

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPT. 4, 2007

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Passed over to next meeting

2. **Public Hearings:** None

3. **General Business:**

Mary McGinnis, Founders' Weekend Coordinator, came before the Board to preview some of the events occurring during that weekend, Sept. 28, 29 and 30. She stated that the weekend started off with the "Taste of Lee", restaurants in the Main Street area selling samples of their food on the sidewalks. There is the parade on Sept. 29th, and the Latino Festival that evening. She said this year they had the privilege of having Chuck Wagon Mac for the entire weekend. He brings in a replica mid-1800's chuck wagon with all the antiques and cowboy gear that were found in the Old West cattle camps. All weekend there will be lectures, food, music and much more. Ms. McGinnis asked the Board to approve the permits necessary for the weekend events including a Common Victuallers License, Entertainment License and Temporary Sign Permit. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the licenses and permit and thanked her for all the work she has done on behalf of the town.

Rob Trask, owner of Arizona Pizza on Park Street, came before the Board to ask for their approval of a one day malt and wine license for Saturday, Sept. 29th for the sale of alcohol in a dedicated area in the parking lot of the restaurant. He did this last year and it was very successful. He will have a detail police office at the event. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the license.

Susan Gore came before the Board for their approval of a temporary sign permit to hang a banner at St. George's Episcopal Church declaring their 150th anniversary. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the permit.

Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., came before the Board to approve Ch. 90 funds for road paving and to award the paving contract to DelSignor Blacktop Paving, Inc. of Troy NY. This paving project will include 13 roads plus three alternates for a total cost of over \$400,000. Between the Ch. 90 funds and what the town has to spend, this will still leave a balance of \$40,000 for next year. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the Ch. 90 project approval request and to award the contract to DelSignor Blacktop Paving, Inc., subject to Mass. Highway Ch. 90 project approval.

Mr. Pompei next discussed the water shutoffs. He said there were 49 residents who were still delinquent and as of today the Water Department had started shutting off their water supply. This matter was reviewed by both Town Counsel and Tri-Town Health Dept. Town Counsel drafted the letters that were sent to all delinquent customers. The first letter was sent out 60 days ago and gave customers the option to make a partial payment. The second letter was sent out 30 days ago and told them the shutoff date was Sept. 4th. There were only three exceptions to the shutoff, sick, elderly or injured. Selectman Carlino stressed that there be no other exceptions. That the policy be followed exactly as it's written. Brian Carlino came before the Board to stated that he is a landlord with three tenants and that the water was shut off to his apartments. He felt that the DPW gave insufficient notice to delinquent customers and that the second notice should have been sent by certified mail. Selectman Carlino said that this was the first time the town had ever done such a thing and if it happened again they would learn from this experience.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a temporary sign permit for the Lee Youth Association for their second children's clothing consignment sale.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve an FY08 DEP Sustainability Grant prepared by the Center for Ecological Technology for education materials, home composting bins, rain barrels and idling reduction campaign toolkit.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign a contract with Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc. for FY08 residential revaluation that was awarded on August 7th.

There was no response to an advertisement in the “Berkshire Eagle” for the sale of a surplus copy machine from the Town Clerk’s office. The Board had the option to give it away to a not-for-profit organization or dispose of it as trash. The Board agreed to make it available to a not-for-profit organization on a first come, first served, basis.

4. Pending Business:

ZBA hearing – Sept. 12, 2007 @ 7 PM – 760 Stockbridge Rd.

ZBA hearing – Sept. 12, 2007 @ 7:30 PM – 285 Pleasant St.

Selectmen Carlino read a letter from Sandri (Sunoco) Oil Co. stating that gas prices in the Town of Lee are based on a daily competitive survey of the seven other fuel stations with the town. Selectman Carlino said she had heard this from other sources. Gas prices in the town have fallen since the subject was brought up at the Board’s last meeting.

Household Hazardous Waste Mini-site collection – Sept. 8th from 9 AM to 11 AM – Lenox DPW

Household Hazardous Waste Comprehensive Collection – Oct. 13th from 9 AM to 1 PM – Gt. Barrington Recycling Center

5. Town Administrator:

Mr. Nason asked the Board to approve his appointment of Keely Farnam, Lifeguard Sept 1, and Brian Beauregard, Lifeguard Step 2, effective Aug. 15th and Aug. 20th, respectively. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointments.

Mr. Nason informed the Board that Thomas Arment resigned as Assistant Ambulance Director. He said that Lisa Breault, Ambulance Director, is working on another way to fill this position.

6. Public Comments:

Selectman Carlino reiterated that anyone who has a delinquent water bill, please pay it as soon as possible.

7. Motion to adjourn:

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 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