

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – November 17, 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 November 3, 2020.*

2. **Public Hearings:** None.

3. **General Business:** a) Judith Knight – On behalf of the Citizens to Stop the PCB Dump - Attorney Judith Knight came before the Board on behalf of the “Citizens to Stop the PCB Dump” stating that she has been retained by the citizens. She presented the Board members with questions that she would like to have answered by our next meeting. She said that at Town Meeting the vote was for the Board to rescind their support of the toxic dump and \$50,000.00 was set aside to accomplish this. She asked what steps have been taken. Patty Carlino stated that they haven’t discussed this yet and Attorney Knight stated that they want to work with the town to make this happen. Attorney Knight stated that, to date, no funds have been received from the Town of Lee. She also stated that Tom Wickham, who was the Chair at the time, had no authority to sign the contract, to which Patty replied that everything was done as the law said it was to be done. Sean Regnier added, that no one “wants” a dump. Patty added that we have to deal with reality. Chairman Consolati said that they would look at the questions and reconvene in two weeks (at our next meeting) to answer the questions presented to them and if they weren’t ready by then it would put it on the agenda for the meeting after. Attorney Knight added that she wanted her letter to be part of the minutes.

b) Lee Historical Commission Appointment – Brian Noel - After a brief discussion and *upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously, at the recommendation of the Chair, Susan D. Stone, to appoint Brian Noel to the Lee Historical Commission, to fill a vacancy left by Keith O’ Neil.*

c) Resignation Letter (Thomas Wickham) – Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (EEAC) – Chairman Consolati read a letter from Tom Wickham stating his resignation as the Chair and as a Member from the EEAC effectively Nov. 12, 2020. David thanked Tom for everything he has done in his role as Chairman and as a member of the EEAC and accepted his resignation with regrets.

d) Lee Youth Commission Update - Kathy Hall came before the Board with the latest concerning the potential Community Center. Kathy stated that things are moving along and the Marble Street Parking Lot is completed. She thanked SK Design, The DPW and crew, LB Corporation, All American Fence for the fence donation and repairs to the existing fence. Also, a huge "Thank You to Old Castle. She stated that she asked Old Castle for three things: 1) the baseball field to be converted to a softball field, 2) Playground Equipment and 3) more property. They delivered all three requests.

David urged Kathy step back and remember that the proposed Community Center will need roads, parking lot, lighting, electricity, costs of heating a swimming pool and basically running the whole endeavor; all of which costs money not included in the start-up costs. They would also need an "operational budget". Patty added that they would not numbers for a "sub-committee". Sean stated that she would have to weigh the town's "needs" as opposed to the "wants". Patty said they would need a starting figure; "no figures, no funding". The building would also have to be a "functioning building", not a "fancy" building.

Patty also stated that sometimes the needs change as time go on. When the LYA initially started it was primarily to "keep the teenagers off the street", but soon changed to focus on the younger children. They have to make sure everything will be utilized and to look and the need and the costs and in this time of "Covid-19", it is not a great time to be asking for money. Sean suggested that start out conservatively looking at the finances "now" and "down the road". Patty suggested getting feedback from the Committee.

Gail Ceresia came before the Board and thanked Kathy for all her hard work. She said that personally she would like the pool to be included and would ask that Kathy look into it and check for affordability.

Kathy mentioned a "sub" committee to look at the potential Community Center. She stated that she thought the townspeople should be part of this and anyone interested should submit a letter. She said they would be having a "ZOOM" meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. The information will be on the town website. She is working with SK Design on a conceptual site drawing for the Stockbridge Road property.

Kathy also wanted to inform the Board that usually around Thanksgiving they get the ice-skating park ready, but are holding off at this time as COVID-19 is on the rise.

Patty Carlino stated that they looking for people for a sub-committee regarding plans for playing fields. She asked Kathy if she had looked into input from the Lee Youth Association and Kathy replied that she had a long time back, but not recently.

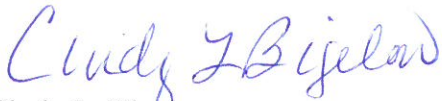
4. Public Comments: Kathy Hall came before the Board to inform everyone that the Berkshire County Sheriff's office's Facebook page "Community Spot" had an article that highlighted our own, Chief Roosa. She states it was a spectacular article regarding the community and young people. "Thank You, Jeff Roosa" for all that you do.

Chairman Consolati commented that we had received a letter from "Papa Johns" stating that Hannah and Matt Keator have donated \$35,000 for donating meals to schools in Lee and Lenox and at the Boys & Girls Clubs. This consisted of 4,300 meals for the Town of Lee. This is "Amazing"! Congratulations. Sean Regnier extended "thank you" from the Board.

5. Next Regular Meeting - Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

6. Motion to Adjourn - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant

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Planning Board

Board of Assessors  
Board of Health  
Conservation Commission  
Police Chief  
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Dept. of Public Works  
Town Treasurer  
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