

OBOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 15, 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:**

**2. Public Hearing:** 7:00 PM – Sweet Basil Grille – Transfer of all alcoholic beverages license – Ch. Bailey opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM. Present: Roni Rose, applicant; Atty. Marc Vincelette, representing applicant. Atty. Vincelette introduced Ms. Rose to the Selectmen and stated that she would soon be the new owner of the Sweet Basil Grille. She will be leasing the current property and keeping the establishment at its current location. Ms. Rose has been a waitress for 15 years and has been the floor manager at Sweet Basil's for three years. She has been serving alcohol since she was 18 years old. She will be enrolling in the TIPS program and anyone employed by the restaurant handling or serving alcohol will be required to enroll in the TIPS program. Selectman Carlino asked Ms. Rose if she was considering joining the Chamber of Commerce and she said she would like to do that in the future. Selectman Consolati asked how long her lease was and she said five years. Ch. Bailey informed her of the Certificate of Inspection that was required for all non-packaged good liquor licenses. She will be checking into that. There being no further discussion or comments, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve the transfer of the all alcoholic beverages license. The Selectmen also voted, unanimously, to approve a Common Victuallers license for the Rosewood Grille. The public hearing adjourned at 7:10 PM.

**3. General Business:**

The Board received a letter from Mary Brittain, Chairman, Lee Agricultural Commission, recommending Scot Weslowski replace Brian Stone as an alternate member on the commission. Mr. Stone no longer resides in Lee. The Board also received a letter from Mr. Weslowski stating his qualifications for the position. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment.

The Board received a request from Berkshire Housing Corp. for a letter of support for a grant application from Mass. Housing Partnership to secure funding for affordable housing units in Lee. Selectman Consolati recused himself from the discussion and vote. This funding would support a Development Project Manager position. This individual would be working on affordable housing projects including the planned purchase and rehabilitation of 57 Main Street. The Board voted, unanimously, to write a letter of support. Selectman Consolati returned to the meeting.

Mr. Nason received a memo from Police Chief Glidden stating that due to injuries, officers are being forced to work overtime to fill shifts. This is causing a deficit in payroll funding. Chief Glidden is asking the Selectman to consider additional vacation carryover from FY08 to FY09 so as not to force officers to take vacation and have inadequate personnel to fill shifts. The police department is asking to carryover ten days of vacation and extend its use to 90 days instead of the current five days and 60 days. This is not additional vacation time but time already accumulated for FY08. The Selectmen had no objection to this one time exception to the vacation carryover provisions of the collective bargaining agreement.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a permit from Berkshire Gas Co. to replace a gas main at Greylock Street.

The Board discussed the annual appointment of a sign enforcement officer. Donald Torrico, Building Inspector, is the current sign officer. The Board discussed why this is an annual appointment and Ch. Bailey said that's the way it was written in the by-laws. Selectman Consolati stated that the current sign officer is seeking additional compensation for this position and felt no decision should be made at this time. Ch. Bailey said that even if no one is appointed and the term expires, the current sign officer would still hold that position unless he steps down or another person fills the position. The Board tabled their appointment to further discuss this matter.

**4. Pending Business:**

Ch. Bailey announced a household hazardous waste mini-site collection at the Gt. Barrington Recycling Center on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 6:30 PM. Pre-registration is mandatory at 800-238-1221 Ext. 17.

**5. Town Administrator:**

Mr. Nason explained that although most of the employee appointments he makes, subject to the Board's approval, have no term limits, three have annual terms in accordance with Mass. General Laws. He asked the Board to approve his appointments for Doug Mann, Veterans' Agent, Gerry Cahalan, Sealer of Weights and Measurers, and Animal Control Officer, Cindy Blair. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointments.

At the recommendation of the police chief, Mr. Nason asked the Board to approve his appointment of Ryan McCusker and Devin Mackey as seasonal officers for the coming summer. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Nason’s appointments. Selectman Carlino ask if the Board could be provided with a brief overview of what the seasonal officers do each summer. Mr. Nason explained that it changes from year to year giving the example of the seasonal officers being at Sandy Beach last summer for traffic control.

**6. Public Comments:**

Kathy Corbett, an advocate for disabled residents, came before the Board to state that there is a need for affordable housing not just for the elderly but for those of all ages who are disabled. The Board will speak with Berkshire Housing Corp. about her concerns.

Ch. Bailey announced that the Baby Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Senior Center at Crossway Village.

The Annual Town meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and the annual town election will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Motion to adjourn:**

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7 PM to finalize the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Alderman, Selectmen’s Secretary

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| 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              |