

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 2, 2009

Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chairman, Gordon D. Bailey, David J. Consolati, Board of Selectmen.

Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator

Ch. Carlino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Executive Session April 21, 2009, May 5, 2009, May 11, 2009, Executive Session May 11, 2009, May 19, 2009
2. **Public Hearing:** None
3. **General Business:**

Richard Vinette, Executive Director, Lee Community Development Corp., came before the Board to up-date them on what comes next now that the town voted, at the last annual town meeting, to designate specific portions of Route 102 as an economic opportunity area. Mr. Vinette provided the Board with a resolution setting out the town's desires to have this designation. The long term goal is to have businesses invest in the corridor and have incentives in place, such as tax breaks, to encourage new growth. Mr. Vinette will be submitting an Application for Designation of Economic Opportunity Areas to the Mass. Economic Development Incentive Program. Selectman Bailey suggested some additions including the upgraded water lines and the fact that the entire area is on a bus route. He also felt that including the expanding of internet DLS service would be helpful. Mr. Vinette will work with these suggestions. After further discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to sign the resolution for the Route 102 economic opportunity area.

Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., came before the board to ask them to award a contract to LB Corp. to replace sewer service at the town library. He received two quotations and LB Corp. was the lowest at \$6,100.00. The Board voted, unanimously, to award the contract for sewer replacement to LB Corp. The Board amended their vote, unanimously, to have the Chairman sign the contract on behalf of the town subject to town counsel's approval as to form.

The Board received a road surface management study agreement from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission in the amount up to \$4,300 for survey work regarding the needs of the town's roads and sidewalks. Mr. Pompei said the DPW uses this data to prioritize jobs. The Board voted, unanimously, to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for an amount not to exceed \$4,300.00 to evaluate roads and sidewalks.

Mr. Pompei addressed the matter of the wastewater treatment plant and new regulations regarding the level of phosphorus that can be discharged. Alan Zerbato, wastewater treatment plant supervisor, said that they are currently working on ways to lower the level in-house and are using different techniques to see what the new plant can do. The Board voted, unanimously, to authorize Town Counsel to sign a Notice of Dismissal with the Federal Environmental Appeals Board.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign a Chapter 90 request for BCS Group in the amount of \$955.15 for the Housatonic Street project.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign a contract between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the town for the school based Medicaid program.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign a lease agreement with the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority for use of the trolley.

The Board received a letter from Douglas Wilcox asking to be appointed to the Bike Path Committee. The Board voted, unanimously, to make the appointment.
4. **Pending Business:** Household hazardous waste collection will be held on June 10th at 6:30 PM at the Gt. Barrington Recycling Station.
5. **Town Administrator:** Mr. Nason told the Board that the DPW is currently very shorthanded due to the Asst. DPW Supt. being on extended medical leave and a truck driver/laborer, who had a cardiac episode. The Board discussed different ways to address the problem including using a seasonal employee and hiring a licensed person temporarily until the employee comes back to work. The Board suggested using a reserve fund transfer to fill this position until the end of FY09 and have an article on the up-coming special town meeting warrant for FY10. The Board voted, unanimously, to hire a temporary truck driver/laborer for a period to end when the truck driver/laborer comes back to work or August 31, 2009, whichever comes first.

The Board and Mr. Nason next discussed the warrant for the up-coming special town meeting. The first article concerns funding to provide access to the beach, if an agreement can be reached with the new property owner. The second article is to fund a temporary employee for the DPW. Deidre Consolati, Sandy Beach Committee Chairman, asked about using the balance of the Sandy Beach budget to repair the access road. She also asked if a public meeting could be scheduled to discuss the beach situation. Ch. Carlino said anyone interested could come to the next Selectmen’s meeting for such a discussion.

6. Public Comments:

Monica Ryan came before the Board to state she felt the Selectmen were acting more on behalf of the new owners of the beach access road. Selectman Bailey said that all negotiations on the subject have to be in executive session and the Board is acting on behalf of the town.

Gail Cerceria came before the Board to ask what the costs are to maintain and insurance the dam at the reservoir owned by the town. Ch. Carlino said she didn’t think it was possible to break down that cost from the insurance bills received by the town.

7. Motion to adjourn: The next Selectmen’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The Board voted, unanimously to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the lease of real property and discussing collective bargaining matters and not return to public session. Roll call: Bailey, yes; Consolati, yes; Carlino, yes. The meeting adjourned in executive session at 9:45 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