

APPROVED ON 9/15/20

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING –Sept. 1, 2020

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

David Consolati called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of August 18, 2020.*

2. **Public Hearings:** None

3. **General Business:** a) Berkshire Gas Permits: Robert St. (near #56) – gas repair. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit to install new gas service.*

20 St. James Ave. – new gas service. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit for new gas service.*

b) Lee Youth Commission – Update – Kathy Hall came before the Board and thanked Rob Maloney for painting the lines on the basketball court at the East Lee & Marble Street playgrounds. She also thanked Colleen Korte & Jen Carlino for family activities (rock painting) at the Lee Farmer's Market.

She stated that the Town of Lee Historical Committee has masks available.

Kathy presented the results of the survey for the indoor/outdoor amenities for the potential Lee Community Center. *(See sheet attached and made a part of these minutes)*

The Commission is looking at what is do-able or not and will do research on the results. She stated that she is confident that she will be able to secure grant money to help bring the Community Center to fruition. They will go through the survey and go to Phase 2 to see what it will look like and what the costs will be. Kathy stated that she has included Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to help with the handling of this and to figure out what the costs, maintenance, electric, etc. Kathy added that as we get into Phase 2 they'll be able to figure out financially what they can and can't do and what the town wants.

We still need to look into more locations and look into the zoning by laws, etc.

c) Lee Youth Commission – Appointment of Aaron Aubin – *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to appoint Aaron Aubin as a member of the Lee Youth Commission for the customary term of three years, which term will expire on June 30, 2023.*

d) Calling of Annual Town Meeting & Discussion / Approval of Warrant - The Board members discussed the logistics of the Town Meeting and considered the time and the manner in which we could hold a meeting. A survey was sent out to the Representatives and 32 members returned the poll. The consensus was that they would come to an “in person” meeting with Social Distancing and masks being worn. The count was: 25 voted yes, 5 voted no, 1 said probably. The Board discussed a bit longer the challenges of fitting everyone, social distancing, masks, having a “hybrid” type of meeting. Nothing is ideal, but we are ready and it has to get done. The consensus was that we will manage fine. Chris stated that the Warrant looks visibly thinner than last year, but the numbers are exactly what we saw last time; there are just less articles as we combined the money items. Chairman Consolati, said “we are navigating in a “new world and people have to make considerations. We have been making government work for the last 5 to 6 months and we do what we need to do. Chris stated that we will have the final draft of the warrant for the October 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Town Meeting at our Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**4. Pending Business:** None

**5. Town Administrator:** a. FY 2020 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended August 31, 2020. The reports for the period ended August 31, 2020 are on the Selectmen’s Table for their review.

Christopher Ketchen, at the recommendation of Acting Police Chief, Craig Desantis, appointed, Nicholas Leveque to the position of police officer. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to confirm Acting Police Chief, Craig Desantis’ recommendation of the appointment of Nicholas Leveque to the position of police officer.*

**6. Public Comments:** Kathy Hall came before the Board to thank the Board for continuing their meetings. She stated that she thought the Board was doing a great job and everyone is just doing the best that they can. Sean Regnier stated that anyone can get in touch with the Select Board at any time by e-mailing or calling the office.

**7. Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 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 7:45*

Respectfully submitted,



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