

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 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 6:00 PM. The Board voted, unanimously, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy and the possible lease and purchase of real property and to return to public session at 7:00 PM. Roll call: Consolati, yes; Carlino, yes; Bailey, yes.

The Board returned to public session at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Nov. 17, 2009, Executive Session Nov. 17, 2009

2. **Public Hearing:** None

3. **General Business:**

Mr. Nason and Chris Pompei, DPW Supt., came before the Board regarding engineering services for the Washington Mt. Road water main replacement project. Recalling that he had previewed additional construction administration services and the associated fee increase at the November 3rd Selectmen's meeting, Mr. Nason reported that the project engineer had now estimated a net fee increase of \$5,250 to \$6,450. At the recommendation of Mr. Nason and with the concurrence of Mr. Pompei, the Board voted, unanimously, to increase the fee by up to \$5,250.00.

The Board voted, unanimously, to sign Amendment #2 to a contract with LB Corp. which increases the waterline repairs allowance from \$50,000 to \$55,000.

While Mr. Pompei was at the meeting, Mr. Nason asked the Board to approve his appointment of a second seasonal truck driver/laborer. Ch. Carlino excused herself and turned the meeting over to Selectman Bailey. Mr. Nason explained that the need for a seasonal employee was due to the fact that the Asst. DPW Supt., Dennis Kelly, was still out on sick leave and would not be returning until after Jan. 1st. Therefore, a second seasonal employee was needed. Mr. Nason said that this position would be for a 16 week period or until Mr. Kelly returns to work, whichever comes first. Mr. Nason asked the Board to approve his appointment of Bryan Carlino to the position. Mr. Carlino is a Lee resident and the most qualified of all the applicants interviewed. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve Mr. Nason appoint of Bryan Carlino as a seasonal truck driver/laborer. Ch. Carlino returned to the meeting.

The Board next reviewed the FY2010 Lee Community Development Strategy prepared by Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Sarah LaValley from Berkshire Regional Planning was present to answer any questions. The only change to the document was to include public comments regarding the promotion of cultural resources, community events and educational programs. Ms. LaValley asked the Board to vote to adopt the strategy as presented, if they had no objections. The Board voted, unanimously, to adopt the Lee Community Development Strategy as presented. They thanked Ms. LaValley for her efforts on behalf of the town.

The Board received letters from two people interested in being appointed to committees. The first is Shaun Mahoney who has asked to be appointed as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The second is Neil Clarke who is interested in becoming a member of the Personnel Board. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the appointment of Shaun Mahoney as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Neil Clarke as a member of the Personnel Board.

The Board received a letter from Police Chief Ronald Glidden stating the department has applied for and been awarded two grants. Selectman Bailey recused himself from this item as he is employed by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. The first is a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security – Highway Safety Division in the amount of \$8,400. A portion of this grant will be used to cover overtime costs associated with six separate statewide mobilizations where officers will be assigned exclusively to traffic enforcement duties. The remaining portion will be used to purchase portable breath test analyzers for three of the police cruisers. The second grant is from the State 911 Department in the amount of \$5,000 for dispatchers to attend advanced emergency dispatch training during the fiscal year. The Board voted, unanimously, to approve the two grants. Selectman Bailey returned to the meeting.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a Temporary Sign Permit for Arizona Pizza from Dec. 15th to Dec. 25th. This permit was approved by the Building Inspector.

The Board next read a list of 2010 annual license renewals for alcoholic beverages, common victualers, innholders and Class II and III licenses (see list attached). The list of alcoholic beverage licenses was approved subject to receiving a Chapter 302 inspection certificates signed by the Building Inspector and Fire Chief. The common victualers, innholders and Class II and III were approved with no conditions.

- 4. **Pending Business:** The Chamber of Commerce will hold a tree lighting ceremony in the Town Park on Dec. 6th from 3 PM to 5:30 PM. All are invited to attend.

5. **Town Administrator:**

Mr. Nason explained he received a request from St. Mary’s to use a town facility for this year’s event. He stated he has been working with Selectman Consolati to recommend use of the town’s fields. The St. Mary’s event is scheduled for August 23rd in the athletic field. Ch. Carlino and Selectman Bailey expressed concerns about parking. Selectman Consolati said he is talking with Country Curtains about parking but said there is more parking at that field than most people realize.

Mr. Nason next told the Board the Energy Efficiency Committee is scheduled to meet on Dec. 3rd. One of the primary topics will be extending out forward capacity program with Constellation New Energy. Town Counsel is reviewing the agreement. Mr. Nason also told the Board that they are looking at natural gas procurement and will know by Thursday whether or not to buy now or wait to see what prices will do. The Energy Efficiency Committee will make a recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Nason told the Board he has reviewed an Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant application with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. This is for oil heated buildings and would include the central and South Lee fire stations. The Selectmen voted, unanimously, to have Mr. Nason go ahead with this project and authorized him to sign any documents related to it.

Mr. Nason told the Board that there were no bidders for two surplus school buses after being advertised in local newspapers. This indicated there is no interest and the vehicles have no value. That being the case, the school department will dispose of them as they see fit.

Mr. Nason up-dated the Board on the Tyringham Road project. He said the project still seems to be on track and he hopes to have the 75% completion plans by the Board’s next meeting on Dec. 15th.

- 6. **Public Comments:** None

- 7. **Motion to adjourn:** The next regular Selectmen’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The Board voted, unanimously, to adjourn at 7:50 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