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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 6, 2017

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

Chairman, David Consolati called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 strategy, because deliberating in open session would have a detrimental effect. The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES

NAYS

*David Consolati
Patricia Carlino
Thomas Wickham*

None

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of May 16, 2017.*
2. **Public Hearings:** *None.*
3. **General Business:** Forest Street Reconstruction Award - *The Board members voted unanimously to award the construction contract in the amount of \$868,907.50 to LB Corporation, and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.*

Sewer Main Lining – East Center Street – Engineering Services Award - *The Board members voted unanimously to accept David Prickett's May 24, 2017, \$9,000.00 proposal and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.*

Bikeway Design Grant Reimbursement Request – *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the Grant Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$21,581.80 for services provided by Foresight Land Services.*

Collection of Hazardous Waste Through the Multi-Town Collaborative – *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the FY 2018 Extension of Agreement between CET and the Town of Lee; and, authorize the Chair to sign the letter extending the agreement.*

Jamie Cahillane stated that to date over 40 Lee residents attended the Household Hazardous Waste Collections.

Recycling Consulting Services, Center or Eco Technology (CET) - Peter Hofman, Chair of the Lee Greener Gateway Committee came before the Board and thanked Jamie Cahillane for all of his hard work done throughout the year. He stated that the transition of the plastic bylaws is going smoothly and that the new regulations will go into effect on Saturday, June 10, 2017. He also announced that approximately 150 people showed up for the clean-up on April 29th. He announced a composting workshop at the Lee Library in May and he thanked the two towns for all their help.

Jamie Cahillane thanked the Lee Greener Gateway Committee and stated that their efforts have had a positive impact on the community. He stated that there was nearly zero waste at Founder's Weekend and that all the vendors responded positively. He thanked Meadow Farms for taking the compostable waste.

The Board members voted unanimously to accept CET's June 1, 2017 proposal and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

The Board members voted unanimously to authorize Jamie Cahillane, on behalf of the town, to execute the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant (AMRP) application for recycling education materials. .

Property Valuation Maintenance Services Agreement - The Board members reviewed the FY 2019 and FY 2020 Valuation Maintenance Services Contract with Real Estate Research Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$52,000.00 and *they unanimously approved the prepared agreement and authorized the Chair to sign it.*

Electricity Supply Procurement - The members of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (EEAC) reviewed the proposed agreements and indicative pricing and recommended soliciting fixed, "all in" pricing for 36 months from Constellation Energy and via Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC), from Crius/Public Power. They further recommend the Select Board members authorize Committee Chairman Tom Wickham, together with Town Administrator Bob Nason, to choose the vendor based on price and the terms of the agreement and to execute the purchase agreement.

The Board members voted unanimously to take the recommendation of the EEAC and authorize EEAC Chairman Tom Wickham and Town Administrator Bob Nason to choose

the vendor based on price and the terms of the agreement and to execute the purchase agreement.

Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Agreement, FY 2017 – FY 2019 - The Police Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement consists of the following being settled: 1) Same annual wage increases (1.5%, 1/5% and 1.75%) and longevity milestone pay increases (\$150 over three years) as other union and non-union groups 2) Detail hourly rate increases of \$2.00 (from \$39 to \$41 upon signing) and \$2.00 (\$43) commencing July 1, 2017 3) Limited Sick Leave conversion to severance pay for qualified (15 years of service with at least 50 sick leave days at the time of separation) officers who resign or retire 4) Criminal Justice course and degree compensation increases as well as a nominal clothing allowance increase. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve and sign the agreement as presented.*

Borrowing Authorization - The members reviewed Treasurer/Collector Donna Toomey's June 2, 2017 memorandum regarding the Note Sale for Water Tank Cleaning and Painting, Tyringham Road Water Main Replacement, School Boilers, Two Dump Trucks with Sanders in the total amount of \$618,025.00. She tentatively accepted Easthampton Savings Bank at a rate of 1.30%. *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize and sign the Note in the amount of \$565,160.00.*

Entertainment License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant an Entertainment License to Onyx Specialty Papers for an Employee Appreciation gathering on Thursday, June 22, 2017 from 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM.*

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority – Advisory Representative – The Town is looking for someone to volunteer to be on the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Board as an Advisory Representative. The Board meets approximately four times a year. If anyone is interested please call the Selectmen's office at (413) 243-5500.

