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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 20, 2016

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

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 September 6, 2016.*
2. **Public Hearing:** Verizon New England, Inc. and WMECO d/b/a Eversource Energy – Order for Joint or Identical Pole Location – Steve Klaubert came before the Board to discuss the Order for a Joint or Identical Pole Location due to the Valley Street Bridge Replacement Project. After reviewing the plan, Patty Carlino stated that it didn't look as though the removal of the old pole was included and asked if they would be removing the old pole. Mr. Klaubert responded that he wasn't sure. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to table this matter until our next meeting on October 4th, and at that time Mr. Klaubert would be able to clarify the question of whether or not the old pole would be removed. *The Board members voted unanimously to continue the hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 7:00 PM to clarify the issue of the old pole being removed.*
3. **General Business:** Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant Items - As the Board Members reviewed the September 16, 2016 list of proposed items for a Fall Special Town meeting, Mr. Nason offered the following comments:
 - 1) Valley and Chapel Streets Bridge Right of Way Acquisitions - The Town must acquire land or easements in order for MassDOT's to replace these bridges.
 - 2) Full-time Fire Chief/Ambulance Service Director Appropriation - In response to the May 12, 2016, Annual Town Meeting's questioning the need for a full-time Fire Chief, the members of the Select Board appointed the following residents to an Advisory Committee to determine whether a full-time position was necessary:

Gordon Bailey (District Representative)
Bill Brunell (Fire Department Officer & District Representative)

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Patricia Carlino (Select Board Member)
 Neil Clarke (Personnel Board Chair & District Representative)
 Ed North (Fire Department Officer)
 Jeff Roosa (Police Chief & District Representative)
 Pete Sorrentino (Firefighter & District Representative)
 Matt Tyer (Paramedic & District Representative)

During the third meeting of the Full-time Fire Chief Advisory Committee, six of the 8 members voted to recommend a full-time Fire Chief/Ambulance Service Director and two members dissented. An appropriation is required to implement the Committee's recommendation.

- 3) Fire Truck Stabilization Fund Appropriation- Funding must be appropriated for the planned purchase of a new, replacement Fire Engine/Tanker, which may be acquired through a cooperative purchasing agreement.

The Members tentatively scheduled the Special Town Meeting for October 27th at 7:00 PM.

FY 2018 Budget and May 11, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Preparation Schedule – the Board members reviewed the FY 2018 Budget and town Meeting Preparation Schedule as presented by Mr. Nason.

Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP) Municipal Grant - \$750.00 - Mr. Nason announced that the Town of Lee has again been awarded a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant in the amount of \$750.00 for a Small-Scale Initiative. This year the monies will be used for the purchase of reusable shopping bags purchased by The Recycling Committee to distribute throughout FY17.

Charter Communications (Spectrum) – Decryption Box Proposal – Chairman Wickham reported that he attended a meeting of The Five Town Cable Advisory Committee and Spectrum regarding the cable company's proposed encryption. The customers will be required to rent a box for \$7.00 per month, per television. Tom stated that he is not happy and considers this to be a breach of a contract clause; and although Spectrum has offered the first two years free, after that everyone would be charged. Patty stated that the town has a Cable Committee and a lawyer to help with this matter. Tom encouraged everyone to attend meetings and to speak their minds regarding this issue.

Temporary Sign Permit - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a temporary sign permit to the St. Mary's School for their annual bazaar to be held on November 20, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and to waive the fee for the permit.*

Berkshire Gas Permits – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant the following three gas permits for the installation of new gas service: 1) 570 Fairview Street 2) 331 Bradley Street and 3) 530 East Street.*

Hawker & Peddler License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Hawker & Peddler License to Evan Williams for Solar City.* The Board reminded Evan to obtain a copy of the “no call list” from the Town Clerk and to adhere to the list.

Entertainment License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant an Entertainment License to the Sullivan Station for an event to be held on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016 from 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM.* The Board stated that they have granted this entertainment license even though it is not needed as The Sullivan Station has an annual Entertainment License which would cover such an event.

4. Pending Business:

- a. 2016 Mini-site Collection – Saturday, Sept. 17th – 8:30AM – 10:30 AM at the Lenox Dept. of Public Works
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing on the application of BDC, Inc., for a Special Permit application under the Bylaws Section 199-3,2 Floodplain District – 40 Consolati Way – to be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Planning Board Office.
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing to appeal the decision by the Building Inspector of a violation of the zoning bylaws due to activity of raising poultry on less than 5 acres of land – to be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Planning Board Office.
- d. Public Meetings for More Efficient BRTA Bus Service - Changes in BRTA bus routes 1,31, 33, 12, 14 and 7:
 Thurs., Sept. 22nd 10AM – 12PM – Great Barrington Fire Station – meeting room
 Thurs., Sept. 22nd – 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM – Pittsfield BRTA ITC 2nd floor board room
- e. Planning Board – Public Hearing on the application of Pittsfield Cellular Telephone Company d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the approval of a Special Permit under Section 199-9.7 of the Town of Lee Zoning Bylaw for the addition of eight (8) antenna panels, six (6) remote radio heads and related equipment on an existing water tank – to be held on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:15 PM.

- 5. Town Administrator:** Mr. Nason announced the resignation of Ryan Lucy, Patrolman with the Lee Police Department, effective September 7, 2016.

Mr. Nason announced his appointment, at the recommendation of Chief Jeffrey D. Roosa, of Evan Colbert as a full-time police officer to fill the vacancy resulting from Mr. Lucy's resignation. *The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's appointment of Evan Colbert.*

Mr. Nason announced his appointment, at the recommendation of Chief Jeffrey D. Roosa, of Cameron Forest as a Special Officer for the Town of Lee. *The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's appointment of Cameron Forest.*

6. Public Comments: None.

David Consolati wished to express his thanks to everyone involved in the preparation of Founder's Weekend.

7. Next Regular Meeting: Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

8. Motion to Adjourn: *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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Town Reps. District Chairmen
Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant