

TOWN OF LEE  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday March 19, 2024 @ 7:00PM  
Town Hall • 38 Main Street • Former Courtroom

Minutes

**Members Present:** Bob Jones, Gordon Bailey, Sean Regnier

**Members Absent:** None.

**Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.**

1. Minutes: Open Session Minutes of 03/05/2024

*Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the 03/05/2024 meeting minutes as submitted which Mr. Regnier seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.*

2. Public Comment

None.

3. General Business

a. Renewal of Seasonal Package Store License (Route 102 Package Store)

*Mr. Regnier made a motion to approve the renewal of the seasonal all alcohol package store license for Route 102 Package Store which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.*

b. One Day Wine & Malt License – LFC

*Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the one day wine and malt license for Lee Fire Company which Mr. Regnier seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.*

c. Temporary Sign Permit & Fee Waiver – BRTA

*Mr. Regnier made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit for BRTA and waive the fee which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.*

d. Sign agreement with BRPC for Complete Streets Project

Admin Brittain stated that this is phase two of the complete streets project that the Board approved last year. The application has been accepted and now the Board will need to appoint a Project Manager to the Complete Streets Subcommittee. Once the agreement is signed, the State will contact the Town to begin forming the subcommittee.

*Mr. Bailey made a motion to have the Chair sign the agreement with BRPC for the Complete Streets Project which Mr. Regnier seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.*

*Mr. Regnier made a motion to appoint DPW Superintendent, Lenny Tisdale, as the Complete Streets Project Manager which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.*

e. Sign Affidavit of Compliance, 935 CMR 500.181(3)

Chairman Jones recused himself.

Admin Brittain stated this is an affidavit stating that the Town is complying with social equity policies for cannabis permitting.

*Mr. Regnier made a motion to sign the affidavit of compliance for 935 CMR 500.181(3) which Mr. Bailey seconded and was approved, 2-0. Chairman Jones recused himself from the discussion and abstained from the vote.*

f. PCB Committee Appointments

*Mr. Bailey made a motion to appoint the succeeding list of people to the PCB Committee which Mr. Regnier seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.*

1	Scientist	Mary Brittain
2	Scientist	Gail Ceresia
3	Legal Expert	Peter Bluhm
4	Public Health/Medical Expert	Robert Wespiser
5	Financial Expert	Robert Heinzman
6	PR/Communications	Marilyn Wyatt
7	Member at Large	David Carrington
	Associate Member	Julia Thomas

g. Announce UDF Design review meeting with EPA (April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm-8pm)

Chairman Jones announced that the meeting being held by the EPA regarding the UDF Design Review will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6pm-8pm at the LMHS auditorium.

h. Household Hazard Waste Announcement – May 11<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Regnier stated that this will be held at the Lee Wastewater Treatment Plant on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registering is required and can be done on the Town of Lee's website or by calling Tri-Town Health Department at (413) 243-5540.

4. Any topic the Chairman could not reasonably anticipate.

Chairman Jones noted the passing of Lee resident and journalist, Richard Lindsey. He offered the Board's condolences to Mr. Lindsey's family, and stated that Mr. Lindsey was a valued member of the community who will be missed.

Chairman Jones added that the Town of Lee has refiled a complaint against Monsanto and General Electric. This is a complaint for intentional infliction of harm to humans and the environment, compensatory and punitive damages with a jury trial demanded in Berkshire County. He read a press release that was prepared by Admin Brittain.

He added that there will be a visit to the UDF site in the near future. He stated that GE and the EPA had promised the public access to the area, but in recent days, they have decided the public cannot go to the site – including the CCC. He stated that, personally, he is disappointed, and believes the public needs to know as much as possible. He added that they are working on getting permission for the PCB Advisory Committee to do a site visit.

Mr. Bailey announced that there is a public hearing on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm for Hazard Mitigation in the Courtroom.

5. Town Administrator Report

Admin Brittain congratulated two of the Town's First Responders; Officer Joshua Tracy (Berkshire's Hero of the Month) and Firefighter/EMT Tiffany Hartlage (promoted to Firefighter/Paramedic).

Admin Brittain also stated that they did receive a grant for the new Town Planner position that is proposed for FY25. He added that they also received the MassDEP Assistance Grant which will be helpful to the newly-formed PCB Committee.

He also added that the final draft of the Master Plan has been posted online. There will be a hearing on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at LMHS auditorium for public comment.

**Chairman Jones announced that the Select Board will hold a special meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am to meet with two Civics Classes at LMHS to respond to letters they received from the students.**

**The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2024.**

**Mr. Regnier made a motion to adjourn at 7:26pm which Mr. Bailey seconded and was approved, 3-0.**

Submitted by:

  
Sabrina Touhey  
Exec Asst TA/BOS

**Approved on: 04/02/2024**