

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 19, 2012

Present: David J. Consolati, Acting Chairman, Gordon D. Bailey, Board of Selectmen, Robert L. Nason, Town Administer.

Acting Chairman, Patricia D. Carlino, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The public minutes of June 5, 2012 were unanimously approved.
2. **Public Hearings:** None
3. **General Business:** Rich Vinette – Downtown Task Force Revitalization - Mr. Vinette wished to thank the Board and Mr. Nason for their work with the CDC and with him, as his work with the CDC comes to a conclusion on June 30, 2012. He also had some final recommendations regarding the downtown strategy. He stated that in order to move forward on the West Side and Eagle Mill development, as well as other downtown projects, and in particular to help make Lee more competitive in the upcoming round of CDBG funding, it will be necessary to re-enlist the assistance of the downtown task force volunteers going forward. He also recommends that the task force be a town appointed committee that would work closely with the town and the Regional Planning Commission. He has reached out to some people who showed interest in the past and has heard back from several that they continue to be interested in serving.

Neil Clarke – Campaign for our Communities - Mr. Clark came before the Board to ask for their endorsement of the passage of the Act to Invest in Our Communities, a legislative movement, advocating for an equitable tax system. The act aims to make the tax structure more equitable in Massachusetts by restoring the income tax rate from 5.25 percent to 5.95 percent, but raising the personal exemption enough to hold down increases for middle-class families. The act would also raise the tax rate on wealthy investors, but provide a targeted exemption for middle-class seniors. According to Mr. Clarke this will raise \$1.37 billion in net additional revenue to maintain funding for the states' communities, schools and health care. Gordon Bailey commented that it all sounded good, but he wants to read all the literature before making any decisions. The Board decided to consider this item at the August 7, 2012 meeting.

Jamie Cahillane – CET – Recycling Consulting Services - Mr. Cahillane came before the Board with the Recycling Consulting Agreement for Fiscal Year 2013, wherein the Town of Lee requires the services of a consultant to assist the Town with its recycling and universal/hazardous waste collection and the Center for EcoTechnology (CET), the sole provider of such services in the Southern

Berkshire area, has effectively provided the Town such services in prior years. The parties agree that CET will provide services described in the June 15, 2012 proposal during FY 2013, which begins on July 1, 2012 and ends on June 30, 2013. The Town will compensate CET at the rate of \$55.00 per hour up to a limit of \$1,980.00. *The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign the contract to extend the agreement with CET at a rate of \$55.00 per hour, not to exceed the amount of \$1,980.00*

Jamie Cahillane – CET – Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant – Mr. Cahillane came before the Board with the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant application “Toward Zero Waste: A Berkshire Regional Approach”. This is an application for \$100,000.00 for a two year pilot program beginning in January, 2013. The application includes an in-kind contribution of \$110,400 from CET or another vendor. We will be joining together with Great Barrington, Lenox, Stockbridge, Pittsfield and the Center to conduct outreach and education aimed at reducing the volume of municipal solid waste. This innovative regional approach to serving our residents addresses several of our needs, including diverting organic waste from our waste stream, providing opportunities to reuse valuable surplus and used building materials and giving residents a go-to place for up to date information about recycling and waste reduction opportunities. The Town Recycling Committee will assist in identifying outlets for conducting outreach and education, and communicate on a regular basis with CET to provide updated information about waste reduction and recycling opportunities specific to Lee. We will also provide venues for conducting home composting workshops and encourage workshop participants to begin or expand home composting by making composting bins obtained through a previous MA DEP grant available at a reduced cost. *The Board voted unanimously to authorize the grant application and to authorize the Chair to sign the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Contract Form*

Jamie Cahillane – CET - Southern Berkshire Regional Hazardous Waste Collection Program – Mr. Cahillane came before the Board with the Service Agreement with The Center for EcoTechnology, Inc. to administer the regional program. He also presented a copy of the budget for FY 2013, a spreadsheet with each town’s assessment for FY 13, the program mini site calendar for the summer of 2012 and the July 2012 program one-day HHW information. *The Board voted unanimously to accept the Extension of Agreement between CET and the Town of Lee for the Collection of Hazardous Waste Through The Multi-Town Collaborative and to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.*

Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee Appointment - *The Board voted unanimously to appoint Robert E. Turtz as an alternate member of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee.* Ann Langlias asked the Board if there was a limit to the amount of people that could be on the Board and who gets first chance. Member Gordon Bailey stated that the Committee wanted to keep the members at an odd number.

