

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 24, 2007

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:** April 10, 2007, Executive Session April 10, 2007

2. **Public Hearings:** None

3. **General Business:**

Richard Vinette, Executive Director, Lee Community Development Corp., came before the Board to discuss a study that will be conducted by the Berk. Regional Planning Commission to determine whether the town is eligible for federal funding to revitalize the downtown. Mr. Vinette said that this agreement is subject to final approval from the Dept. of Housing and Community Development. The funding source would be \$10,000 from a Community Development Block Grant that was used for a similar purpose. Selectman Bailey asked Mr. Vinette about a GIS analysis that will be done and if the town will have access to it. Mr. Vinette said it would be the property of the town. After further discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the agreement.

Tom Finnegan came before the Board to ask that they approve a Temporary Sign Permit Application for St. Mary's Church. The parish will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The banner will be up from Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> until the Monday after Founders' Weekend. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the temporary sign permit.

Also with regard to St. Mary's Church, the Board received a separate request for a one day wine and malt and an entertainment license for an "Italian Night" dinner on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 10 PM. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve both applications.

The Board voted, unanimously, to appoint Donald Torrico, Inspector of Buildings and Code Enforcement Officer, as the town's sign by-law enforcer.

The Board received an agreement with Mercy Medical Center to provide EMT training for the Lee Ambulance Squad. Town Counsel had not yet reviewed this document as to form. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the agreement subject to Town Counsel's review.

At the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee, the Board voted, unanimously, to appoint Bruce Forbes as a full-time member.

The Board next discussed the warrant articles for the special and annual town meetings. These warrants will be posted tomorrow. After a brief discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve and sign the special town meeting warrant. Next was discussion on Article 57, Flexible Development Zoning By-law. The Board discussed whether or not it should be the Selectmen, not the Planning Board, who approve any special permits because it could involve multiple dwellings. The Board asked Mr. Nason if he would check with Town Counsel to see if this change would be considered substantial. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the annual town meeting warrant with the exception of Article 57.

4. **Pending Business:**

Planning Board meeting – May 14, 2007 @ 6:15 PM – Thomas Garrity

The Board received a letter from the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility awarding the MRF Advisory Board Outstanding Recycler of the Year. The Board acknowledged Monica Ryan, Christopher McDermott and Ann Sterlin, Recycling Committee, who were present and thanked them for their outstanding work.

The Board received communications from Malcolm Chisholm, Chairman, Five Town Cable Advisory Committee, regarding a residence on Antelope Drive who finally received cable hook-up at the normal installation charge. However, Time Warner Cable is still disputing language in its agreement with the town over charges for installation.

The Board acknowledged the efforts of the Mass. Rural Water Association and the Source Water Protection Plan Steering Committee for producing a Lee Source Water Protection Plan. This document is available in the Selectmen's office and on line at [www.lee.ma.us](http://www.lee.ma.us).

**5. Town Administrator:**

Mr. Nason stated that every year he must appoint the Veterans' Agent, Sealer of Weights and Measures and the Annual Control Officer, subject to the Selectmen's approval. The appointees involved are Doug Mann, Gerry Cahalan and Cindy Belair, respectively. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointments.

**6. Public Comments:** Selectman Consolati stated that he had six people in one week comment on how fast the trains were going through town. Their speed has increased because of new tracks. Mr. Nason will ask the police chief to check on the speed.

**7. Motion to adjourn:**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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