

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 21, 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:** April 1, 2008; April 15, 2008; May 20, 2008; June 17, 2008; April 7, 2009

2. **Public Hearing:** 7:00 PM – Crossway Tower – Amendment to Special Permit. Stephanie Talanian, Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc., came before the Board to ask that a two year extension on the special permit to construct low income elderly housing in the Hyde portion of the Central School be granted. Ms. Talanian explained that plans are just now being submitted to HUD and that all bids came in over budget. They accepted the lowest bid and are working with the contractor to cut costs wherever possible. She said that the additional parking included in the original site may have to be scrubbed because funds will not be available. She said they need an additional \$11,000 for this parking. Discussion on whether part of the building permit fee can be waived so the parking can be included. Selectman Carlino felt it was more important to have the additional parking and felt the building permit fee should be reduced. Ms. Talanian also asked that they be able to submit the plans to the Building Department without a check for the permit fee until they have a closing date from HUD. There was further discussion on the additional parking and Ms. Talanian was told that the parking had to be in the plan unless and until the special permit was amended to delete it. Selectman Bailey also said that the town by-laws only allow for a one year extension of the start date of the project. Ms. Talanian said that was not a problem. There being no further discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, approve a one year extension to start the project to May 7, 2010. Roll call vote: Carlino, yes; Bailey, yes; Consolati, yes. The Board voted, unanimously, to notify the Building Inspector that they are not requiring Crossway Village to provide a check to the town prior to the issuance of the building permit but before the start of construction. The public hearing closed at 7:20 PM.

3. **General Business:**

The Board received a copy of an invoice from Yoshihiko Sato for additional services for the athletic field pavilion design in the amount of \$800.00. This additional funding is for a flood water flow plan required by the Conservation Commission and recommended for payment by Chris Pompei, DPW Supt. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the additional funding.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a permit from Berkshire Gas Co. to repair gas service at 55 Devon Road.

The Board received a communication from the Five Town Cable Advisory Committee asking for comments regarding a public hearing on a Verizon petition to eliminate the Form 500 requirement that cable operators report the total numbers of their subscribers. The Board read this communication and agreed with the Committee's comments on the issue which was to keep the requirement in place. The Board voted, unanimously, to send a letter to the Committee with their response.

4. **Pending Business:**

Household hazardous waste collections to be held on May 16th in Lenox and on June 10th in Gt. Barrington.

5. **Town Administrator:**

At the recommendation of the police chief, Mr. Nason would appoint, with the Board's approval, Justin Biasin to the position of seasonal officer for the coming summer. Justin is a Lee resident and a recent graduate of the MPTC Basic Reserve Police Academy. This year there is funding for only one seasonal officer. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment.

Mr. Nason next asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the draft special and annual town meeting warrants. Selectman Carlino asked for clarification on certain items, but overall, the Board was satisfied with the contents of the warrants. Mr. Nason told the Board the drafts have been sent to the town representatives prior to the baby town meeting that will be held on April 23rd.

The Selectmen will hold a special meeting on April 28th at 7 PM to finalize the warrants so they can be posted the following day.

6. **Public Comments:** None

7. **Motion to adjourn:**

The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7 PM. The Board voted, unanimously, to go into executive session to consider the lease of real property and not return to public session. Roll call vote: Carlino, yes; Bailey, yes; Consolati, yes. The meeting adjourned in executive session at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Alderman, Selectmen's Secretary

cc:	Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors	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