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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – July 20, 2021

The Chair, Patty Carlino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Christopher Ketchen, CAO, Chair Patty Carlino, Sean Regnier and Bob Jones, Board of Selectmen.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the open session Minutes of June 15, 2021 and July 6, 2021*

2. **Public Hearings:** None.

3. **General Business:** a) Ivan Quinones – Backyard Butchers – Outdoor Sales event at the Lee Outlets - This item was cancelled by Mr. Quinones after the posting of the agenda.

b) Erik Williams (Canna Provisions) – Discussion – Community Impact Fee Payments – This item was on the agenda incorrectly and by mistake and cancelled from the agenda. However, Erik Williams from Canna Provisions was available and came before the Board to see if they had had further discussion regarding the Community Impact Fee and whether or not the town of Lee had incurred additional expenses and impacts upon its road system, law enforcement, inspectional services, permitting services, administrative services and public health services or any unforeseen impact upon the Town. came before the Board to discuss the Community Impact Fee. The impact fee anticipates that, as a result of the Company's operation of the establishment, the Town would incur additional expenses and impacts upon its road system, law enforcement, inspectional services, permitting services, administrative services and public health services, in addition to potential additional unforeseen impacts upon the Town. The members are still in process of reviewing this request.

c) Lee Youth Commission - Update - Kathy Hall came before the Board with the latest updates. She stated that the Athletic Field is still, for the most part, under water. The playground surfacing is still on hold until water recedes from the field. The tennis court cracks have been filled and the lines have been painted. However, the Bocce Court has not been completed because of the rain. On a more promising note, some of the playground equipment has been order3d and will be delivered sometime in September. Casella has replaced the containers at the athletic field so that we have one for garbage and one for recycle.

The Lee Youth Commission in conjunction with the Lee Department of Public Works, has been responsible for scheduling the use of the parks – tennis courts, pavilion, fitness area and skateboard park/bocce court. Our recommendation at this point is to be cautious about what type of activities

are being held at the parks especially the athletic field since it is on the flood plain. Trucks and certain types of equipment cause huge damage to the field, some of which cannot be rectified. Because of this concern, we no longer have Firemen's Muster or carnivals at the field and have been heedful of all requests coming forward.

The "Potential" Community Center: Since the Lee Youth Commission presented its conceptual rendering of a community center, the Lee Youth Association has expressed an interest in having a space at the center. Members of both organizations have met to discuss options. At this point, another conceptual rendering of a community center has been done by Kerry Bartini from Berkshire Design. The rendering which we have now consists of a first and a second-floor plan. The business plan has been updated, and the budget has also been modified to reflect these changes. Berry Dunn will include this information in their study for a marketing analysis and a financial feasibility study.

Town Counsel, Jeremia Pollard, is studying the contract with Berry Dunn McNeil & Parker, LLC for the marketing analysis and the financial feasibility study for a community center. Once that is in place, Town Administrator, Chris Ketchen will sign the contract and Berry Dunn will schedule a meeting to outline the project deliverables and timeline, review expected outcomes and answer any questions that we might have. This would be a wonderful time for interested citizens to join the Lee Youth Commission and give input to what is going to be done to move this project forward.

4. **Pending Business:** None.

5. **Public Comments:** Ann Langlais came before the Board asking for the approval of an Entertainment License for "Housatonic River and Music Fest" d/b/a HRI (Housatonic River Initiative) to be held on Sunday, August 22, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the First Congregational Church Park at 25 Park Place. The event will include an art exhibit and sales (information table), face painting, food sales (with a ServSafe Certification) and musicians. Patty Carlino suggested to Ann that she contact Peter Hofman for recycling and make sure all other permits are in order. *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Entertainment License for the "Housatonic River and Music Fest" on Sunday, August 22, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the First Congregational Church Park at 25 Park Place.*

Bill Mathews, President of the Lee Historical Society, came before the Board. He informed the Board that the Historical Society is not a part of town government nor are they funded by the Town. He pointed out that they will have an exhibit at the Lee Library called "Lee Earns a Living". He also noted that he will have signs for the exhibit.

The Chair, Patty Carlino stated to everyone that they would have a three minute for public comments and interrupting another won't be tolerated.

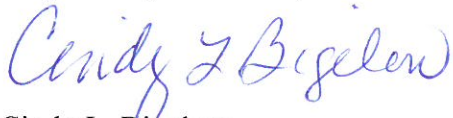
Public comments were all based on "We want our signs back!" and that the "impounding of signs was not legal". Patty replied that the Board cannot rule or give relief. Any discussion regarding the signs can be taken up with the ZBA at a cost.

Josh Bloom (a District 5 representative) came before the Board. He stated that all his signs were removed by Building Inspector, Brenda Church (BJ). He said that Chris Ketchen is BJ's supervisor, therefore he is responsible. He can excuse the Select Board, but not Chris Ketchen. He asked that the Board take immediate action and asked for a public apology. He wants all signs returned within 48 hours or less with a public apology. He asked Chris what he intends to do and Chris replied that he did receive the letter from ACLU and the information is helpful. My may very well be in position to respond in 48 hours; though this is not a promise. He is taking all concerns under review. More complaints about signs being removed came from Ann Langlais, Peg Biron, Monica Ryan and Tim Gray.

6. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the courtroom.

7. **Motion to Adjourn:** *Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



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