Conservation Commission Appointment – *The Board voted unanimously to appoint Ryan Aylesworth to the Conservation Commission.*

FY 13 Selectmen Appointments – *The Board voted unanimously to appoint the 1 year and 3 year Selectmen Appointments as provided by a list attached.*

Department of Public Works Highway Garage Roof Replacement Project - Mr. Nason came before the Board to reduce the contract price by \$8,800.00 or from \$84,880.00 to \$76,000.00, as we don't need to include the gutters in the contract as it is a unit price. *The Board voted unanimously to remove the gutters from the scope of the work, to reduce the contract price to \$76,000.00 and to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.*

LYA – Temporary Sign Permit – The LYA requested a Temporary Sign Permit for a free-standing 12 sq. ft. sign to be erected in the ground at the driveway going into the Athletic Field on Housatonic Street for the June 29th barbeque. *The Board voted unanimously to allow the Chair to sign the permit for the LYA Barbeque sign.*

Berkshire Gas Company – Permit to install gas service – 165 Summer Street - *The Board voted unanimously to allow the Chair to sign the application for permit for Berkshire Gas Company to install gas service at 165 Summer Street.*

FY 2013 911 Grant – Chief Joseph Buffis presented a letter to the Board requesting permission to apply for the FY 2013 911 Grant in the amount of \$151,575.68, which would fund the Dispatch personnel costs-\$68,193.38 / Computer Aided Dispatch-\$12,025.00 / Fire & Ambulance Pagers-\$9,072.00 / Public Safety Radio upgrades-\$58,224.35 (continuation of a system wide upgrade) / Tyringham Police radio - \$4,061.00. Member, Gordon Bailey recused himself from discussion and the vote. *The remaining Board voted unanimously to approve the Chief's request to apply for the FY 2013 911 Grant.*

Town Administrator's Contract Renewal – Administrator Nason presented his contract renewal to the Board for their consideration. To afford themselves the opportunity to review the agreement, the members decided to consider this at the next Selectmen Meeting. Monica Ryan asked if a copy of the Contract could be posted on the web and Mr. Nason agreed to post his current agreement.

4. **Pending Business:** Household Hazardous Waste Summer 2012 Mini-site Collections – The next Mini-site collection will be held on Tuesday, July 20th – 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm at the Lenox Dept. of Public Works. Accepted materials are used motor oil. Oil based paints (no latex paint), turpentine, stains & thinners.

2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection – The next 2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, July 21st – 9:00 am – Noon at the Lee Waste Water Treatment Plant.

5. **Town Administrator:** - Personnel Appointments – Chelsi Arsnpiger – Seasonal Officer - *The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Chelsi Arsnpiger as a Seasonal Officer for the purpose of staffing the Town Beach traffic position, effective June 15th. She will work 24 hours per week, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.*

Mary McDarby – Council on Aging – Clerical Assistance – *The Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Mary McDarby as occasional clerk for the Council on Aging. She will work up to 16 hours during a Monday to Thursday workweek on an on-call basis.*

6. **Public Comments:** Monica Ryan came before the Board to recommend Mass Save to Lee residents. She stated that they go through your home to suggest and help with ways to save on heating bills & various household energy costs.

Monica Ryan also spoke of the most recent Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee meeting that she attended. She spoke of her preference that the minutes of the meeting be taken by a Committee Member and not have the taxpayers pay for the minutes to be taken. She relayed her concerns that she was not allowed to speak at that meeting until the end and wanted to be shown more respect by the Chair of that Committee. Further, in regard to the Wind Study conducted by the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee she stated that she wished the Committee would take the health issues more seriously and she provided a Wind Turbine Impact Study - Dodge & Fond Du Lac Counties – Wisconsin – September 2009 – Summary & Conclusion to back up some of her concerns regarding property value impacts. Mr. Nason explained to her that we are only in the process of gathering facts at this time and all of those issues would be investigated.

Ann Langlias spoke of the committee, “Wise Choices for Lee” which at the present time has 43 members that meet regularly to discuss wind turbine proposals, health impacts, finances gained, environmental impacts and site information. Mr. Nason asked her to provide names and e-mail addresses so that he could extend by e-mail the posting of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee meeting.

Gordon Bailey wished to announce that the beach is now open from 10:00 am – 8:00 PM - parking passes available at the Lee Dispatch Center.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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Board of Assessors
Board of Health
Conservation Commission
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Town Treasurer
Town Reps. District Chairmen
Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant