

APPROVED ON 12/15/20

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – December 1, 2020

Present: David Consolati, Chairman and Patty Carlino and Sean Regnier, Board of Selectmen.

Absent: 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 Chair, David Consolati and Board Member Patty Carlino voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of June 10, 2020 and June 26, 2020. (Sean Regnier did not vote on these minutes as he was not yet a member of the Select Board at that time.*

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes of September 22, 2020 (a joint meeting with the School Committee) and November 17, 2020.

2. **Public Hearings:** None.

3. **General Business:** a) Department of Agricultural Resources – Notice of Proposed Acquisition – Robert Bartini & Reduction of the 120 day notification period to 60 days to expedite the process - Pursuant Project No. 20C2 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Dept. of Agricultural Resources (“MDAR”) proposes to purchase an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (“APR”) on farmland in the Town of Lee. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Board members voted unanimously to approve the acquisition and to execute the “Certificate of Notice” and to executed the “Consent to Reduction of Notice Period” for this project.*

b) Berkshire Gas Permits - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to grant 2 Berkshire Gas Permits for the installation of new gas service at 40 Margerie Street and 60 Margerie Street.*

c) Waiver of Inspection Fee – First Congregational Church - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to waive the inspection fee for the First Congregational Church.*

d) Follow-up Discussion – re: Judith Knight – On behalf of the Citizens to Stop the PCB Dump - This matter was tabled until our next meeting.

e) Lee Youth Commission – Update - Kathy Hall came before the Board and stated she has been working with a sub-committee to put information together and estimated costs for the potential Community Center. SK Design has done field survey work, but there are no results at this time. This will include the existing condition survey, driveway, parking and utilities on approximately a 10-acre parcel. The plan is to include property lines, topography, etc.

4. **Pending Business:** None.

5. **Town Administrator:** a) FY 2021 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended November 30, 2020 - Chairman, David Consolati informed the rest of the Board members that the FY 2021 Revenue and Expense Reports for the period ended October 31, 2020 are on their worktable for their review.

b) Letter of “Thanks” - David Consolati read a letter that the Town received from Pamela Tatge at Jacob’s Pillow thanking the town for their help with the recent fire. (See letter attached and made a part of these minutes).

6. Public Comments: Berkshire Eagle Reporter, Dick Lindsey came before the Board (not as a resident) asking about the discussion with Judith Knight. David informed him that it would be at our next regular meeting on December 15th.

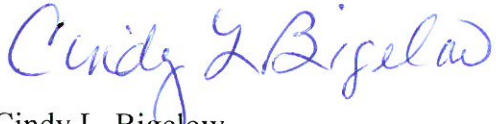
Dick Lindsey also asked if there was any discussion between the Board members regarding reducing the liquor license fees. Patty explained that this would also be at our next meeting as they need to discuss who should receive a reduction and what that reduction should be. Their thoughts at this point are that the liquor stores and convenience stores will not receive any reduction as they have been open this whole time during COVID-19 and not shut down like the bars and restaurants. They will talk with the Town Accountant will probably process all checks and rebate funds back. Dick asked Patty if he could have a copy of her liquor license list and she offered it to him.

Sean Regnier stated that before the meeting adjourns, he wanted to thank everyone who volunteered for the clean-up last weekend and to extend a “thank you” to Peter Hofman for putting the event together and Officer Hopkins who helped.

7. Next Regular Meeting - Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 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 7:30 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Bigelow,
Administrative Assistant

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Board of Health
Conservation Commission
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Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant