

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 30, 2009

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

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

The Board received a Temporary Sign Permit Application from the First Congregational Church to erect a sign required by the Mass. Historical Commission for funding received to repair the steeple. The sign will be in place from July 15, 2009 to Nov. 1, 2009. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the application and waive the filing fee.

The Board received a one day wine and malt license application and an entertainment license application from The Grind at 62 W. Center St. The applications are for July 11, 2009. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the applications.

The Board next opened the meeting to pursue alternatives to access to Sandy Beach for the coming year. Gregory Federspiel, Lenox Town Manager, was in attendance. Also present were Sandy Beach Committee members Deidre Consolati, Linda Cysz, Rick and Cynthia Chrisman and interested town residents. Ch. Carlino asked for suggestions for access to the beach. The first was continuing the arrangement with Roger Scheurer. Others were access from Summer Street, using land owned by Lee and Lenox to develop a new beach area. Mr. Federspiel said that Lenox was willing to discuss this. Another was enhancing the existing Lenox beach area, taking part of the Scheurer property by eminent domain, creating a permanent easement over the Scheurer's property, getting free access from the Scheurers and last having the town of Lee and Lenox form a partnership to control the water rights on the lake and lease back water needed by the Scheurers to use for generating electricity. Next the Selectmen discussed the composition of a committee to look into all these alternatives. Ch. Carlino felt the committee should consist of no more than nine members. There was discussion on this and two alternate positions were added. One member should be from the Town of Lenox. Also a member from the Beach Committee, the Laurel Lake Preservation Association, the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Dept. of Public Works, Lee Land Trust, someone from the business community and possibly a member from the Chamber of Commerce and the sportsmen's association. The Selectmen will discuss this further at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7th and thanked everyone for their ideas and comments.

The Board next addressed appointing personnel to Sandy Beach. At the recommendation of the Sandy Beach Committee, the Selectmen approved the appointment of Caleb Tuttle as part-time lifeguard and Jeanne Schnackenberg and Kriste Kliner as substitute lifeguards subject to CORI background checks.

Ch. Carlino asked Ms. Consolati about a Notice of Intent for beach maintenance that needs to be submitted to the Conservation Commission. Ms. Consolati explained that the permit for hydroraking the beach area had expired and the beach committee is looking to have weeds pulled by hand at specified areas. Ch. Carlino asked Ms. Consolati to make sure the Selectmen were kept up to date on this situation as they may be the ones who will be submitted the Notice of Intent.

Ch. Carlino next addressed Ms. Consolati regarding comments she made on a local television program she hosts. Ch. Carlino said comments made regarding alcohol at the beach and how people can smuggle in alcohol even though there is a no alcohol policy at the beach were inappropriate and unbecoming the Chairman of the Sandy Beach Committee. Ch. Carlino asked Ms. Consolati to retract her statements on her next televised program. Ms. Consolati apologized for her inappropriate comments.

There being of further business, the Board voted, unanimously, to adjourn their meeting at 8:20 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