mr. Nason appointed Glenda Anderson for nine hours during the week she was away. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment.

The Board received a citizen's petition to place an article on the annual town meeting warrant. It asked that a certain parcel of land have its zoning designation changed. After discussion the Board voted, unanimously, to forward the petition to the Planning Board for their consideration.

6. **Public Comments:** None

7. **Motion to adjourn:**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 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