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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING –April 18, 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 6:30 PM.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved the members voted to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation and collective bargaining strategy, because deliberating in open session would have a detrimental effect. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES

Thomas Wickham
David Consolati
Patricia Carlino

NAYS

None

The Chair announced that the members expected to return to open Session at 7:00 PM and they did.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Public Session Minutes of April 4, 2017.*
2. **Public Hearing:** Mint Indian Lakeside Dining – Liquor License Transfer - Jeffrey Lynch, Attorney for Shree Ganesh Restaurants LLC d/b/a Mint Indian Lakeside Dining came before the Board with Mint's Manager, Pramod Warriar's application, for a \$12, Annual All Alcoholic Beverage Liquor License. The previous owners had corporate issues that were never cleared up and have since moved to India. Attorney Lynch stated that when he spoke to Ryan Melville, the Chief Investigator at the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) about these corporate issues, Mr. Melville suggested that the license be a transfer and not a new license. There will be no changes in their hours for lunch from 12:00 – 2:30 PM and for dinner from 5:00 – 9:30. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the All Alcohol Liquor License Transfer to Shree Ganesh Restaurants LLC d/b/a Mint Indian Lakeside Dining contingent on the manager, Mr. Warriar obtaining TIPS certification.*

3. **General Business:** FY 2018 Health and Life Insurance Recommendation: At their April 11, 2017 meeting, the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) voted to recommend MIIA Alternative #1 HMO Benchmark and PPO Benchmark Plans. The major change from our current plan will be higher co-pays for the employees. The cost impact to the town for this plan, while still an increase (4.36%) would be significantly lower than the increase of our current plan (9.85%). Treasurer/Collector Donna Toomey is requesting approval for this change. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the FY 2018 recommendation of the Insurance Advisory Committee and plan to invoke the statute guaranteeing a change to a plan with deductible for active employees in FY 2019.*

Shared Chief Administrative Officer Intermunicipal Agreement - Mr. Nason presented the Board members for their review, the final drafts of the Chief Administrative Officer Intermunicipal Agreement and the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Agreement and job description (Human Resources Person). *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the Chief Administrative Officer Intermunicipal Agreement, subject to Town Meeting approval.*

Willow Hill Solar PILOT Agreement - The Willow Hill Solar Project has been operating commercially since April 11, 2017. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement.*

Mass DOT Chapter 90 – 10 Year Contract - After reviewing the Mass DOT Chapter 90 – 10 Year contract, *the Board members voted unanimously to approve the 10 year term extension and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.*

May 11, 2017 Annual Town Meeting - The Board members reviewed and discussed the Warrant, 2nd Draft, April 12, 2017, the Operating Budget Summary and Property Tax Impact Estimate and the Summary of Proposed Warrant Articles and Funding Sources, for the Baby Town Meeting at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 20, 2017. Mr. Nason announced that all of the documents except for the supplemental information memo are available on the Town of Lee Website with the link on the home page.

One Day Beer & Wine License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a One Day Beer & Wine License to the St. Mary's School for a Beer & Wine Tasting.*

Temporary Sign Permits - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant four Temporary Sign Permits for the fundraising Road Tolls and to waive the fees for the following groups: 1) LMHS Volleyball Booster club 2) Knights of Columbus 3) Lee VFW 4) Lee Congregational Church Youth Group.*

Hydrant Flushing Schedule - The Board announced the Hydrant Flushing Schedule for Spring 2017 which will take place on Sunday, April 23, 2017 through Friday, May 2, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 PM and 4:00 AM. The street order for flushing is published on our Town of Lee Website with a link on our home page.

Berkshire Gas Permits - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant to Berkshire Gas Company permits for the retirement of gas service on 8 Park Street and to repair gas service on 138 Bradley Street.*

4. Pending Business:

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing for a variance from the Zoning Bylaws Section 199-10.3 – April 26, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
- b. Planning Board – Public Hearing – May 1, 2017 at 6:00 PM – Adoption of Moratorium on the sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana until Sept. 1, 2018.
- c. 2017 Mini-site Collection – Saturday, May 6th – 8:30 – 11:00 AM – Great Barrington Recycling Center
- d. Townwide Cleanup – Saturday, April 29 (rain date-May 6th) starting at 9:00 from the Railroad Street Gazebo.
- e. In collaboration with CET, the Greener Gateway Committee is holding a composting workshop on May 4th at the Town Library starting at 5:30 PM. This is a great time of year to get started with composting.
- f. The plastics reduction bylaws go into effect on May 12th. As time is getting short, the Committee and the Tri-Town Health Department stand ready to help establishments and residents make a successful transition.

5. Town Administrator:

- a. Mr. Nason presented Chief Brown's recommendation of Dakota Schaefer to the position of Ambulance Training Officer. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Dakota Schaefer to the position of Ambulance Training Officer.*
- b. Mr. Nason presented Chief Brown's recommendation of Justin Kimball to the position of Paramedic. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Justin Kimball to the position of Paramedic.*
- c. Mr. Nason presented Chief Brown's recommendation of Edward Hughes to the position of Custodian/EMT. *The Board members voted unanimously approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Edward Hughes to the position of Custodian/EMT.*

6. Public Comments: None.

- 7. Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:00 PM to finalize the Warrant.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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