

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2013

Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chairman, Gordon Bailey and David J. Consolati, Board of Selectmen, Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator.

Chairman, Patricia D. Carlino, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The public minutes of December 18, 2012 were unanimously approved.
2. **Public Hearings:** None.
3. **General Business:** Goodwill Industries of the Berkshires, Inc. – Goodwill Industries came before the Board to state the reason for the request of the waiver of the permanent sign application fee in the amount of \$35.00 and the Business Registration fee in the amount of \$10.00. They plan to open the new store in Lee in the Joe's Diner block on February 1, 2013. Goodwill had also asked for a waiver of the Site Plan Review application fee and the Board advised them that the Select Board couldn't authorize that waiver and they would have to take the matter of waiving the Site Plan Review application fee in the amount of \$25.00 before the Planning Board. When asked the reasoning of their request for a waiver of a \$10.00 fee, the response was that saving every dollar counts in the services they can provide for those in need. *The Board voted unanimously to waive the permanent sign application fee (\$35.00) and the Business Registration fee (\$10.00).*

FY 2012 Paving Project - Chris Pompei came before the Board to request that the Board approve and sign the Chapter 90 State Aid Final Report and Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$520,000.00. *The Board voted unanimously to approve the report and reimbursement request in the amount of \$520,000.00.*

Meadow Street Bridge Replacement Project - Chris Pompei came before the Board to ask them to sign off on the design exception request regarding the bridge width and to consider authorizing the chair to sign a letter drafted by Chris on 1/4/13 to that effect. The letter states that the town has no plans to widen Meadow Street, no plans to incorporate bicycle lanes into Meadow Street and no plans to add a sidewalk to Meadow Street in the near future. The letter also states that the town is not aware of any safety issues related to the existing width or alignment of Meadow Street. *The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to Mass DOT as drafted.*

Library Air Conditioner Replacement Project - Chris Pompei came to ask the Board to consider a \$100.00 price adjustment for a required payment bond. The award was granted to Leprevost Plumbing and Heating as the low bidder at \$44,000.00. *The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign the contract to adjust the contract amount from \$44,000.00 to \$44,100.00.*

Disposition of Surplus Loader - Chris Pompei came before the Board to announce that they have received the new loader and to obtain the Board's approval to put the old loader out to bid. Chris stated that he already has people showing interest in the loader. *The Board voted unanimously to allow the Public Works Department to begin the disposition process of the 1997 Caterpillar Wheel Loader.*

2012 EPA Regional EPA Wastewater Treatment Plant Excellence Award - Chris Pompei came before the Board to acknowledge receipt of the 2012 Regional (1) EPA Wastewater Treatment Plant Excellence Award. Chris offered his congratulations to Wastewater Division Supervisor/Chief Plant Operator, Al Zerbato and his team; Plant Operators Craig Rand and Todd Tyer and Laborer, Myron Ford.

2013 License Renewals - *The Board voted unanimously to accept, as read, the common victualer's licenses and innkeeper's licenses. (see attached list).*

Berkshire Gas Permits - *The Board voted unanimously to grant to Berkshire Gas Company a permit to install new gas service at 35 Old Pleasant Street. The Board voted unanimously to put on hold for the next meeting, the Berkshire Gas Permit to install gas mains & services at 535 Summer Street, pending Chris Pompei's follow-through to them regarding clarification of the time frame and scope of the work involved.*

American Red Cross – Temporary Sign Permit - *The Board voted unanimously to grant a temporary sign permit to the American Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at the First Congregational Church on January 22, 2013 from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM.*

Toll Stop Applications – The Chair announced that the Toll Stop Applications are now available in the Select Board Office. The deadline for submitting an application is February 22, 2013 and the drawing for the only two available slots left will be held on March 5, 2013.

Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Annual Business Meeting – The MMA's Annual Business Meeting is to be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 10:15 AM – 11:45 AM in Boston. *The Board voted unanimously to elect the Chair, Patricia Carlino, as their voting member at the meeting.*

While Chris Pompei was still available, Patty Carlino asked him about an extension of the sidewalk on West Park Street. Chris responded that he would look into it and get back to her with an estimate of the cost of that job.

4. **Pending Business: Zoning Board of Appeals** – Public Hearing – Appeal of decision on 8/22/2012 opinion of the Building Commissioner – property at 1395 Pleasant St. – Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 7:00 PM.
5. **Town Administrator: Truck Driver/Laborer – Harold Heath's Retirement** - Mr. Nason announced that Harold Heath would be retiring effective February 22, 2012 and thanked him for his 9 years of service to the town. Mr. Nason presented to the Board his appointment of James White to succeed Harold in this position. The Board accepted Harold's resignation with regret and wished him well.

Seasonal Truck Driver/Laborer Appointment – Anthony Giarolo – Mr. Nason came before the Board to appoint, subject to the Board's approval, Anthony Giarolo as a seasonal truck driver/laborer to fill

in for the injured Harold Heath until he retires, and to replace James White when he is promoted to succeed Harold.

*The Board voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's appointments of James White as a Truck Driver/Laborer and Anthony Giarolo, as a Seasonal Truck Driver/Laborer.*

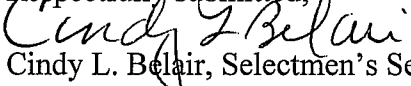
Revenue & Expense Reports, FY 2013 through December 31, 2012 - Mr. Nason announced that the Revenue and Expense Reports for FY 2013 through December 31, 2012 are on the Select Board's work table for their review.

Mr. Nason announced that the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee will be holding a meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 4:00 PM in the Courtroom. The meeting will entail the Solar Power Property Agreement and review of the Agreement and Broadway's response to our requests.

Mr. Nason also announced a workshop at the Dept. of Revenue at the end of February referring to the question of the value of solar panels and personal property tax. Dayton Delorme, Mr. Nason and the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee all will be attending.

6. **Public Comments:** Berkshire Eagle Reporter, Dick Lindsay came before the Board to ask about the Tyringham Road Project that was on the Agenda. The Board stated that they did not have a written proposal in hand.
7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be January 22, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom. .
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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