

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – JULY 17, 2007

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** July 3, 2007, July 12, 2007

2. **Public Hearings:** None

3. **General Business:**

Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., was present to address any questions the Board may have for three items on the agenda. The first was C.H. Nickerson & Co. Change Order #3 in the amount of \$78,389.21. This was for various small items. Mr. Nason stated the the Wastewater Treatment Plant Oversight Committee recommended approval of this Change Order. After a brief discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Change Order #3.

The next item was an agreement with Mass. Consulting Services for field testing and laboratory services. The original agreement was insufficient to cover the cost of the entire project and the amount needed exceeded the limits of MGL Ch. 30B. Therefore, Mr. Pompei had to rebid the project and, again, Mass. Consulting Services was the low bidder. The additional amount needed was \$10,000. The Wastewater Treatment Oversight Committee recommended approval of this agreement. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the agreement.

The Town received funding from the Mass. Underground Storage Tank Program in the amount of \$2,500 to remove an oil tank at the sewer pumping station. This funding represents half of the actual cost of removing the tank. After a brief discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to sign the Mass. Standard Contract for the funds.

Mr. Pompei next informed the Selectmen that the Board of Public Works has adopted new rules for delinquent bills of water and sewer users approved by Town Counsel. A letter went out giving these users 30 days to reply to the Collector's office. If no payment is received, or a payment arrangement put in place, the next letter will inform the users that their water will be shut off.

Recalling that the Principal Assessor had not completed the state mandated triennial evaluation of residential property before she resigned, Mr. Nason reported that he and the Board of Assessors were discussing retaining a consultant in order to complete the work without delay.

Richard Vinette, Executive Director, Lee Community Development Corp., came before the Board to up-date them on the revitalization of the downtown. Mr. Vinette and Mr. Nason participated in a conference call with Cyrus Field, Community Development Action Grant Program Coordinator, on the possibility of seeking grant funding for parking lot improvements on the east side of the downtown. Mr. Vinette explained that first the town must be invited to submit a Notice of Intent for this FY08 funding. He stated that Mr. Field gave a verbal invitation and we are waiting for it in writing. Mr. Vinette recommended the town seek the funding. He and the Board next discussed whether this funding would be received in FY08 or FY09. Mr. Vinette wasn't sure. They next discussed what other funding sources might be available for such a project.

Phil Smith, Chamber of Commerce Director, came before the Board to ask for a temporary sign to direct traffic to the Chamber building. He explained that currently there are only two signs, one on the Turnpike and one on the building, but most travelers don't see it. He would like to place a sandwich board type sign at the entrance of the parking lot pointing to the building. Mr. Smith said that the Building Inspector will not endorse such a sign. Ch. Bailey explained that sandwich board signs are not allowed in the town. Ch. Bailey suggested a single pole with blades to hang a sign from. He felt this might even be more visible. After a brief discussion, Mr. Smith felt this could be done. With that being said, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve a sign on a pole.

The Board next addressed Amendment No. 4 of the Agreement with Hill Engineers Architects Planners for review of the F.L. Roberts Travel Plaza project. The Selectmen tabled their vote at their last meeting because of some confusion over the dollar amounts in the agreement. It has since been reviewed and the errors have been corrected. The Board voted, unanimously, to sign the amendment.

Due to a miscommunication between the Planning Board office and the Selectmen's secretary, the Board voted to appoint David Durante, Planning Board Chairman, as the town's Alternate Member on the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission

at their last meeting. The Planning Board member who should have been appointed was Aldo Pascucci. Therefore, the Board voted, unanimously, to appoint Aldo Pascucci as the Alternate Member.

The Board received a Springfield Municipal Recycling Facility Revenue Sharing Agreement with the town of Lenox. The agreement has changed in that Lee’s portion has decreased from 75% to 65% and Lenox has increased from 25% to 35%. This change is based on the number of customers in each town. The Board voted, unanimously, to sign the agreement.

Mr. Nason explained that the new municipal and school technology plan will require \$50,000 to get the hardware in place and procure the operating license. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve up to \$50,000 for the procurement.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a Utility Cut Permit for Dodge Construction to install telephone service for Verizon at 75 West Park Street.

**4. Pending Business:**

Ch. Bailey announced a one day comprehensive household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 AM to noon at the Stockbridge Recycling Center.

**5. Town Administrator:** None

**6. Public Comments:**

Ch. Bailey told the viewing audience that although they had voted to change the retirees’ contribution to the health insurance, there would still be a letter explaining the change and a meeting will be scheduled.

Selectmen Consolati said that Sandy Beach is open to everyone. The parking lot is open only to residents, their guests and people staying at one the town’s lodging facilities. Selectman Carlino said it is a one season test.

Selectman Carlino reminded everyone about the Friday night Movies in the Park.

**7. Motion to adjourn:**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 7, 2007 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