

APPROVED ON 4/23/2020

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – April 7, 2020

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

Chairman, Thomas Wickham, 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 Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2020.*
2. **Public Hearings:** None.
3. **General Business:** a) Postponement of the 2020 Town Elections & Recommendation for Select Board to adopt new Election Calendar - Chief Administrative Officer, Christopher Ketchen informed the Board that he met via teleconference with the Board of Registrars and they informed him that they had voted unanimously to postpone the 2020 town elections. The Board of Registrars also voted unanimously to recommend that the Select Board adopt the following new election and asked the Select Board to also adopt the following election calendar:

Chairman Wickham Moved that in accordance with Senate Bill 2608 and the vote of the town of Lee Board of Registrars to postpone municipal elections, that the Town of Lee, Massachusetts set the following dates for town caucuses and elections in the year 2020 as recommended by the Board of Registrars:

May 8, 2020	Last day to provide public notice of caucus
May 15, 2020	Last day to hold caucus
June 12, 2020	Last day to register to vote for municipal election (until 8pm)
June 19, 2020	Last day (by noon) to apply for absentee ballot
June 22, 2020	Town Elections

By motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to adopt the proposed election calendar as set forth above.

By a motion duly made and second, the Board members voted unanimously that the Lee Annual Town Meeting be delayed from May 14, 2020 to June 18, 2020 in accordance with

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Chapter 39, Section 9 of the Massachusetts General Laws and in response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

b) Notification – Housatonic Railroad company – regarding 2020 Vegetation Control Program - The Board members were presented with the yearly notification from TEC Associates regarding the Housatonic Railroad Control Program – 2020 Vegetation Control Program - Chairman Wickham announced the Housatonic Railroad Company's 2020 Yearly Operational Plan which was approved by the Conservation Commission. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to accept the Housatonic Railroad Company's 2020 Yearly Operational Plan as submitted.*

4. **Pending Business:** None.

5. **Public Comments:** Patty Carlino asked if anyone knows why Eversource seems to be cutting down trees all over the town. David Consolati replied that they are removing trees that are leaning and dead and trimming trees that are in the way of power lines.

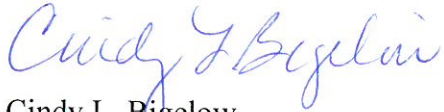
David Consolati stated that he received questions regarding the Lee Food Pantry and he stated the following: The Lee Food Pantry is opened from 10:00 – Noon on Saturdays in the Railroad Street location. Donations are always appreciated and received by either Sue Gore or Eileen Maxfield. There is a shopping program done by volunteers and you can contact the Lee Senior Center at 243-5545 with any questions. There is also a brown bag program delivered on the second Wednesday of every month (contact Lee Senior Center for application). The Lee Middle & High School has an Amazing Box delivered every Tuesday until further notice (contact the School for information).

Chairman Wickham extended thanks and gratitude on behalf of the Board and the Town of Lee, to all 1st responders, EMT's nurses, doctors, firemen and police and to all volunteers who are stepping up at this time. David Consolati added "Be Safe/Be Well. Patty Carlino wished everyone a "Happy Easter".

6. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

7. **Motion to Adjourn:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 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

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