

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 21, 2012

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

Selectman, David J. Consolati, Chairman, opened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2012

General Business: Chris Collins came before the Board to thank all for their support of the Cabin Fever Festival and to remind everyone to attend the performance of the jazz band at the Spectrum Playhouse later on this evening. The doors will open at 7:00 with the music commencing at 7:30 PM.

The Board voted, unanimously, to approve a one day beer and wine license to St. Mary's School on March 17, 2012 for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner and to waive all fees.

The Board read the warrant for eligible voters to cast their votes at, Crossway Village Gym, 21 Crossway, in the Presidential Primary for the candidates of political parties of State Committee Man and State Committee Woman for Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden Counties, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

The Board voted and unanimously approved the Berkshire Gas Company's application for permit to replace gas man and services for the Navin Avenue/Navin Heights area.

The Chair read a letter from Frederick S. Clayson requesting the opportunity to be considered to serve on the Lee Cultural Council. The Board agreed to pass the letter along to the Cultural Council for their recommendation.

As recommended at the Selectmen's meeting of February 7, 2012, Chris Pompei, Dept. of Public Works, prepared a letter to the Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation requesting state aide to design and rehabilitate or construct new bridges at three locations in Lee; Meadow Street, Mill Street and Chapel Street. The Board approved of the letter with a few minor alterations.

At the request of Town Clerk, Suzanne Scarpa, the Board voted unanimously to appoint, J. Peter Scolforo, Democrat, Sandra Cozzaglio, Republican, Jody Decker, Republican and Nancy Bullock, Democrat as temporary Constables for the Annual Town election on May 14, 2012. The present constables will be on the ballot and unable to work the voting polls for this election, since they cannot be within 150 feet of the polling place (except to place their votes).

Pending Business: The Town Administrator commented that a Wind Turbine Health Impact Study Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM at the Lee Middle & High School Auditorium and encouraged anyone with any questions and/or concerns to attend.

Town Administrator: The Town Administrator announced his appointment of Officer Jeffrey Roosa as the new Police Sergeant with the Lee Police Department, taking the position vacated by former Sergeant

Joseph Buffis, whose position became available when he became the Police Chief. Officer Roosa was the highest scoring candidate and was highly recommended by Chief Joseph Buffis based on his overall test score. The Board voted unanimously to approve this appointment.

The Town Administrator also announced his appointments of William Abderhalden, Chad Cummings and Michael Snyder to the positions of Special Police Officer. All are Lee High School graduates and local residents. Upon their appointments, they will be eligible to perform both part-time work filling shifts and third party traffic detail for the Lee Police Department. All three were highly recommended by Chief Joseph Buffis. The Board unanimously voted to approve their appointments.

Recalling that the Town of Lee's initial agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. expires in June of this year, the Town Administrator reported that we have entered into a new three year agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for the Town's electricity supply. At the recommendation of the Energy Efficiency Committee, the new agreement price was locked in on February 10, 2012. The new agreement price of \$0.068 per kWh was locked in on February 10, 2012. Compared to the .08525 per kWh we were paying, there will be a savings of 20%.

Public Comments: None.

Next Regular Meeting: The next regular Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Executive Session: At 5:20 PM roll call and upon agreement of the members, the Board adjourned the regular meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. The Chair announced that the Board would reconvene at 7:00 PM for the scheduled beer/wine license public hearing. Upon a roll call, the vote was as follows:

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David Consolati
Patricia Carlino
Gordon D. Bailey

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None

At 7:00 PM Patricia Carlino and Gordon Bailey returned to Public Session. Robert Nason was also present.

Public Hearing: After an extended recess, the hearing occurred as scheduled at 7:00 PM. Accordingly, the record of the hearing appears at the end of these minutes.

Public Hearing Moe's Tavern, LLC/Application for Beer/Wine License

Ms. Carlino reopened the public hearing, which had been continued from January 17, 2012, by reading from a February 16, 2012 letter from the applicant's attorney, Nicholas Parsenios, Esq., who asked that the application be removed and that an amended application be scheduled for a public hearing on March 6, 2012. Upon motions duly made and unanimously approved, the members voted to remove the application and to close the public hearing.

Bus Stop Relocation

Rosemarie Tirrell, a resident of Hyde Place (46 Railroad Street), came before the board to discuss the proposed relocation of the southbound bus stop from nearby 43 Main Street (formerly McClelland's Drug

Store and currently Dresser Hull Company) to 241 Main Street (O'Connell Oil). Ms. Tirrell stated that it would be difficult for the elderly and/or disabled residents of Hyde Place to get to the new location. The members directed the Town Administrator to ask the BRTA about redirecting the route of the southbound bus to stop on Railroad Street near the entrance to Hyde Place.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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