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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – July 16, 2019

Present: Thomas P. Wickham, Chair, Patricia D. Carlino and David Consolati, Board of Selectmen and Christopher Ketchen, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Chairman, Thomas Wickham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of July 2, 2019.*
2. **Public Hearings:** None.
3. **General Business:** a. Proof of Life – Discussion regarding potential cannabis operation - Peter D’Agostino, partner from Lynch Associates, Inc., along with Jeanne Abric and Cassandra Purdy came before the Board to discuss their application for a special permit to open a recreational retail sales marijuana dispensary in the town of Lee. The Petitioner in the original application was listed as “Proof of Life CBD, LLC”, but they want to change that to “Chestnut Lodge, LLC”. Mr. D’Agostino mentioned that they were not going through with the original purchase of property located 395 Laurel Street and were in the process of purchasing another property in Lee would be finalizing that purchase in the very near future. The Board agreed with that scenario and provided that the application could be re-written to reflect a different location, but their original date of application and time-stamp would keep their position in the queue.

Ms. Abric and Ms. Purdy both came forward and offered their background in the field of cannabis. Ms. Abric stated that she has a cannabis background since 2009 and has run dispensaries in Colorado. She lives in Lee and has purchased the Chestnut Lodge on Chestnut Street in Lee. Cassandra Purdy stated that she lives in Connecticut and is a chef and caterer, with a background in edibles. She has worked at “Theraplant” in Connecticut and has designed a line of edibles used as an adult use product with a concentration primarily in “health and wellness”.

When asked by the Board if they were familiar with the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC), the three of them stated that they were and have worked with the Commission. They understand that some of the major concerns would be parking, security and traffic flow.

Mr. D'Agostino informed the Board that when they have a completed Purchase & Sale they will come back before the Board to go forward with their Special Permit.

b. Charter Committee – The Board announced that they are looking for anyone who would like to volunteer to be on the Charter Committee which will consist of five members. The plan is to solicit for members during the month of July, appoint members in August and commence work in September. Anyone interested should contact the Selectmen's Office.

c. Entertainment Licenses - 1. Robert Trask(Montra II-51 Park) -Robert Trask came before the Board to request an Entertainment License for Friday, Sept. 13th ("Taste of Lee") for live vocalists and a 2 -6 person band. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant an Entertainment License to Robert Trask (Montra II -51 Park) for September 13th from 12:00 PM to midnight.* 2. John deKadt (Blessfest) - Mr. deKadt was not available to come before the Board and will be back sometime in the month of August.

d. One Day Beer & Wine Licenses - 1. Robert Trask(Montra II-51 Park) - Mr. Trask came before the Board to request a One Day Beer & Wine License for Friday, Sept. 13th ("Taste of Lee") for a beer tent to be set up behind the Chamber building in the park from 12:00 PM – midnight. The Board asked if he had been granted permission from the Church as it is their property and he showed a letter from Colleen Henry (Chamber Director) which stated they had positive response from Garth Story at the Lee Congregational Church. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a One Day Beer & Wine License to Robert Trask (Montra II-51 Park) for September 13th from 12:00 PM to midnight.* Steven Schmitter (Masonic Lodge-Fundraiser) - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a One Day Beer & Wine License to Steven Schmitter(Masonic Lodge-Fundraiser for Sunday, July 28th from 12:00 PM – Midnight.*

f. Board of Health Appointment - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to appoint Robert Wespiser to the Board of Health for the standard three (3) year term.*

4. Pending Business:

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing – Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 7:00 PM – Application of Carr hardware for a variance from Section 199§7.5(A)(B) and §7.8(D)2 of the Town of Lee Zoning Bylaws – for replacing the existing sign with a smaller sign but one larger than allowed by bylaw regulations
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing – Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at 7:00 PM – Application of Scott LePrevost for a special permit under section 3.2 (Floodplain) and 13.4 (Special Permits) of the Lee Zoning Bylaws – for an addition to the existing warehouse at 58 Canal Street

5. Chief Administrative Officer

None.

6. Public Comments:

Kathy Hall came before the Board and expressed that she feels that everyone should be cautious about more marijuana. She believes we are not focusing on the health and wellness of our children.

She also stated that the playgrounds (Athletic Field, Bradley Street, Marble Street, South Lee and East Lee) have all been completed and look fantastic.

Tom Wickham extended condolences on behalf of the Board to the LePrevost family on the death of Sandra LePrevost, a wife and mother who has done a lot for the town.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Bigelow,
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

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