

APPROVED ON 2/7/17

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 3, 2017

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

Chairman, 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 December 6, 2016.*
2. **Public Hearing:** None.
3. **General Business:** 2017 District Local Technical Assistance Application (DLTA) - *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Request for Berkshire Regional Planning Commission assistance to support investigating a Chapter 40R Smart Growth Overlay District to facilitate the redevelopment of the Eagle Mill, and authorized the Chair to sign the Application.*

2016 Paving Project Completion – Superintendent of Public Works, Chris Pompei, P.E. came before the Board with the Chapter 90 Final Report and Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$293,013.00 for the paving done by Warner Brothers on High Street and Marble Street from the Turnpike to West Park Street. Chris stated that the project came in \$9,889.43 under budget. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the final report and reimbursement request.*

2017 License Renewals - *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the two Common Victualer Licenses for the calendar year 2017 as read from the 2017 License Renewal List and attached as part of these minutes.*

4. **Pending Business:**
 - a. Planning Board – Public Review on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM on the application of Eversource Solar Program for approval of a site Plan under Section 199-13.3 of the Town of Lee Zoning Bylaw.

- b. Shared Chief Administrative Officer Community Discussion – Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM at the lee Middle & High School Cafeteria.

5. Town Administrator:

- a. Personnel: Mr. Nason made the following annual appointments:
 - 1) Animal Control Officer – Michael Sullivan – *nunc pro tunc* 5/1/16
 - 2) Sealer of Weights & Measures – Gerald Cahalan – *nunc pro tunc* 4/1/16
 - 3) Veterans Agent – Doug Mann – *nunc pro tunc* 4/1/16.

The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's annual appointments of Animal Control Officer, Michael Sullivan, nunc pro tunc 5/1/16, Sealer of Weights & Measures, Gerald Cahalan, nunc pro tunc 4/1/16 and Veterans Agent, Doug Mann, nunc pro tunc 4/1/16.

Personnel: - At the recommendation of Police Chief Roosa, Mr. Nason announced his appointment of Cameron Sibley to the position of Special Police Officer. *The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's appointment of Cameron Sibley to the position of Special Police Officer.*

- b. Mr. Nason announced that the FY 2017 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended December 31, 2016 are on the Selectmen's worktable.
- c. Mr. Nason stated that the Fire Chief Selection will begin on Thursday with a panel of four chiefs to decide on 8 candidates. Mr. Nason will give an update at the next meeting. At the end of the month, we should have a decision.

6. Public Comments:

Pete Sorrentino, a District Representative came before the Board to voice his concerns over the lack of signage on West Park Street. He was informed that the signage will begin in the spring.

Mr. Sorrentino also asked who was leading the Fire Department in light of Fire Chief Sparks' announced retirement on December 30th. Mr. Nason stated that Chief Sparks had agreed to extend his service until such time as a new Fire Chief is hired. Mr. Sorrentino stated that someone should have come to their meeting and let them know. He asked if the firemen have any say as to who is hired and Mr. Nason replied that he had a statutory responsibility to appoint, subject to the Select Board approval, the new chief. As stated above, a panel of four fire chiefs will assess the pool of 8 candidates which they selected from the applicants. Mr. Sorrentino voiced his concerns that he hopes the changes won't

hurt the town and Select Board member, David Consolati's response was "let's not go in assuming failure and that there will be problems".

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *At 7:25 PM the Board members, by roll call, 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 Chair announced that the members will not be returning to open session.

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Patricia Carlino
David Consolati
Thomas Wickham

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None

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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Dept. of Public Works
Town Treasurer
Town Reps. District Chairmen
Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant

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Common Victualer's Licenses (without alcohol)

Park Street Donuts (Dunkin Donuts)

Rose's Restaurant
