

APPROVED ON 3/16/21

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – March 2, 2021

Present: David Consolati, Chairman

By ZOOM: Patty Carlino and Sean Regnier, Board of Selectmen.

Christopher Ketchen, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Chairman David Consolati called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, stating that pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, this is an audio recording with a roll call vote of members present by ZOOM.

<i>David Consolati</i>	<i>here</i>
<i>Patty Carlino</i>	<i>here</i>
<i>Sean Regnier</i>	<i>here</i>

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded and upon a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the open session minutes of January 26, 2021, February 2, 2021 and February 16, 2021.*

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
<i>David Consolati</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Patty Carlino</i>	
<i>Sean Regnier</i>	

2. **Public Hearings:** None.

3. **General Business:** a) Seasonal All Alcohol Package Store License Renewal - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and upon a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Seasonal All Alcohol Package Store License to the 102 Package Store.*

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
<i>David Consolati</i>	<i>None</i>
<i>Patty Carlino</i>	
<i>Sean Regnier</i>	

b) Temporary Sign Permit – 170 Housatonic St., - Rodeway Inn - After a brief discussion, *and upon a motion duly made and seconded, and upon a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve a temporary sign permit for the Roadway Inn at 170 Housatonic Street.*

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None

c) Forest Wilde – Discussion – re: Extension of the 65-day decision requirement on Special Permit Application - Pete D'Agostino came before the Board regarding Forest Wilde's extension of the 65-day decision requirement on the special permit application. He stated that they have been in front of the Planning Board and their site plan was approved with two conditions: 1) water usage information will be provided to the DPW, 2) special permit review 6.1-B Zoning Ordinance. The Select Board and Forest Wilde mutually agree to extend to a reasonable time and date the Board finds agreeable. David Consolati stated that he doesn't like the roadway turning and Mr. D'Agostino replied that he reached out to Mass D.O.T. and they determine the turning lane requirements. They will address the neighbors' concerns regarding the seasonal traffic.

Mr. D'Agostino commented that they look forward to coming back for their hearing in the future.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and upon a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to allow Forest Wilde to send a request as stated by Town Counsel and to allow the chair to sign the extension of the 65-day decision requirement on the Forest Wilde's Special Permit Application.

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d. Peaker Plant – Sean Regnier - The Peaker Plant on Woodland Road burns kerosene and emits pollution in order to supplement power at peak power periods when demand is the highest. Peter Hofman came before the Board and invited Rosemary Wessel to speak. She explained that the Plant runs for hours when demand is at peak for several days a few hours at a time. She also added that the Plant in Lee is 61 years old. She wants the Plants to close down and run on battery storage, as the pollution is harmful to the elderly and is worse than coal or woodburning, which contributes to respiratory and other illnesses. They are not asking for the town to take on the power plan, just seeking another form of energy and they are looking for the Town's support. Chris Ketchen added that this may be the opportunity we've been looking for and there are incentives available.

After a brief discussion, *upon a motion duly made by Patty Carlino and seconded by Chairman Consolati, the Board members voted to endorse participation from Sean Regnier and/or Peter Hofman to engage in discussion leading to a better solution.*

e) David Carlino – Street Name Request – Eleven-year-old David Carlino came before the Board to thank the Board for giving the go-ahead to start the street naming dedication of the street leading up to the Elementary School to be named #23 Chief Roosa Way. Patty stated that she spoke to Superintendent of Public Works, Alan Zerbato and was informed it would take a week to 10 days to get the new sign and will put in in when the ground is not frozen. Patty stated that we're getting it done and it is a wonderful thing done with pride and recognition to our Chief. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, and by roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to approve the street name of “#23 Chief Roosa Way”*

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f) Lee Youth Commission – Update - Kathy Hall came before the Board and stated that they have the demographic profile and the Business Plan for the Town of Lee and the Business Plan. She will e-mail the documents to the Board members.

4. **Pending Busines:** None.

5. **Town Administrator:** a) FY 2021 Revenue & Expense Reports - CAO, Christopher Ketchen informed the Board that the Revenue & Expenses Reports for period ended February 28, 2021 are available for review in the Selectmen's Office.

b) FY 2022 Budget Discussion - CAO, Christopher Ketchen stated that the Budget FY22 details will be available shortly and we are on target for a 2% - 3% successful budget season. He said he is planning on a more aggressive capital plan.

On a different note: Chis stated that the Fire/EMS invested in software and life saving assistance and it has already paid off. Matt Fenton and Matt Wilson responded to a patient's life-threatening heart attack and with their quick thinking, a life was saved. Patty responded that this was impressive and extended the town's thanks to both of these individuals.

6. **Public Comments:** Chairman Consolati stated that an Open Meeting Law Complaint that was filed and the State reviewed this complaint and found that they did not violate any open meeting laws and are not held liable. This letter will be posted on our town website so everyone can read it.

Patty stated that our school will take part in the testing pool with Pittsfield. Thank you to Gregg Brighenti, Kate Retzel, the School Board Committee, the janitorial staff for keeping things clean. Everyone has done a good job.

7. **Next Regular Meeting** - Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

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

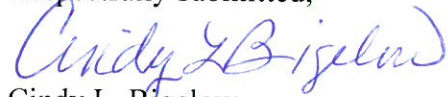
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None

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Bigelow,
Administrative Assistant

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Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant