

APPROVED ON 3/1/22

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – February 15, 2022
(ZOOM MEETING)

Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chair and Sean Regnier and Bob Jones, Board of Selectmen.

Also Present: Christopher Brittain, Interim Town Administrator

Chairperson, Patricia Carlino 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>Patty Carlino</i>	<i>here</i>
<i>Sean Regnier</i>	<i>here</i>
<i>Bob Jones</i>	<i>here</i>

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of February 1, 2022.*

<u><i>AYES</i></u>	<u><i>NAYS</i></u>
<i>Patty Carlino</i>	<i>none</i>
<i>Sean Regnier</i>	
<i>Bob Jones</i>	

2. **Public Hearings:** None.

3. **Public Comments:** Kathy Hall came before the Board to remind everyone that the Lee Youth Commission (LYA) is working on night skating for the February school vacation. (Weather permitting) and Chief Brown will provide the tower lights. (All with Select Board's approval). . The skating will be from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Chief Brown will keep his eye on the weather to make sure they can move forward.

Also, Kathy stated the “potential” Community Center is still waiting on 2 options for the building of the building. She will have a further update at our next meeting on March 1st.

4. **General Business:**

- a) Appointments - Sealer of Weights & Measures - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to appoint Brandon Collinge as a Sealer of Weights & Measures at the recommendation of the Building Commissioner.*

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none

Lee Greener Gateway Committee - Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to appoint Katherine Miller to the Lee Greener Gateway Committee, at the recommendation of Peter Hofman.

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- b) Tri-Town IMA - Jim Wilusz came before the Board with the continuation discussion of the Tri-Town IMA. The agreement had been forwarded to Town Counsel Jeremia Pollard who is happy with the changes, and any concerns he may have had have been addressed. Jim spoke of vaccine clinics, pop-up covid testing clinics, etc. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to execute the Southern Berkshire Public Health Collaborative Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) for the Public Health Excellence for Shared Services Grant.

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- c) March 24th Special Town Meeting Discussion - The Board discussed that they would like the meeting to be “in person”. They discussed that at this time the mask directive is still in place. All unvaccinated persons should consider masking. The numbers are not really dropping and the mask mandate seems ineffective. We are going to have to reconcile how to live with Covid and we won’t be able to impose such restrictions much longer. The Special Town Meeting will happen. The Board will need to reexamine how they will make the meeting happen. Josh Bloom came before the Board stating that his preference is for a hybrid meeting for people to participate. Personally he thinks the Board should consider delaying the meeting until we are able to have it outdoors. Chair Carlino stated that CTSB will record and we will talk to Matt Fillio at the school to set up recording. We have to have the meeting as we have to get the business done.
- d) ARPA Money – Spending Plan - Interim Town Administrator Christopher Brittain submitted the ARPA Money Spending Plan to the Board as follows:

- Canal Street Water/Fire Protection - \$330,000 ARPA category 5.11 Drinking Water Distribution – Awaiting Final Approval
- Bulls Eye Demolition - \$28,620.00 ARPA category 2.11 Aid to Tourism-Awaiting Final Approval – creates additional parking for tourists
- Greenagers/Golden Hill Trails – \$6,343.00 category 2.11 Tourism/2.10 Aid to non profit-Awaiting Final Approval
- Berkshire Immigrant Center - \$10,000.00 category 2.10 Aid to Non-Profit-Awaiting Final Approval
- Permit/Plan Scanning for Online Access - \$10,000.00 category 1.8 Other Covid (Communications) – Awaiting Final Approval – online vs. in-person contact
- Community Gardens/Greenagers - \$3,500.00 category 2.10 Aid to Non-Profit Awaiting Final Approval
- Covid Test Kits - \$17,153.90 category 1.2 Covid Testing -completed/Approved – at home kits (2 invoices) – senior housing, essential municipal workers
- Tri-Town Inspector - \$69,300.00 category 1.12 Other Public Health – completed/Approved - \$23,100.00 for up to 3 years
- GIS Updates - \$20,000.00 category 1.8 Other Covid (Communications) – Awaiting Final Approval – Assessors, Building, Land Use, Water/Sewer
- Hazard Pay – First Responders - \$70,500.00 category 4.1 Public Sector Premium Pay – Awaiting Final Approval – FIRE/EMS, Police, \$2500, \$250
- School Vaccines -EMT costs - \$288.00 category 1.1 Covid Vaccine – completed/Approved
- Memorial Hall Flooring -\$45,000.00 category 1.7 Physical Plan Changes – Facilities – Awaiting Final Approval – hard flooring in common areas/police for easier sanitation
- Eagle Mill - \$100,000.00 category 3.10 Affordable Housing – completed/Approved – offset by DHCD density bonus \$384,000
- Police Academy Housing - \$402.08 category 1.4 Isolation Housing - completed/Approved – separate housing due to Covid 19

After a discussion of each item and upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the ARPA spending plan as presented.

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- e) Annual Road Tolls – Discussion - The Board members briefly discussed the annual Road Tolls. Last year’s road toll participants were the chosen participants from 2020 that was cancelled due to Covid. Anyone interested in the road toll can get the application from the Selectmen’s Office by calling Cindy @ (413) 409-5975 or by e-mailing to cbigelow@town.lee.ma.us. The drawing will be held at the 2nd Selectmen Meeting in March which will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

- f) Main St./Park St./West Park St. Intersection – Discussion - The Board members reviewed the proposed Roundabout for the intersection of Main St./Park St./West Park St. as presented to them. They discussed the pros and cons of having a roundabout and what would happen if after it was finished it wasn't working the way everyone thought. One of the biggest areas of concern was if the lines on the road would be marred by the big trucks that go through there on a daily basis and people not familiar with the road pattern would get confused.

Patty wanted to know if they could make sure that it was repainted frequently and would the state maintain that upkeep or would it fall to the town. Also she wanted to make sure that there would be no curbing in the circle as it would be tight for the bigger trucks that go through town daily.

The Board also wanted to know what would/could happen if they found that the insertion of a roundabout creates more problems than it solves. Can we go back to the way it was?

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to continue to pursue the potential change with a roundabout.

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5. **Pending Business:** None.

6. **Town Administrator:** Chris Brittain informed the Board that he will attend a ZOOM webinar with BerryDunn and will present to the Board any information sometime late in March.

Chris said that he would be meeting with a number of department heads in the next week. He also said that the Department of Public Works is almost all set in the Town Hall.

We received expression back from the Master Plan to go ahead and pursue the full application for \$75,000.00. We are eligible for that. We won't know until the Fall, but we have gotten the green light to go ahead with it.

He announced that on Thursday afternoon the Board of Selectmen will meet at the Lee Town Hall to interview the three finalists for Town Administrator. The hour-long interviews will start at 4:00 PM and end at 7:00 PM. There will be no discussion or participation but the public is welcome to listen in. Patty asked who would be running the meeting and Chris answered that our Human Resource person, Lyndsay Patenaude, would be running it.

Patty asked that each member of the Select Board come up with some questions that will be asked of each of the candidates.

The Board discussed whether to meet “in person” or by ZOOM at our next meeting. After briefly discussing it, they decided to hold the next meeting by ZOOM.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

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 8:15 PM.*

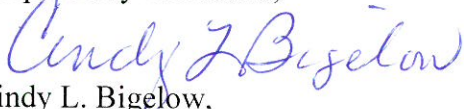
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Respectfully submitted,


Cindy L. Bigelow,
Administrative Assistant

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Town Clerk
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Board of Assessors
Board of Health
Conservation Commission
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Town Reps. District Chair
Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant