

APPROVED ON 9/2/16

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – August 16, 2016

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

Absent: David Consolati

The Chair, Thomas Wickham, 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 August 2, 2016.*
2. **Public Hearing:** Eversource – Pole Hearing – Nicole Clemo from Eversource came before the Board with Eversource’s petition to request permission to relocate and/or install poles, wires, cables and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public way: Location - Set one (1) new solely owned pole southerly of the center line of Summer Street approximately five hundred fifty feet (550’) northwesterly of the intersection with Prospect Street. Reason – For the purposes of providing power to houses #87A through #87D. After a brief discussion with abutting neighbors who had asked about the possibility of the lines being put underground, the consensus prevailed that the expense of underground lines prevented that possibility. The Board asked Eversource to be careful about cutting down trees needlessly and they agreed to that. *The Board members voted unanimously to grant the pole permit to Eversource for a pole to be located southerly of the center line of Summer Street approximately five hundred fifty feet (550’) northwesterly of the intersection with Prospect Street.*
3. **General Business:** FY 2017 State 911 Department Support & Incentive Grant Agreement – The Board members extended their thanks to Chief Roosa for once again participating and receiving a State 911 Department Support & Incentive Grant in the amount of \$153,266.00.

Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization - The Board members voted unanimously to designate member, Tom Wickham to represent Lee at the subregional caucus on Wednesday, September 21st at 5:30 P.M. in the Lee Town Hall.

Warrant for 2016 State Primary - The Board members approved and signed the 2016 State Primary to be held at 21 Crossway, Crossway Village Gym on Thursday, September 8, 2016 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. to cast votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices: Representative in Congress – 1st Congressional District / Councilor – Eighth District / Senator in General Court – Berkshire Hampshire Franklin Hampden District / Representative in General Court – Fourth Berkshire District / Sheriff – Berkshire County / County Commissioners (if applicable) – Berkshire County.

Berkshire Gas Permits – The Board members voted unanimously to grant to Berkshire Gas Company three (3) permits for repairs to gas mains for properties located at 370 Chapel Street, 85 Orchard Street and 230 East Center Street.

Conservation Commission Appointment – The Board members voted unanimously to appoint Hannah Marcos to fill a vacancy in the Conservation Commission.

Council on Aging – FY 17 Formula Grant - The Board members were presented with the 2017 Formula Grant/Allocation – Statement of Authorization in the total amount of \$15,430.00. The Board members voted unanimously to approve the proposed spending plan and authorize the Chair to sign the Statement of Authorization. The Board extended their thanks to Council on Aging Director, Patricia DiGrigoli.

4. Pending Business:

- a. Lee School Committee Vacancy Meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the former courtroom at Lee (Memorial) Town Hall. – Interested Candidates should submit their letter of Interest and resume to Lee Public Schools., Superintendent's Office, 300A Greylock Street, Lee, MA 01238.
- b. 2016 Mini-site Collection – Saturday, August 24th - 4:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. – Great Barrington Recycling Center.

5. **Town Administrator:** Personnel Appointments – At the recommendation of the hiring committee, consisting of Brandi Page, Mike Towler, Matt Larson and Chris Pompei, Mr. Nason appointed Shanon Albee for the position of Department of Public Works Secretary.

At the recommendation of Ambulance Service Director Lisa Michaud, Mr. Nason appointed Raymond Ferrin to the position of EMT/Custodian.

Personnel Resignation - Mr. Nason announced the resignation of Nancy Searing from the Lee Ambulance Service.

6. Public Comments: None.

In light of a recent pedestrian/auto fatality in the town, Chairman, Tom Wickham brought up the subject of pedestrian safety. He advised pedestrians to look carefully before crossing any street.

Patty Carlino read a memo from Jim Wilusz, regarding Board of Health member, Mary Fenwick who passed away, extending condolences to her family.

Berkshire Eagle reporter, Dick Lindsay commented on the area of the fatality making mention that one could barely tell there is a crosswalk as it appears it hadn't been painted in sometime and there is no signage indicating a crosswalk.

7. Next Regular Meeting: Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

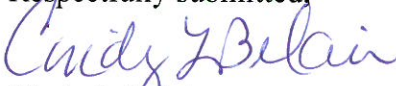
8. Motion to Adjourn: *At 7:30 P.M., the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn to EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss collective bargaining strategy because deliberating in open session may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position. The members will not return to public session. Vote by roll call as follows:*

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*Patricia Carlino
Thomas Wickham*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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