

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 5, 2008

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:** January 22, 2008; Executive Session January 22, 2008

2. **Public Hearing:** None

3. **General Business:**

Nelson Daley, Sr., owner of Daley & Sons Trucking, the town's refuse and recycling hauler, came before the Board to discuss the possibility of the town paying his company a stipend from the fees the town receives for recycling. Mr. Daley stated that in the past he received compensation for hauling to a recycling facility. The facility he is currently using, Springfield Municipal Recycling Facility, is no longer doing that. He cited the fact that the Center for Ecological Technology receives \$1,900 annually from the town for recycling. The Board explained that the funding for CET involves consulting, writing grant applications and setting up household hazardous waste collections in the county. Mr. Nason told Mr. Daley that the cost of recycling services with CET is less than what the town receives in fees. Selectman Consolati suggested Mr. Daley keep track of his company's time and travel to the recycling facility for one month and come back to the Board for further discussion. It was also suggested that the Recycling Committee become further involved. Selectman Carlino asked Mr. Daley if there was another facility he could go to where he would get paid and he said yes. The Board thanked Mr. Daley for coming in.

Rich Vinette, Executive Director, Lee Community Development Corp., came before the Board to up-date them on his efforts to secure funding from a Mass. Community Development Action Grant to provide more public parking. Mr. Vinette brought before the Board a list of recommendations from the Berk. Regional Planning Commission to secure bonus points for a FY08 Commonwealth Capital Application. This is very important in gaining leverage for grant monies. He and the Board went over the list of possible projects that would secure the bonus points, some had already been done and some needed up-dating. Mr. Vinette also informed the Board that the CDC is using every resource possible to formulate a draft action plan for downtown revitalization, including having graduate students from the Harvard School of Design come to town to look at development opportunities. The Board thanked Mr. Vinette for his efforts.

The Board received a copy of an e-mail from Mass. DEP regarding the recycling of home mercury-added thermostats. Mass. DEP will provide the receptacle for collection and pay the \$25.00 registration fee. The Selectmen will forward this to the Recycling Committee for consideration.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign two agreements with L.B. Corp. for emergency snow removal and non-snow removal for the DPW from 2/01/08 to 12/31/08.

The Board voted, unanimously to approve Amendment #2 to the 2007 agreement for non-snow removal work done by L.B. Corp. in the amount of \$185.63 for water line repairs.

At the recommendation of the Historical Commission, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment of Shelley Hope to replace Dawn Borst, who has moved out of the area.

4. **Pending Business:** None

5. **Town Administrator:**

Mr. Nason told the Board that Christopher Brittain, Moderator, had appointed Richard Aldrich to the Finance Committee to replace Mary Lou Dadak. The Board thanked Mary Lou for the many years she has served on the Finance Committee.

Mr. Nason explained that at a recent Personnel Board meeting he asked them for approval to change the position of Assistant Ambulance Director to Ambulance Service Training Director. He stated that because the Lee ambulance facility is no longer a training facility, potential volunteers must travel long distances to become certified. This has caused a decline in the number of volunteers available for early evening and weekend shifts. Many towns are going to paid services but Lee would like to keep its own volunteer service, if possible. Mr. Nason said that Lisa Breault, Ambulance Director, has recommended Victoria Sorrentino, a member of the ambulance squad, for this new position. Ms. Sorrentino is the only member of the squad qualified for the position and Mr. Nason would make the appointment subject to the Board's approval. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment.

6. **Public Comments:** None

7. **Motion to adjourn:**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. , 2008 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