Chairman Consolati read a letter that was presented to the manager of Big Y by Chief Ryan Brown to thank the store for their donation of food and water to the Fire Dept. during their missing person search from Monday, May 15th through Wednesday, May 17th. The letter read as follows:

“Mr. D'Amour

This week our Department was involved in a lengthy search at the October Mountain State Reservation. It began on the evening of Monday, May 15th and continued into Wednesday, May 17th. It was very labor intensive as the terrain we were searching was extremely difficult and the temperatures began to soar in the low 90s.

As I was planning our third work period, I approached Mr. Matthew Burns at your store looking for some assistance in feeding and providing water for our work crews. My intentions were to make arrangements to invoice some necessities and, at a later date provide payment.

When I returned to your store the next day to pick up our supplies, Mr. Burn and Mr. Dominic Fortini assisted me and informed me Big Y would donate the much-needed items.

I cannot begin to express thanks to your store and your people for this! I can assure you the bottled water, ice and pizza provided by your organization was beneficial to the successful outcome of our operation and safety of the personnel involved.

Though you may call yourselves the “world class market”, your actions prove you are still the neighborhood store. That is something to be proud of!

With much thanks,

*Ryan C. Brown
Fire Chief, Town of Lee”*

ZBA Alternate Member Appointment - *The Board members voted unanimously to appoint Thomas J. Swift as an alternate member of the ZBA.*

One Day Beer & Wine License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a One Day Beer & Wine License to Berkshire Gateway Preservation, Inc. for the Gateway Jazz Weekend, from June 15, 2017 through June 18, 2017.*

Entertainment License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Special Entertainment License to Berkshire Gateway Preservation, Inc., for the Gateway Jazz Weekend.*

4. Pending Business:

- a. 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Saturday, July 22nd - 9:00 AM – Noon – Stockbridge Waste Water Plant
- b. 2017 Mini-site Collection – Wednesday, June 28th – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Great Barrington Recycling Center

5. Town Administrator:

- a. Personnel:

Mr. Nason confirmed his reappointment of Chris Babcock, as Groundskeeper for the cemetery. He is returning to this position for his 3rd year. He will be working through September. *The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's appointment of Chris Babcock as groundskeeper.*

Mr. Nason stated that the Lee Sandy Beach opens for the summer season on June 19th, the last day of school.

Mr. Nason appointed the following as returning lifeguards for the Lee Sandy Beach:

Samantha Miller, Managing Lifeguard
 Anna Jefferies, Lifeguard
 Hannah Miller, Lifeguard
 Goldye Horan, Lifeguard
 Jordan Miller, Swimming Instructor

Mr. Nason appointed the following as new staff for the Lee Sandy Beach:

Matt Merritt, Lifeguard
 Milton Hastings, Maintenance Aide

The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's Sandy Beach appointments as read.

Mr. Nason announced that we have employment opportunities; namely Assistant Chief Administrative Officer/Human Resources and Paramedics (P/T) and Custodian EMTs (P & F/T).

- b. Mr. Nason informed the Select Board members that the FY 2017 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended May 31, 2017 are on their worktable.


6. **Public Comments:** None.

The Board members reaffirmed two liquor licenses that were previously approved at hearings (Mint Indian Lakeside Dining hearing on June 7, 2016) and (Rt. 102 Package Store hearing on August 4, 2015.).

1. Mint Indian Lakeside Dining (All Alcohol License) – previously approved by the Select Board, received approval from ABCC on May 22, 2017.
2. Rt. 102 Package Store (Seasonal – All Alcohol License) – previously approved by the Select Board, received approval from ABCC as a renewal. Their seasonal license will be valid through January 15, 2018.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** June 20, 2017 – Our new Town Administrator, Christopher Ketchen will be sitting in.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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Board of Health
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