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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – January 17, 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:** None
2. **Public Hearing:** None.
3. **General Business:** Ambulance Garage Window Replacement Project – *The Board members voted unanimously to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,300.00 to replace several sections of rotten siding.*

Board of Public Works Reappointments – *The Board members voted unanimously to reappoint Robert Bartini, David Forrest, Roger Scheurer and Donald Zukowski to the Board of Public Works for two (2) year terms ending Dec. 31, 2018.*

Lee-Lenox Shared Chief Administrative Officer - Mr. Nason reminded the Board of a grant available through the Community Compact Cabinet for transitional assistance for the Shared Chief Administrative Officer. The application has to be in by January 31, 2017. *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign the application.*

One Day Beer & Wine License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant two, one-day beer and wine licenses to The Lee Sportsmen's Association for two separate events; one on Sunday, Jan. 29th from 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM for a fundraiser dinner and the second on Sunday, Feb. 12th from 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM for their annual Ice Fishing Derby.*

2017 License Renewals – *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the three Common Victualer Licenses and one Class II Car Dealer License all as read from the 2107 License Renewals List and attached as part of these minutes.*

Toll Stop Announcement – The Chair read an announcement from the Selectmen’s Office that the Toll Stop Applications may be picked up at any time for the drawing to be held on the 2nd Select Board meeting in March. The Board briefly discussed new parameters for the drawing based on the last two years increase in the number of applications received. We will no longer be able to guarantee spots in the subsequent year for those not chosen. There are only seven spots available each year and the number of applicants exceeds those numbers dramatically. At this year’s drawing, the Board members will have re-vamped the guidelines and will make those new guidelines known the night of the drawing.

4. Pending Business:

- a. Massachusetts Turnpike Toll Plaza Demolition and Roadway Reconstruction Project. Public Information Meeting Schedule – Tuesday, February 7th – Lenox District 1 Highway Office, 270 Main Street (snow date: February 9th) from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

5. Town Administrator:

- a. Personnel: - Mr. Nason announced the resignation of Trainee, Evan Colbert from the Lee Police Department and that Chief Roosa is already in the process of searching for a replacement.
- b. Mr. Nason announced that under Chapter 212 of the Acts of 2016 he is appointing our Town Clerk, Brandi Page as the Records Access Officer for the Town. He has spoken to Brandi and she aware of the appointment and what the position entails. She will work with Department Heads directly when records are requested.
- c. Mr. Nason announced the Fire Chief/Ambulance Director Selection Process - An assessment Panel, consisting of Chief Charles Burger, Great Barrington Fire Dept., Chief Robert Czerwinski, Pittsfield Fire Dept., Chief Craig Pedercini, Williamstown Fire Dept. and Chief David Mottor, Easthampton Fire Dept. reviewed and discussed letters of interest and resumes from 23 candidates. The panelists selected 8 candidates for assessment. They collaborated on a brief 30 minute open book test which the candidates took prior to their being interviewed by the panelists, and recommended the following three candidates for further consideration: Ryan Brown, Lee Fire Department Training Officer, Gerald Cahalan, Jr., Dalton Fire Department Chief and Kerry Flaherty, a former Fire Department Chief in Connecticut. Mr. Nason has asked members of the community to join him for the finalists’ interviews. While the interviews will be in public, it will not be a public meeting nor will the public be questioning the candidates. The following have agreed to serve on this *ad hoc* advisory group: Ron Driscoll, Former Lee Fire Chief, Garth Storey, Retired Lee Volunteer Firefighter, Jeffrey Roosa, Police Chief and Town Representative, Dayton Delorme, Board of Assessor Chair and Town Representative, Alex Heddinger, Town Representative and Kathy Murphy, Personnel Board member. Mr. Nason stated that

they hope to announce a new Fire Chief/Ambulance Service Director in a week or two.

6. **Public Comments:** Ed North came before the Board and stated that he hoped a Lee person would be chosen and he hoped the Panel would choose wisely and choose a Lee person. Chairman, Wickham stated that the Lee Fire Dept. has a long history and he realizes change is hard for people. He said he hoped everyone would keep an open mind.

David Consolati stated that he hopes the department keeps their commitment and look at the big picture. He also thanked all of them for their service to the community.

Patty Carlino stated that time are changing. She proceeded to thank the firefighters for what they've done and will continue to do.

7. **Next Regular Meeting** The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 7, 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 potential litigation and 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.

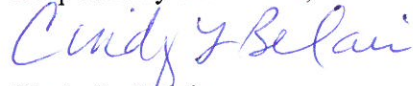
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Patricia Carlino
David Consolati
Thomas Wickham

None

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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Board of Selectmen
Town Administrator
Town Clerk
Town Collector
Planning Board

Board of Assessors
Board of Health
Conservation Commission
Police Chief
Building Inspector

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)

Subway – Main Street
Subway - Outlets

Joe's Diner

Class II Car Dealer Licenses

Rt. 102 Auto Sales