

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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Present: Thomas Wickham, Chairman, Patty Carlino and David Consolati, Chairman, Board of Selectmen and Christopher Ketchen, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

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

1. Approval of Minutes: None.

- 2. Public Hearings:** FY19 Tax Classification Hearing - Karen Avalor, Acting Chairman of the Board of Assessors came before the Board to present their recommendation to the town. *At the recommendation of the Lee Board of Assessors, by a motion duly made and seconded, the Select Board members voted unanimously to approve a residential factor of 1.0 for the purposes of setting the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020.*

- 3. General Business:** a. Discussion of Electrical Fee Increase: After a brief discussion with BJ Church, Building Director, regarding the Inspector fees currently in place. According to Ms. Church, the fees haven't been increased in some time. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to accept the fees as written up to the same as Lenox fees. As to Administration fees, the Board members agreed to find out what other towns are doing before making a vote on that issue.*

b. Berkshire Gas Permit – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant the following Berkshire Gas Permits: a) Laurel St. (near #280 - replace section of gas main. b) 400 East Street - install new gas service.*

c. Taxpayer Assistance Programs - The Board announced the two programs to assist taxpayers to pay their real estate taxes. One program is the Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund and the other is the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program. If anyone has any questions regarding either of these two programs, they should contact our Assessor's Office.

4. Pending Business:

Planning Board - Public Hearing - Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:15 PM on the application of Rian M. Dowd and Travis Cabral for approval of a Special Permit under Section 199-4 Use Regulations 4(g) (5) (F) Auto Repair Shop of the Town of Lee Zoning Bylaw. The property affected is located at 165 Water Street, in the CBC (Commercial Business Corridor) Zoning District Assessors' Map 19, Lot 569.

5. Chief Administrative Officer:

At the recommendation of Police Chief/Jeffrey Roosa and upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to accept his recommendation of Kevin

M. Shook to the position of Full Time Police Officer, contingent on his passing the next available MPTC Full Time Academy and all physical, mental health evaluations and background checks.

6. Public Comments:

Patty Carlino reminded everyone that "Trunk or Treat" is on Friday, Oct. 25th - starting with a parade at 5:30 and that "Trick or Treat" is on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Kim Madden came before the Board to discuss a complaint she filed regarding property at 150 Beaver Dam Road. She is concerned about the process and permitting of work being done on the property, especially as it pertains to her property next door. BJ Church came before the Board and stated that they have a valid building permit and the work is allowed "by right" as pertains to the zoning setback. They are building to code. They have dealt with the Conservation Commission, which had no problem. On October 8th the septic was updated to Title V. The Board members listened to her issues and stated that their Board is not the appellant body for any of those issues that she stated. Patty Carlino stated that the Board of Health is the permitting body for Title V and the Select Board doesn't make any of these decisions. Ms. Madden stated that she wanted to be on the Agenda for the next meeting and Patty reminded her that it is not in their jurisdiction to make any decisions regarding this matter.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *By a motion duly made and seconded the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Bigelow,
Administrative Assistant

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