

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2008

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

1. Approval of Minutes: Nov. 4, 2008

2. Public Hearing: 7:00 PM – Verizon – Pole hearings – Chairman Consolati called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM - Albert Bessette, Jr., Right-of-Way Manager for Verizon, present. The first request is to relocate a pole on Ole Pleasant Street to accommodate a MassHighway bridge project. The existing pole will be moved nine feet to the southwest. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the relocation. The second was to place a new pole on First Street to provide transmission for a new customer. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the new pole setting. The public hearing closed at 7:05 PM.

3. General Business:

Mohammad Zabian came before the Board to ask for temporary sign permits for his two banners he uses during the Christmas season. One is for his jewelry store and the other for the clothing store. A letter from the Building Inspector indicated that the banners meet the state building code but not the town's zoning by-laws. Mr. Zabian stated the banners would be up for 30 days. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the temporary sign permits but told him if he stops uses them, new ones would have to be made to conform with the town's zoning by-laws.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a purchase agreement with J. Donovan & Son, Inc. to provide winter sand for the price of \$14.05 per ton, not to exceed \$7,000.00 for the winter season.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve an amendment to a contract with L.B. Corp. to provide non-snow emergency services. Mr. Nason explained that because of an extreme number of water line breaks this year, the town needs to increase the amount of the contract by \$10,000.00 in order to be able to provide these services, if needed, until the contract expires on December 31, 2008.

The DPW solicited quotes to provide new public water coolers for Town Hall. Two bids were received and the lowest bidder was LePrevost Plumbing and Heating at \$5,900.00. Dennis Kelly, Asst. DPW Supt., recommended LePrevost be awarded the project. The Board voted, unanimously, to award the water cooler installation bid to LePrevost Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$5,900.00.

The Board tabled until their next meeting a decision on the Crossway Tower Ground Lease and Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement as Mr. Nason stated there were still some small details to work out.

The Board received temporary sign permit applications from St. Mary's School for their annual bazaar. As a not-for-profit organization, the Building Inspector did not render an approval as the signs fall under the new not-for-profit sign by-law. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the temporary sign permits.

4. Pending Business:

Ch. Consolati read a letter from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs addressed to George Wislocki of the Save the Housatonic organization announcing a public meeting on Dec. 11th at 7:00 PM in the Lenox Town Hall regarding the Nomination of the Upper Housatonic River as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

5. Town Administrator:

Mr. Nason received a memo from Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., recommending Richard Neales as the seasonal truck driver/laborer. This would be Mr. Neales' second season in that position. Mr. Nason stated the position runs from Dec. 1st to March 19th. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Richard Neales as seasonal truck driver/laborer.

Mr. Nason next reported that there has been much discussion regarding sharing resources and regionalizing school districts in Massachusetts. He suggested a member of the Board may wish to participate in these discussions together with a member of the School Committee. Selectman Carlino said she would be willing to do it but would check with Selectman Bailey, who is absent, to see if he would also be interested.

6. Public Comments: None

The Board wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

7. Motion to adjourn:

The next regular meeting of the Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008 at 7 PM.

The Board voted, unanimously, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation and not returning to regular session. Roll call vote: Carlino, yes; Consolati, yes. The meeting adjourned in executive session 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