

APPROVED ON 6/15/21

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – May 18, 2021

**Board Re-organizationu**

The first order of business was to reorganize the Board. *Upon a motion duly made by Sean Regnier and seconded by Bob Jones, the Board members voted unanimously and by roll call vote, to elect, Patricia D. Carlino as Chairman and Sean Regnier as Clerk.*

AYES

*Patty Carlino  
Sean Regnier  
Bob Jones*

NAYS

*None*

Christopher Ketchen, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and stated “pursuant to Governor Baker’s orders for emergency recording, the meeting is being conducted and recorded by ZOOM with a roll call vote of members present, as follows:

Present by ZOOM: Patty Carlino, Chairman, Sean Regnier and Bob Jones, Board of Selectmen.

*Patricia Carlino  
Sean Regnier  
Bob Jones*

*aye  
aye  
aye*

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded and upon a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the open session minutes of April 6, 2021.*

AYES

*Patricia Carlino  
Sean Regnier  
Bob Jones*

NAYS

*None*

The Board members officially welcomed Bob Jones to the Board and extended and a “Thank You” to David Consolati for his 12 years of service.

2. **Public Hearings:** None.

3. **General Business:** a) Short Term Borrowing Authorization - The Board received a memorandum from Treasurer/Collector Donna M. Toomey regarding a Note Sale for Middle & High School Boiler Replacements and Two DPW Dump Trucks and Sanders. She stated that she took bids to short term borrow a total of \$221,291.00 on May 17, 2021 which represents:

School Boilers	\$ 45,133	Fifth Paydown	FY22
Dump Truck & Sander	64,599	Fifth Paydown	FY22
Dum Truck	111,559	Fifth Paydown	FY22

The bidding was very competitive and she awarded the bid to Greenfield Cooperative Bank at a rate of 0.37%. This rate was favorable as last year's rate was 1.25%.

*Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to accept the Short Term Borrowing of \$221,291.00 at a rate of 0.37% for the three amounts listed above.*

AYES

NAYS

Patricia Carlino  
Sean Regnier  
Bob Jones

None

b) Temporary Sign Permit- *Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve a Temporary Sign Permit to G. Marconi Lodge#1620, Lee Sons of Italy for their Road Toll o June 5, 2021.*

c) Gail Ceresia -Sandy Beach Committee – Appointment - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to appoint Gail Ceresia to the Sandy Beach Committee at her request.*

AYES

NAYS

Patricia Carlino  
Sean Regnier  
Bob Jones

None

d) Berkshire Gas Permits - *Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to approve two Berkshire Gas Permits (nunc pro tunc – May 6, 2021) as follows:*

- 1) 70 Orchard Street – to install a new gas main
- 2) 25 St. Mary's Avenue – to install a new gas main.

AYES

NAYS

Patricia Carlino  
Sean Regnier  
Bob Jones

None

e) Lee Youth Commission – Update – Kathy Hall came before the Board to update them on the “Potential” Community Center. Kathy stated at this point there is no update for the Lee Youth Commission. She will have information at the next meeting.

She stated that if anyone wants to reserve the Lee Athletic Field, they need to contact the Department of Pubic Works (DPW) at 243-5520 and speak with Shanon.

4. Pending Business: None.

5. Town Administrator - Warrant Discussion – CAO, Christopher Ketchen stated to the Board that the Finance Committee will be meeting on Thursday to review the Capital Improvement Plan. He will meet with Mr. Jones to discuss the budget process. The Board will be presented with a “draft” Warrant next week or at the next regular meeting.

6. Public Comments: Kathy Hall extended a “welcome to the Board” to Bob Jones stating that he had “big shoes to fill” and also extended a “thank you” to David Consolati for his 12 years of service on the Board and congratulations Peg Biron on being elected to the Planning Board.

Janet Warner asked the Board if there would be a Baby Town Meeting this year as she feels it is beneficial. The Board stated that at this time there is no plan for a Baby Town Meeting.

CAO, Christopher Ketchen stated that at this time there is no plan in place to return to “in-person” meetings and we will wait for orders from the Governor.

Peg Biron extended a “thank you” to everyone for voting in the election and “Thank you, Dave” and “Welcome, Bob”.

7. Next regular meeting: Our next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

8. Motion to Adjourn *Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a roll call vote, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM.*

AYES

NAYS

*Patricia Carlino  
Sean Regnier  
Bob Jones*

*None*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Bigelow,  
Administrative Assistant

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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