

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 2, 2008

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Nov. 16, 2008

2. **Public Hearing:** None

3. **General Business:**

Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., was present to answer any questions the Board may have had regarding the emergency non-snow contract the town has with LB Corp. Mr. Pompei has asked for an additional \$10,000 to be added to this contract in the form of an amendment. He stated that due to several severe water breaks during the year, the town has depleted some of the funding in this account and would like to have the extra in case another emergency occurs. Selectman Bailey asked Mr. Pompei if the currently outstanding invoice from LB Corp. would need any of this requested funding to make payment and Mr. Pompei said he wasn't sure. He has not received the final bill as yet but if it did, it would be a small amount. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the additional funding and amendment to the LB Corp. contract.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign an agreement with LePrevost Plumbing and Heating to install new water coolers on the first and second floors of town hall.

The Board voted, unanimously, to appoint, at the recommendation of John Toole, Bruce Singer and Sal Angelo as members of the newly created Lee Bike Path Committee.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign the Ground Lease and Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement for the Crossway Tower elderly affordable housing project in the Hyde wing of the old Central School.

The next topic addressed by the Board was brought to them by Deidre Consolati, Chairman of the Sandy Beach Committee. She and the committee are concerned about the possible sale of property on Laurel Lake that encompasses the Laurel Lake dam currently owned by Schweitzer-Mauduit to a private citizen. There were issues of the lake drawdown for weed control and dam repairs and an issue of ownership of the beach road if the dam is owned by a private individual. There was also a concern about water levels. The Board asked Roger Scheurer to address the Board regarding some of these concerns. Mr. Scheurer addressed the Board as a mill manager for Schweitzer-Mauduit for over 20 years and a resident of Lee for 28 years. He was a member of the wastewater treatment plant oversight committee and a member of the downtown task force that was instrumental in the recent sale of the Eagle Mill on Laurel Street. Mr. Scheurer stated that the Laurel Lake Preservation Association was notified of the lake drawdown although as previously stated, the mill does not do this on an annual basis. Mr. Scheurer is interested in purchasing the property in question to subdivide into two lot and building a home on one with a small electrical generating plant that will provide the same amount of electricity as a home generator. There was discussion on impacts on aquatic species during drawdowns, and much debate about whether state or private ownership of the dam was the best solution. The Board took all matters under advisement and told the audience that this was the first time the issue had been brought before them and there was much more information to be gathered before they could make any decisions. The Selectmen thanked everyone for their participation.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve 2009 licenses on the attached list. The restaurant alcoholic beverages licenses were approved contingent upon the issuance of Ch. 304 inspections successfully completed.

4. **Pending Business:**

A Christmas tree lighting ceremony will be held on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:40 PM in the town park.

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. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Lenox Town Hall regarding the Nomination of the Upper Housatonic River as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

The Police Department has issued a winter parking ban effective Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 1 AM and 6 AM on all streets in Lee.

The Police Department issued a notice regarding recent acts of vandalism in the town during the month of November. These investigations are on-going and persons with information should contact Officer Kohlenberger at the police station.

5. **Town Administrator:** No report

6. **Public Comments:** None

7. **Motion to adjourn:**

The next regular meeting of the Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008 at 7 PM. The Board adjourned their meeting at 8:25 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