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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chair, David Consolati and Thomas Wickham, Board of Selectmen and Robert Nason, Town Administrator.

Chair, Patricia Carlino, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM .

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Public Session Minutes of March 1, 2016, noting a change to the voting section of the Tyringham Road Reconstruction.*
2. **Public Hearings:** All Alcohol License – Waterside Resort Properties, LLC, d/b/a LakeHouse Inn. Anthony Massimiano, Attorney for the applicant came before the Board with the All Alcohol License request for the LakeHouse Inn at 615 Laurel Street. Margaret (Maggie) A. Barry, Cody W. Gavin, William M. Barry and Marlee Champoux Barry hold the interest in the business equally, and Margaret and Cody will be the managers under this license. They have restored the property to its original grandeur, which has 16 rooms and outdoor venue space. They hope to begin operation in May, 2016 and intend to have breakfast food for guests only, with snacks, pastries and buns for guests and special events. Food will be catered at events. Maggie is TIPS certified and has extensive management experience. In response to a question about their hours, Maggie stated their hours would be 10:00 AM to midnight. *The Board members voted unanimously to grant an All Alcohol Liquor License to Waterside Resort Properties, LLC, d/b/a LakeHouse Inn.*
3. **General Business:** Repairs to Valley Street Bridge - Superintendent of Public Works, Chris Pompei, P.E., came before the Board to discuss the repairs to the Valley Street Bridge, which has recently been posted. The Board was presented with an agreement with Gill Engineering Associates to design the repairs. Their work began on March 8th. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the contract with Gill Engineering in the full amount of \$6,343.00 and to be reimbursed for Lenox's share.*

Tyringham Road Reconstruction – Chris Pompei came before the board to discuss the Tyringham Road Reconstruction. He stated that he and Mr. Nason met with the state last week to go over the contingency overage due to the barriers. The Board reviewed a draft letter to Mark Ringie, MassDOT regarding the Temporary Barrier Change (#6) which was necessary solely due to MassDOT's construction oversight. *The Board members*

voted unanimously to authorize the Chair Patricia Carlino, to sign the letter to Mass DOT requesting Reconsideration of the Temporary Barrier Change.

Thin Filmed Plastic Bags and Polystyrene Containers – Peter Hofman (Recycling Committee) came before the Board to follow up on the January meeting regarding two warrant articles. He explained that the by-laws are short and he will work with the public and businesses to facilitate the transition. According to Hofman most of the work is in response to public comments. The hope is to protect consumer freedom and exemptions. Both by-laws protect consumer rights and flexibility, include exemptions and deferments to avoid undue hardships and require the Board of Health to increase options for new alternatives as new products are developed and new research results are released. The shopping bag by-law doesn't mandate any fees and avoids financial burdens on those individuals and non-profits/charities that can least afford them, defines bag alternatives that minimize the potential of making the situation worse, requires that reusable bags be free of heavy metals, identify where they're made and includes a reminder to wash or disinfect them regularly; and keeps other bags people are used to. Mr. Hofman expects a long transition (approximately 15 months) to educate people. He explained that the ordinances will keep the community more attractive and the publicity will enhance our image. It is about community pride and self image. He will try to get a meeting by the end of March to discuss the by-laws and he will schedule it before the Baby Town Meeting in April. Patty Carlino asked if there were any businesses that were adamantly opposed and Mr. Hofman responded that there were two businesses that don't see a need. Patty Carlino expressed that this is coming and we want to have something that fits us, not something imposed from Boston. The Board of Health will approve alternatives as needed. Patty commended the Committee for their diligence and hard work.

One Day Beer & Wine License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a one day beer and wine license to St. Mary's School for a Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM.*

4. **Pending Business:**

None.

5. **Town Administrator:** FY 2017 Budget - Mr. Nason presented the first cut on the operating budget dated March 10, 2016. On the plus side our health insurance provider offers Med-X 2 instead of 3 (no copayment for drugs). Med-X 2 has tiered co-pay which will save retirees a ton of money and save the town \$280,000.00.

Ambulance Service Plan – We have sent a request for a waiver to OEMS and are still waiting to hear back. We are in the process of looking at shared options.

Personnel - Mr. Nason reported that he had asked Chief Roosa to explore the possibility of joining the county dispatcher system. He stated that he will work with the dispatchers to find new opportunities.

Mr. Nason stated that the Finance Committee will meet tomorrow (3/16/16) night.

Mr. Nason announced that after 25 years of service, Town Clerk Sue Scarpa has announced her retirement, effective June 1, 2016. The Board extended their thanks to Sue for her many years of service.

Mr. Nason also announced that there is an opportunity in the DPW for a truck driver/laborer. Interest will be assessed on March 25, 2016.

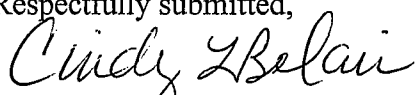
Chief Roosa submitted a letter to Mr. Nason seeking approval and recommendation that Michael Silver be able to use his previous, continuous, similar employment with the Pittsfield Police Dept. when computing his vacation time. *The Board members voted unanimously approve the vacation policy request of Michael Silver.*

6. **Public Comments:** None.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 5:00 PM in the Courtroom and the next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the courtroom.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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Town Collector
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Board of Assessors
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