

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

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

Also present: Jeremia Pollard, Town Counsel, Susan Kelley, Town Treasurer, Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., Monica Ryan, BPW member.

Ch. Carlino called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The Board received a memo from Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., advising them that he received three bids for the repair of the Central Fire Station floor. The low bidder was LB Corp. of Lee at \$18,000.00. All bidding procedures were followed. The board voted, unanimously, to award the bid for the floor repair to LB Corp. and authorized the chairman to sign a contract.

The Board received Amendment #1 to the Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. agreement for the water treatment plant renewable energy and energy efficiency improvements project to reduce the design fee by \$1,750. The amendment also extends the term of the agreement from 08/01/09 to 08/26/09. After a brief discussion, the Board voted, unanimously, to approve Amendment #1 of the Camp Dresser & McKee, Inc. agreement.

Susan Kelley, Town Treasurer, came before the Board with the results of a sealed bid auction of property in tax possession at 1460 Cape Street and 25 School Street. The Cape Street property received one bid and Ms. Kelley awarded it to James Morawiec for the sum of \$125.00. The second property, 25 School Street, received no bids. Ms. Kelley explained that the condition of the parcel is an issue and no one is willing to bid on it because the cost of an oil clean-up is not known. There was also a mold issue in the structure on the parcel that Ms. Kelley brought to Peter Kolodziej, Tri-Town Health Department. Mr. Kolodziej answered Ms. Kelley saying that mold is not a hazardous material and would need no special removal process. The Board discussed several ways to dispose of the property with Ms. Kelley and Jeremia Pollard, Town Counsel, and they ultimately recommended that the property be rebid with a question and answer period made available to any potential bidder. Ms. Kelley will start the process again as soon as possible.

The Board next discussed a personnel issue at the Dept. of Public Works. Several employees have been out due to illness or injury and Monica Ryan, BPW member, felt the town should hire additional personnel to fill in for these vacancies. The first question asked was whether funds were available to hire additional personnel, and Chris Pompei, said there were none available until after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> when a snow and ice account becomes active. A seasonal employee will also be available at that time to drive trucks for plowing. Mr. Nason presented the Board with a chart showing the movement of employees to fill in gaps and when asked by Selectman Bailey, Mr. Pompei said that cemetery workers can be utilized as truck driver/laborers before the end of the cemetery season. Mr. Nason stated that John Curtin will be back to work on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> which will increase the highway department personnel. He also said that Al Zerbato, WWTP Supervisor, volunteered to plow snow when needed. Ms. Ryan was still concerned about the safety of the employees and wanted a special town meeting called to fund a new hire. It was pointed out that by the time such a meeting would be held, the problem may be resolved. Also, any use of reserve funds would have to be approved by the Finance Committee. There was a discussion on what projects would not be completed and what absolutely had to be done. It was agreed that the repair of two fire hydrants was a priority and Mr. Pompei will set those projects in motion immediately. Mr. Nason will provide the Board with figures on what it will cost to hire part-time personnel including the cost of unemployment benefits.

The Board next discussed Amendment #1, an increase in an agreement with LB Corp., for water and sewer line repairs that would be increased from a maximum of \$25,000 to \$50,000. The Board approved at their prior meeting a water and sewer allowance increase totaling \$23,000. Upon further review, it was determined that all of the additional cost was associated with water line repairs. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Amendment #1 for an increase of \$25,000.

The Board received a letter from the Dept. of Commerce's Economic Development Administration informing them that the town's application for a \$50,000 EDA investment to provide technical assistance services toward mill reuse evaluations and studies has been approved. The Board voted, unanimously, to accept the funding and have the chairman sign an agreement.

The Board received a request from Jeffrey and Kathleen Glenar of Pleasant Street to forgive at an accelerated rate their 2003 home improvement loan due to unsatisfactory work by their contractor. Under the terms of the program, each year for 15 years 1/15<sup>th</sup> of the loan is forgiven. If the homeowner sells the improved property before the end of the 15 year term, the owner must repay the town the not forgiven loan balance. They are asking that the loan be forgiven in ten years instead the stated 15 years. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the requested accelerated loan forgiveness schedule..

The Board received a sign permit request from the First Congregational Church for their community suppers and other events held annually. Selectman Bailey said the church can by-right put up signs of a certain size. He will speak with the church about this. The Board held the request until their next meeting.

The Board voted, unanimously, to waive the fee for a building permit for St. Mary's School.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve an FY10 Formula Grant in the amount of \$9,023.00 for the Council on Aging and sign a Massachusetts Standard Contract.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a Common Victuallers License for Hot Harry's Fresh Burritos on Main Street.

The Board voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 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