

APPROVED ON 7/21/2020

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 16, 2020

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

Thomas Wickham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** None.
2. **Public Hearings:** None.
3. **General Business:** Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) – Town Representative – After putting the word out that BRTA needed a Town of Lee Representative, our current representative, Andrea Wadsworth has indicated to the Board, that she is willing to sign on for another year. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to elect Andrea Wadsworth as the Town of Lee's representative to the BRTA.*
  - b) Review & Execution of Agreement between the Town of Lee and Real Estate Research Consultants, for FY 2021 through FY 2023 - After a brief discussion and *upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to execute the Agreement between the Town of Lee and Real Estate Research Consultants for FY2021 through FY 2023 in the amount of \$133,800.00.*
4. **Pending Business:** None
5. **Town Administrator:** a. Lee Police Chief – Commendation for Community Service – Officer Jason Hopkins - Chief Administrative Officer, Christopher Ketchen read a Commendation for Community Service, that was presented to Officer Hopkins (See copy attached and made a part of these minutes).
  - b. Honorable Service Citation - Ella Hopkins, Avery Hopkins and Madelyn Hopkins - Chief Administrative Officer, Christopher Ketchen read an Honorable Service Citation that was presented to Ella Hopkin, Avery Hopkins and Madelyn Hopkins (See copies attached and made a part of these minutes).

Christopher Ketchen announced his appointment, at the recommendation of Chief Ryan Brown, of two full-time employees; namely, Matthew Fenton and Shane Hope.

David Consolati stated his dismay over an incident where Lee Officers were, by mutual aid, sent to Great Barrington during the protests. While there, the officers were berated by the protesters and one came back stating that he was leaving the position at the police department.

Colleen Henry, Director of the Lee Chamber of Commerce sent a notification to the Select Board that due to COVID-19 the year's Founder's Weekend has been cancelled. Tom mentioned that we could possibly still have the fireworks, as most people could stay in their cars and the fireworks display is visible from great distances in the town.

**6. Public Comments:** Kathy Hall came before the Board and commented that Class Night and graduation were beautifully orchestrated. The parks are open and people are happy. At the Marble Street playground girls were practicing their sports while social distancing. People have been at the Athletic Field; it's been busy and again, people were spread out taking all safety precautions. The skateboard park has been fabulous, people are using the exercise equipment and are picnicking and enjoying being outside. The survey has been sent out for a potential community center. Patty asked if it was on the town website. Kathy responded that it is and is also on the Lee Youth Commission's Facebook Page. The Library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM for "curbside" pickup. You can call the library at 243-0385 or e-mail them at [Lee@cwmar.org](mailto:Lee@cwmar.org).

Patty mentioned that a resident had contacted her about naming the bench in the small park area next to the Morgan House after Mr. "Z" (Hank Zukowski). Everyone seemed amenable and Patty will follow through with this.

Patty also wanted to remind every that the election is on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and if anyone is uncomfortable about going to the polls, they can call our Town Clerk, Christopher Brittain for an absentee ballot.

Sean Regnier came before the Board reminding everyone that he is running for election for a seat on the Select Board. He is hoping to lend great perspective to the town and learn about the Rest of River Agreement and its ramifications. He hopes to work on greater clean-up of the river, with a quality of life plan. He hopes to research and develop the PCB remediation. He stated that we can still shape the agreement. Given his background, he also hopes to spearhead work on the Master Plan (ours is 20 yrs. old), have voices heard. He thanked the Board for letting him speak, reminded every one of the election and to wear a mask.

**7. Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

**8. Motion to Adjourn:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy L. Bigelow".

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 Chair  
Superintendent of Schools  
Town Accountant

COMMENDATION  
FOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE



AWARDED TO

*Officer Jason Hopkins*

This commendation is presented to Officer Jason Hopkins for his distinct dedication to his position as a Lee Police Officer and School Resource Officer, through his bedtime story initiative.

In the wake of the COVID pandemic, many Police agencies grappled with how to maintain a positive connection to schools and community. I challenged you to bridge this gap during this difficult time. You came up with a virtual bedtime story proposal and through this program, you demonstrated your devotion to the children and families of our community. We are truly fortunate to have an Officer that cares so deeply for the health and welfare of our community. I am familiar with the amount of time this program required. I am also aware that on many occasions during this initiative you acted while off duty. In a virtual setting, week after week, night after night, without hesitation, you lined up guest readers or faithfully read to our community yourself and often did so with assistance from your own family.

We are always trying to strengthen a positive community relationship and with devotion such as yours, you demonstrate this commitment. This commendation is awarded to you for all your work in making us successful in this endeavor. A copy of this commendation shall remain a permanent part of your personnel file.

*Signed this 9th day of June, 2020*

Craig W DeSantis  
Acting Chief of Police



# *Lee Police Department*

*Lee Massachusetts*

## *Honorable Service Citation*

*On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020*

*is hereby presented to*

*Ella Hopkins*

*Presented for your efforts as an honorary citizen member of the Lee Police Department, for your work and devotion in support of the virtual community bedtime story initiative. Your selfless assistance is in keeping with the highest standards of our community and this Department. We thank you for all that you did in making this program successful*



*Craig W. DeSantis Acting Chief of Police*

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*Craig W. DeSantis Acting Chief of Police*