

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 5, 2013

Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chair, Gordon Bailey and David J. Consolati, Board of Selectmen & Robert L. Nason, Town Administrator

The meeting was opened at 6:30 PM and the members immediately convened in executive session to discuss litigation strategy, because deliberating during an open session would have a detrimental effect. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by roll call as follows:

AYES

David Consolati  
Patricia Carlino  
Gordon Bailey

NAYS

None

The Chair announced that the members expected to reconvene in open session in a half hour and they reconvened in open session at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The public minutes of February 19, 2013 were unanimously approved by the Board.
2. **Public Hearings:** None.
3. **General Business:** Willow Street Bridge Repairs – Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent, Chris Pompei came before the Board to discuss the Willow Street Bridge Repairs. He stated that the steel for a replacement sidewalk on the side of the bridge would cost \$350,000.00. Massachusetts Department of Transportation District 1 (MASS DOT) suggested making the road a dead end. If the street was to be a dead end, Fire Chief, Sparks suggested putting a gate up that only emergency vehicles would have access to. The repairs to the truss will cost \$250,000.00. He stated that Onyx was concerned regarding the employee parking lot across from the bridge as there is a lot of traffic that goes through. Gordon Bailey commented that it is not his first choice to dead end the street and that he would like to try to slow down the traffic, perhaps with speed bumps, cutting grooves in the pavement or signage before you get to the bridge on both sides, asking drivers to slow down. They discussed having a trial period of six months. Steve Moritz, a resident of Willow Street stated that there are only 8 houses on the street, so there's not a lot of traffic. David Consolati stated that he thinks it's not a traffic issue as much as a pedestrian issue. Cornelia Kalischer asked about the solar stop signs like Lenox has and said she has information regarding the cost of such signs that she will e-mail to Bob. A crossing guard was also suggested. Patty Carlino said that they would follow-up on this discussion with the Mill owner/operator.

Drinking Water Treatment Plant Bypass Piping – The Town received 4 bids for the Lee Water Treatment Plant Bypass Piping on Reservoir Road. The lowest bid was from LB Corporation. In his March 5, 2013 letter, Steve Mack, Principal Engineer of Foresight Land Services recommends LB Corp. as they have worked successfully with LB on many projects in the past. *A motion was made*

*and the Board voted unanimously to award the contract to LB Corporation in the amount of \$91,801.00, conditional on town meeting approval of funding.*

Contract for Manpower and Equipment for Sewer and Water Line Repairs – Chris reported to the Board that emergency sewer work needs to be done behind St. Mary's Church at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00. 150 feet of sewer line has to be added and our workforce cannot do the work because of the tree. Mr. Nason stated that funds are available and the contract with LB needs an amendment increasing the amount of the sewer repair allowance from \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00. *The Board voted unanimously to amend the LB contract by increasing the sewer repair allowance to \$40,000.00 and to authorize the Chair to sign the amendment.*

Fiscal Year 2007 Overlay Surplus Release – The members reviewed the Board of Assessor's February 26, 2013 memo stating that they are releasing the \$54,158.22 balance of the FY 2007 overlay surplus funds back to the General Fund.

Park Place Parking Restriction – Chair, Patty Carlino, read a February 26, 2013 letter from Chief Joe Buffis to the Board. The letter states that over the past several months there has been an ongoing parking issue with the property at the corner of Park Street and Park Place. This has impacted some of our senior citizens who are clients of the hair salon and staff members of Porch Light. Chief Buffis consulted with Garth Story of the Lee Congregational Church (owner of the property), the staff at Porch Light, Don Hunter, an abutter, Jerry LePrevost, Traffic Commission, Chris Pompei, DPW and Town Administrator, Robert Nason. All those consulted being in agreement, the DPW will post the second and third parking spaces with 2 hour parking limit signs, and these parking hour limits will be for Monday through Friday.

Traffic Commission Concerns – A February 18, 2013 letter was presented to the Board from the Traffic Commission with the following recommendations: 1) The Traffic Commission recommends that the last parking spot on Railroad Street approaching Main Street at the stop sign, be approved for handicap parking. The curb and sidewalk are near level for easy off loading. This would give a more accessible location for elder residents. The loss of one normal parking space is offset by the increase in parking spaces in front of Dresser Hull Co. Window and Door. 2) A request from the Lee Fire Dept. Chief that the parking spaces one each side of the Fire Station driveway be restricted to No parking as the trucks have a real hard time exiting and entering the station during a fire call. 3) The cooperation with the D.P.W. will be addressed when weather permits for pavement and sign installation for the above two items. *The Board voted unanimously to accept the Traffic Commission's recommendations.*

Temporary Sign Permit – *The Board voted unanimously to amend three 10-day temporary sign permits to Friendly's Restaurant (already approved by the Board on 2/5/13) with a definitive start date of March 4<sup>th</sup>.*

Road Toll Drawing – Out of seven slots available, five were already designated from last year's entrants that were not drawn. They are as follows: April 20<sup>th</sup> – Lee High Boys Soccer / May 4<sup>th</sup> – Lee Lacrosse / May 18<sup>th</sup> – VFW / June 1<sup>st</sup> – Lee Youth Association / June 15<sup>th</sup> – J. Marconi Lodge – Sons of Italy. The annual drawing of the remaining two slots commenced with results as follows: September 21<sup>st</sup> – Lee Lions Club / October 19<sup>th</sup> – Lee Sportsmen's Club. The three not chosen (Troop 3 – Lee Boy Scouts / Lee High School Baseball Booster Club / Lee Boys Basketball) will receive an secured spot in next year's road toll.

**Pending Business:** a) April 30, 2013 – Town and Special State Primary (US Senate) Election b) The Planning Board is holding a public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:15 PM regarding the addition to Section 199-9 (Supplemental Use Regulations), 9.10 Outdoor Recreational Uses and

the addition to Section 199-14 (Definitions) Recreational Uses, Outdoor and the modification of Section 199-3 (C) (1) (f) Floodplain District.

3. **Town Administrator:** - Mr. Nason announced that the FY 2013 Revenue and Expense Reports through February 28, 2013 are on the Select Board's work table for their review.

Mr. Nason presented to the Board copies of the March 5, 2013 edition of the FY 2014 Operating Budget Requests.

Mr. Nason presented to the Board copies of the March 5, 2013 edition of the FY 2014 Capital Outlay Requests.

Patty Carlino stated that we need to think about our infrastructure and the Main Street reconstruction. She suggested a \$100,000 stabilization fund; the same as we did for a new fire truck. Gordon Bailey stated that he was all for moving forward and making plan as we need to think ahead. He suggested that the fund be labeled as "infrastructure approval" for those looking at the accounts in the future.

The Berkshire Gateway Preservation Board member Rich Vinette, drafted a letter asking the Board to sign. *The Board voted unanimously in support of the Organizations application to the Mass Cultural Council for funding to purchase and install a sound system, staging and lighting for the Lee Meeting House (Lee Congregational Church).*

4. **Public Comments:** During the discussion of the Park Place Parking Restriction, Bev Trombley came before the Board to commend the work done on our roads during the last snowstorm. She also commented on a disaster plan for our town. She said she had spoke with Chief Buffis regarding such a plan and commended him and was glad to report that our disaster plan is well thought out. She was also questioning the parking by Hyde Place residents at the former "Bull's Eye Pub" and was informed that those spaces were temporarily allocated to those residents. Her final comment was that she was very impressed with the number of people from the town at the wake and funeral for her sister, Dolores Eckert.
5. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be March 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom.

David Consolati congratulated the Lee Boys & Girls basketball teams.

6. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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