

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 4, 2009

Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chairman, Gordon D. Bailey, David J. Consolati, absent, Board of Selectmen.
Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator

Ch. Carlino called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Board voted, unanimously, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion litigation strategy, collective bargaining strategy and to consider the purchase or value of real property and return to regular session at 7:00 PM. Roll call: Bailey, yes; Carlino, yes.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** July 7, 2009, Executive Session July 7, 2009, July 21, 2009, Executive Session July 21, 2009, July 27, 2009. Approval of minutes held until Selectman Consolati returns from vacation.
2. **Public Hearing:** None
3. **General Business:**
The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a permit for Berkshire Gas Co. to repair a gas main on Bradley Street near house #104.
4. **Pending Business:**
Household hazardous waste mini-site collection will be held on Aug. 22nd from 9 AM to 11:30 AM at the Gt. Barrington Recycling Center.

A special town meeting will be held on Aug. 6th at 7 PM at Henry Zukowski Auditorium at 7 PM.

5. **Town Administrator:**
Mr. Nason received an e-mail approval of the project list for the SRF program for the energy up-grades at the water treatment plant. The town will now receive \$801,000 in funding and the application and design for the up-grades must be completed by Sept. 15th. Due to an appropriation the Selectmen approved at their last meeting, this deadline will be met. Mr. Nason provided the Selectmen with a draft letter to the Mass. DEP outlining the town's use of the funding for their approval and the Selectmen had no objections to the letter as written.

Mr. Nason also received a notice from the Mass. Dept. of Energy Resources, Green Communities Division, for a grant opportunity for energy efficiency and renewable energy activities. The town must meet certain criteria to be eligible for funding and Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and the Center for Ecological Technology are working together to enlist as many towns in Berkshire County as possible to submit a joint application. If the Board decides this is something the town would benefit from, he will notify Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Nason explained that there is no penalty if the town is unable to achieve the goals of the grant. The Board voted, unanimously, in favor of signing on for this funding and have Mr. Nason sign any documents pertinent to it.

The Board reviewed a request from Kathleen Daoust to use the town's gazebo for a tag sale to benefit the Lee Middle High School Girls Volleyball Booster Club. The event would be held on Aug. 15th from 8 AM to 1:30 PM. Mr. Nason said he would approve the request unless the Board objected because this was the type of event the gazebo was designed for. The Board had no objection and voted, unanimously, to waive the fee for the tag sale permit.

6. **Public Comments:** Deidre Consolati, Sandy Beach Committee Chairman, came before the Board to inform them that the Notice of Intent to hand pull weeds at the beach area at Laurel Lake had been approved last evening by the Conservation Commission. She also said that after many years, the junior lifeguard training program is back at the beach. She also asked about the Sandy Beach Access Committee. Ch. Carlino told Ms. Consolati that the Board sent out letters to individuals who expressed an interest to be on the committee and they were still waiting to hear back from them. The Selectmen's secretary told the Board she had heard back from six of the nine nominees. Ch. Carlino said this topic would be taken up at the next Selectmen's meeting.

7. **Motion to adjourn:** The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The Board voted, unanimously to go back into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy and not return to public session. Roll call: Bailey, yes, Carlino, yes. The meeting adjourned in executive session at 7:45 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