

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 3, 2009

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:** March 18, 2008

2. **Public Hearing:** None

3. **General Business:**

Rich Vinette, CDC Executive Director, came before the Board to discuss a draft grant application for an Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration. The application seeks \$50,000 that will be matched by Mass. Development Corp. This funding will be to look at mill sites in town for potential development other than the Eagle and Laurel Mills. He would appreciate comments by the Selectmen on this draft application. Next Mr. Vinette announced that the Selectmen had decided that its next meeting will be primarily dedicated to discussion on the future possibilities for the Eagle Mill. Notices will be going out to the town representatives and town boards and commissions inviting them to share any ideas they may have on this subject. The public is also encouraged to attend.

At the recommendation of the Bike Path Committee, the Board voted, unanimously, to appoint Bruce Singer as a member.

Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., came before the Board to explain that because of the length of the winter season and the number of storms, the sand contract needs to be amended to include an additional \$5,000.00 in spending. Mr. Pompei thinks this amount should be enough to get through the winter. The Board voted, unanimously, to sign Amendment #1 to the J. Donovan & Son contract for winter sand.

The Board received a request from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for a letter of support for emergency funds from the Mass. Historical Commission to complete repairs on the steeple on the 1st Congregational Church. The Board voted, unanimously, to sign a letter of support.

4. **Pending Business:**

The Berkshire Regional Transit Authority will be holding public meetings on recommendations for improving the efficiency of fixed route bus service in Pittsfield, North Adams and Gt. Barrington.

5. **Town Administrator:**

Mr. Nason informed the Board that, with their approval and the recommendation of the Energy Efficiency Committee, he has locked the town into a fixed price for fuel oil through the Berkshire Regional Group Purchasing Program for FY10. The price will be \$1.428 per gallon plus an overhead charge of \$.27 to \$.37 per gallon.

6. **Public Comments:** None

7. **Motion to adjourn:**

The next regular Selectmen’s meeting will be Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7 PM at the Zukowski auditorium at the Lee Middle and High School. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted, unanimously, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy and not return to public session. Roll call vote: Carlino, yes; Bailey, yes; Consolati, yes. The meeting adjourned in executive session 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