

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 5, 2008

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** None

2. **Public Hearing:** None

3. **General Business:**

Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., came before the Board to explain Change Order #9 from C.H. Nickerson, Inc. for the wastewater treatment plant project. It is for a credit for an unused allowances of \$32,139.69 and a credit savings due to the town for a direct payment for grit disposal in the amount of \$17,061.69 for a total of \$49,201.38. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Change Order #9.

Next the Board discussed the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit. This permit has more stringent limits for phosphorous discharge. Mr. Pompei said he and Mr. Nason have made comments regarding some of the language in the permit. The permit can be viewed on the town's website. Mr. Pompei stated that although the wastewater treatment has not been on line for very long, Alan Zerbato, WWTP Supervisor, has been working to see if the new plant can achieve the levels mandated by this permit. Mr. Zerbato feels it can be done with the equipment presently in the new plant.

The Board received a notice from the Mass. Technology Collaborative asking the town if it wanted to participate in a program that would provide solar powered lighting to a flagpole no more than 41' high, a monument or a small seating area in town. Only the first 20 towns to fulfill the listed requirements will receive the free lighting. The Board will pass this notice on to the DPW and School for comments.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve two Berkshire Gas Co. permits to install new service at 114 Maple St. and 1 Navin Heights. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve two Berkshire Gas Co. permits to repair gas mains at Davis St. and Greylock St.

Further discussion was held on the issue of a new pavilion at the athletic field on Route 102. Mr. Nason told the Board it was discovered that the designer had no errors and omissions insurance. Mr. Nason spoke with the town's insurance carrier and was told that because the structure would be built and supervised by the school department, there was no problem. Survey of the parcel has already been completed. Discussion on two trees in the vicinity of where the new pavilion will be built. Selectman Carlino would like to see them stay. Mr. Pompei said the Tree Warden has determined that one of the trees is rotten and has to be removed. The other one is healthy and can stay. The Board voted, unanimously, to allow the Chairman to sign an amended contract for the design of the new pavilion.

4. **Pending Business:** A recycling mini-site collection will be held on Aug. 16th from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at the Gt. Barrington Recycling Center.

MassHighway has sent an announcement stating that they are looking at improving the drainage on Route 20 near the boat ramp. This project could be ready for the 2009 construction season.

The Board also received an announcement regarding the possibility of 153 acres of property on Golden Hill Road being included in the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program. This would mean that the property only be use for agricultural purposes. No real estate development would be allowed.

5. **Town Administrator:** Mr. Nason told the Board that he would appoint Dmitri Consolati as a seasonal groundskeeper for a six week period at Sandy Beach. Mr. Nason said he delayed this appointment because he is the son of Deidre Consolati, Sandy Beach Committee Chairman, and her husband, Edward Handberg, is the maintenance person at the beach who Dmitri would be working under. Mr. Nason consulted with the State Ethics Commission and Town Counsel and both agreed that due to the short term of the appointment, there was no conflict of interest. Mr. Consolati was recommended to the position by the Sandy Beach Committee, with Ms. Consolati recusing herself. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Dmitri Consolati as seasonal groundskeeper at Sandy Beach.

Mr. Nason announced that the Lee Youth Association will be holding a children's clothing consignment sale at the former Senior Center in the Airoidi Building on Sept. 19th and 20th. The Selectmen had no objections and Mr. Nason approved this event.

6. Public Comments: None

Selectman Carlino said that gas prices in town have once again become an issue. Prices seem to be much higher than in surrounding communities and even the Mass. Turnpike. She would like to have letters sent to the gas station owners and invite them to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss this matter.

7. Motion to adjourn:

The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be August 19, 2008 at 7 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 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