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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING –October 20, 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 October 6, 2020.*

2. **Public Hearings:** Lucia's Latin Kitchen – All Alcohol License – 109 Railroad Street – John Graziano, Attorney for Lucia Corina Sandoval, came before the Board to present her application for an All Alcohol License at Lucia's Latin Kitchen (f/k/a Sullivan Station). Attorney Graziano stated that Lucia has just reached the one-year anniversary of her becoming a US citizen. She has proactively taken the TIPS Certification Course.

Chairman Consolati stated to her that she is permitted to have a sign on Main Street for her restaurant. Patty Carlino stated that she is currently closing at 9:00 PM, but would like to remain open on Friday and Saturdays to 10:30 or 11:00 PM. She also would like to have small private parties, with dancing professionals. The Board explained that the application, though approved by them, has to be mailed to Boston for final approval by the Alcohol Bureau Control Commission and we never know how long that will take for approval, especially in this time of COVID restrictions and structured work times. After wishing her luck in her endeavor, *by a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the All Alcohol License Application for Lucia's Latin Kitchen.*

3. **General Business:** a) Hawker-Peddler License - Bruce Trembley, from Trinity Solar came before the Board to present his Hawker-Peddler Application to go door to door in Lee. He stated that he has his State license, a picture I.D. and the No-Solicitation List. He has met with the police dept. and received their approval and stated to the Board that he wants to help people and the environment and would like to canvas for approximately a couple of months. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant a Hawker-Peddler License to Bruce Trembley (Trinity Solar).*

b) Appointment of Election Workers - At the request of Town Clerk, Chris Brittain and *upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to appoint the following*

*persons as Election Workers for this year's election: Megan Reisel – Regina Davis – Theresa McCarthy – Maureen Grisson – Liv Deandra – Kelly Galvin – Laura Page – Gretchen Weber – Mackenzie Kruvant – Marcia Slaminski – Julia Murphy and Amy Morby.*

c) Trunk or Treat - In lieu of Trick or Treat this year the Town will sponsor a “Trunk or Treat” and the High School and Elementary School on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There is no fee and those interested must register on-line. Your time slot will be e-mailed to those who would like to attend. The notification and e-mail to register will be on the Town of Lee's website.

d) “Thank You” letter - Chairman Consolati read a letter received by the Selectmen which gave a huge thank you to Officer Pleu and Officer Wood. “See copy of letter attached and made a part of these minutes.

e) Temporary Sign Permit - Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant 3 (10 – day) Temporary Sign Permits to Karla Delair of Lee, to place a temporary sign in the Park Square to announce that the Berkshire Community Diaper Project which commenced in 2014 – 2020 has reached the 1 million diapers donated mark.

#### **4. Pending Business:** None.

5. **Town Administrator:** a) Draft Intermunicipal Agreement with Town of Lenox for shared Chief Administrative Officer - Christopher Ketchen came before the Board and stated that it has been three years, four months already since the beginning of an agreement to share services of a Town Administrator-Lee and Town Manager-Lenox, with the Town of Lenox. The original agreement was for three years, with two options to end if needed. He has received two affirmative votes from the Lee Town Meeting and the Town of Lenox, to continue the agreement with all provisions of the previous agreement and made without an end date. Though, there is an exit provision provided for the CAO. The structure will remain the same and will continue until a date to be determined. The final draft will be available tomorrow after Lenox agrees. The Agreement will be indefinite until something triggers an ending. The Lee Town Meeting has endorsed this arrangement. Sean Regnier asked what the evaluation entails and Chairman Consolati explained that both Chairs from each town meet, question issues and have a discussion and take feedback from the other members in order to reach a decision. Kathy Hall stated that “Chris as done a wonderful job” to which Chris responded that he is glad both towns are amenable to the Agreement.

b) Appointment Letters – (2) Lee Police Dept. - The letters were not available from the Police Department at the time of the meeting.

6. **Public Comments:** Kathy Hall came before the Board on behalf of the Lee Youth Commission to give updates regarding some of the playgrounds: a) The South Lee Playground – was hit by the storm and two slides were destroyed along with part of a swing set. They will try to salvage or replace, b) The Marble Street playground had 4 trees removed for a parking lot. c) “Old Castle” is donating more land for a parking lot near the playground to prevent dangerous on-street parking. d) Jeff Jagger (Pro Man) stated he will donate any product that he has, that we need e) “American Fence” is donating fence and whatever is need for no fee. The Planning Board will send a letter

to the abutters by the end of November. Jim Wilusz/Health Dept. – (regarding COVID-19) stated that ice skating is no problem as long as criteria is followed, but there will be no ice hockey. Kathy stated that they will need volunteers to put up the frame for the 50 foot/by 100-foot ice skating rink.

Kathy stated that the potential proposed Community Center – Phase Two needs to establish a sub-committee. They need diversification – the Zoom Meeting will be Monday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM. (See the Town Website for details). She also stated that a Public Hearing (and Notice of) will be held at some point, to get feedback. She would like a diversified advisory group to get everything moving in the right direction.

David Consolati extended a “Thank You” to the following: Old Castle, American Fence, Kathy Hall and LB Corporation for offering their time and equipment.

David also extended condolences to the Garrity family for the loss of Thomas (Tom) Garrity.

Patty wanted to remind everyone that it is Laliberte Toy Fund time, stating that the fund has nothing to do with the town; though applications are available at the Town Hall just inside the door, they are available at the Lenoxdale and Tyringham Post Offices, all schools in Lee, including St. Mary’s and at the Food Pantry and donations are always accepted.

**7. Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM (Election Day – so remember to go out and VOTE.

**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,  
Administrative Assistant

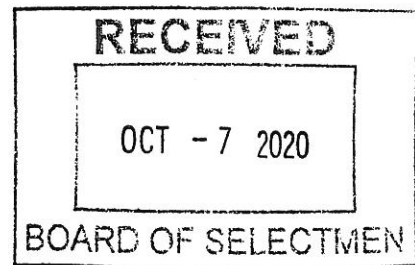
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Board of Selectmen  
Town Administrator  
Town Clerk  
Town Collector  
Planning Board

Board of Assessors  
Board of Health  
Conservation Commission  
Police Chief  
Building Inspector

Dept. of Public Works  
Town Treasurer  
Town Reps. District Chair  
Superintendent of Schools  
Town Accountant

10-2-20



Dear Chief DeSantis:

On the evening of September 19 sometime between the hours of 8pm and 9pm I lost consciousness while driving on Maple street. The resulting crash was evidently caused by a severe seizure, the first that I had suffered in 47 years. Very thankfully no other persons or vehicles were hurt or damaged including me, a fact for which I will forever be grateful.

Patrol persons Wood and Pleu were the responding officers and the job of extricating and administering to me fell to these men. These fine, good men. The task was not an easy one as I was unresponsive tightly gripped to the steering wheel. They were forced to break a rear window and pry my hands off finger by finger. Nonetheless they accomplished this expeditiously allowing me to be taken quickly to Berkshire Medical Center for care.

I have had prior experience with the kindness of Officer Wood. In December of 2015 he assisted my wife from another scary vehicular accident. I was also assisted by him in a very unpleasant domestic dispute in February of this year in my capacity as security for the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge. In all of these circumstances he has always demonstrated a profound compassion and decency. It is, likewise, obvious that Officer Pleu is made of this same fabric.

The town of Lee can be very proud to have these two officers in its service. My wife and I are grateful to them beyond measure.