

APPROVED ON 8/20/19

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – August 6, 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 16, 2019.*
2. **Public Hearings:** Canna Provisions, Inc. – Special Permit - Erik Williams came before the Board. Because they have not yet had their site plan review the Special Permit Hearing will have to be continued. Mr. Williams stated that they have gone before the Conservation Committee and their next stop is the Planning Board for site plan acceptance. He stated that they have already had their community outreach meeting. Matt O’Boyle and Erik and working with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to meet their needs and ordinances. The Board asked about their phosphate discharge levels and were told that they have water storage with zero discharge. They would be in full compliance with nothing going into the system and they have charcoal scrubbers for odor control.

Patty Carlino asked about acreage and trees and Erik offered that they would only clear cut what is necessary. John Polastri, Secretary of the Lee Sportsmen’s Club spoke regarding their rifle range 200 yards from the property line. He asked if there would be perimeter fencing and cameras, stating that adding this scope would increase security. Erik added that they would maintain the current tree line. Helen Mary D’Agostino from Crossway Village came before the Board with a statement, “The root of all evil is money” and suggested the town think long and hard before granting any marijuana licenses.

Gordon Bailey, an abutter, came before the Board and stated that he was not made aware of a community outreach meeting. He was concerned about the cutting of trees and suggested that tree cutting needs to be documented in order to have enforcements in place. He is concerned about any odors that may be emitted. Gordon also made the Board aware that they need to maintain control and for us to “do our homework”. He also stated the need to see Phase II as this is only a Phase I issue.

Board member, David Consolati stated that the people voted and that no matter what, someone will complain. The Board must do its due diligence and it’s nice to have flexible conditions. He stated that he’d be back with conditions, but if something happens, where

is the enforcement tool. David suggested to Gordon that he write down “his” conditions as lack of enforcement has always been a problem.

Erik stated that the Mass DEP and the CCC review additional requirements and do yearly inspections with the right to shut them down at any time. Erik said “We take our responsibility seriously”.

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to continue the public hearing to September 3<sup>rd</sup>, in order to give the Petitioners time to go before the Planning Board for their Site Plan Review which will contain conditions for the Select Board’s final decision and if the Site Plan has not been before the Planning Board by September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the hearing will continue to September 17<sup>th</sup>.*

3. **General Business:** a. Entertainment License - Blessfest (John deKadt) – 345 Lander Rod, Lee, MA - Date of Event – July 17, 18, 29, 2020. - Mr. deKadt came before the Board to request a Special Permit for an event that he proposes at his property on the top of Lander Road (a dead-end street) which would probably have 200 – 300 people attending. He expects a “chill” crowd of participants ranging in age from 35 – 70. All parking will be off road and he will get permits for tents. He stated that he has already spoken to the Police Department and that are agreeable to this event and have no concerns as there will be no alcohol or drugs involved. The Board asked why he was coming to them a year in advance and Mr. deKadt stated that an event this big requires planning many months in advance and if the Board were not amenable, he would have time to find another venue. When asked what he had in mind, Mr. deKadt stated that there would be yoga classes, music, speakers, live vocalists.... all very low-key. The Board stated that they didn’t see any issues, but they suggested to Mr. deKadt that he come back before the Board in April or May of next year as they have never given an Entertainment or any other license a year in advance. At this time, he is also exploring other venues. Mr. deKadt seemed agreeable to coming back now that he had the Board’s backing.

b. Selectmen Appointments – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to the following appointments:*

- i. *Christine Arment Lucy (one-year appt.) to the Cemetery Committee*
- ii. *David Buttery (three-year appt.) to the Sandy Beach Committee*

c. Letter from Lynn Shortis – Chairman Wickham read a letter that the Select Board received from Lynn Shortis commending our Town of Lee Department (Chief Brown) and Police Department (Officer Kohlenberger) on their willingness to provide a student at Lee Elementary School who is totally blind, with hands on experience to understand all components related to fire and police personnel. (See copy of letter attached and mad a part of these minutes).

d. St. Mary’s School – Request for waiver of inspection fee - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a waiver of the inspection fee for St. Mary’s School.*

**4. Pending Business:**

- a. Planning board – Site Plan Review – Travis Cabral and Rian Dowd – 165 Water Street, Map 19, Lot 59, Lee, MA – August 12, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

**5. Chief Administrative Officer:**

- a. The FY 2019 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period June 30, 2019 (Preliminary) and FY 2020 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended July 31, 2019.

**6. Public Comments:**

None.

- 7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 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 8:10 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Bigelow,  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

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Town Collector  
Planning Board

Board of Assessors  
Board of Health  
Conservation Commission  
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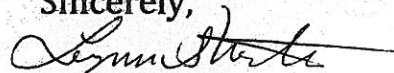
Lynn Shortis  
203 West Park St  
Lee, MA 01238

July 30, 2019

Dear Lee Selectboard,

I wanted to take this opportunity to share 2 great experiences over the past couple months with the Town of Lee Police Department and Fire Department. I am a teacher for the visually impaired/orientation & mobility (O&M) instructor who works with a 12 year old student at Lee Elementary School who is totally blind. This young lady has been in Lee for almost 3 years now and I have had the pleasure of working with her in different capacities since that time. This past year my role was as the O&M instructor and in addition to focusing on specific skills she needed to be an independent traveler, I arranged tours with Lee community resources. These included a hands on tour with Chief Brown at the fire department and with Officer Kohlenberger with the Lee Police Department. Both departments were extremely willing when approached with the request for a hands on tour and provided incredible experiences that allowed this young lady to better understand all components related to fire and police personnel. When working in any way with a population with limited or lack of sight, detailed verbal descriptions and opportunities to touch and experience equipment such as the vehicles and what they house, is critical to understanding all concepts. Both Chief Brown and Officer Kohlenberger did an exceptional job at bringing many pieces to her fingertips and making her feel very comfortable in asking questions. It was a pleasure working with both departments.

Sincerely,



Lynn Shortis  
Teacher for the Visually  
Impaired/Orientation &  
Mobility Instructor

Dear Lee Police Thank you for the  
tour. I learned a lot of new things like  
their cars always need to have the same  
equipment in them and the different ways  
that you help people.

I liked the tour and it was very interesting  
to see how many offices there are.

Thank you for doing a good job keeping the  
town safe and having good enforcements and  
again for the tour.

Isabella

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