

APPROVED ON 11/21/17

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – November 7, 2017

Present: David Consolati, Chairman, Patricia D. Carlino and Thomas Wickham, Board of Selectmen and Christopher Ketchen, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Chairman, David Consolati called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of October 17, 2017.*
2. **Public Hearings:** FY 2018 Tax Rate Classification – Karen Avelle, Acting Chairman of the Board of Assessors came before the Board to present their recommendation to the town. She stated that the classification hearing is not to set the tax rate but to determine if the town wants to have a single tax rate or two tax rates (one for residential and open space and a second tax rate of commercial, industrial and personal property. *At the recommendation of the Lee Board of Assessors, by a motion duly made and seconded, the Select Board members voted unanimously to accept their recommendation of a single tax rate for all classes of property r Fiscal Year 2018.*
3. **General Business:** One Day Beer & Wine License - *By a motion duly made and seconded the Board members voted unanimously to grant a One Day Beer & Wine to the Spectrum Playhouse for cabaret performance by Berkshire Hills Chorus at the playhouse on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.*

Berkshire Gas Permit – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant three permits to Berkshire Gas Company for the installation of new gas service at 223 Washington Mountain Road, 190 Laurel Street and 65 Paul Drive.*

Sandwich Board Sign Permit - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board members voted unanimously to grant a Sandwich Board permit to RE/MAX Compass, Compass Homes, Inc., for a period of one year expiring on November 7, 2017 .*

Temporary Sign (Banner) Permit - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board members voted unanimously to grant to Chief Jeffrey Roosa a Temporary Sign (Banner)*

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Permit to from “thank the donors for Special Olympics” and to waive the permit fee. The banner will be hung from November 19th through November 29, 2017.

Agreement for Town & School-Department of Education - The Board members reviewed the Agreement for Town & School-Department of Education Fiscal Year 18 Reporting. As it is virtually the same agreement as has been in effect for the past ten years, by a motion duly made and seconded, *the Board members voted unanimously to allow the Chair to sign the Agreement.*

4. Pending Business:

- a. Holiday (ugly) Sweater Fun Run – Lee Police Dept. – Berkshire County Special Olympics – November 19, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

5. Chief Administrative Officer:

- a. FY 2018 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended October 31, 2017 – The Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended October 31, 2017 are available in the Selectmen’s Office for their review.
- b. Discussion – Special Town Meeting – The Board members discussed the need for a Special Town Meeting in order to approve the 40R Bylaw, which would be beneficial to the Eagle Mill Redevelopment Project and other business. They agreed on a date of Thursday, December 7th. CAO, Christopher Ketchen stated that we will begin preparing and the Warrant will be written and posted by November 22nd. Articles for the Warrant will be 40R, funding needed for the re-val year and, zoning and several smaller items.
- c. FY 2018 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended September 30, 2017 – The Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended September 30, 2017 are available in the Selectmen’s office for their review.

- 6. **Public Comments:** Board member Tom Wickham noted that on Saturday, Nov. 11th, the Kiwanis Club’s Annual “Stuff the Truck” will be held at municipal parking lot on Railroad Street from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. They are encouraging everyone to donate non-perishable food and pet food items. They are also in dire need of disposable diapers.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15th at CTSB there will be a recognition for Steve Cozzaglio at 10:00 AM.

The Historical Commission and The Cultural Council are both in dire need of members. If interested please call the Town Hall at 243-5500 or submit a letter of interest to 32 Main St., Lee, MA 01238.

The Board members extended their condolences to the families of Lou DiGrigoli, David Consolati and Bill Enser for their loss.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2017.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *By a motion duly made and seconded the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Bigelow,
Administrative Assistant

Notice of Website Posting Sent to:

Board of Selectmen
Town Administrator
Town Clerk
Town Collector
Planning Board

Board of Assessors
Board of Health
Conservation Commission
Police Chief
Building Inspector

Dept. of Public Works
Town Treasurer
Town Reps. District Chairmen
Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant