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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 15, 2014

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

The Chair, Gordon Bailey, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Public Minutes of April 1, 2014.*
2. **Public Hearing:** None.
3. **General Business:** Surplus Public Works Vehicle Disposition - Superintendent of Public Works, Chris Pompei, P.E. presented to the Board a list of bidders for the 2002 Ford Dump Truck w/Plow. There were seven qualified bidders, with the highest bidder being JSSJR Village Trucking. The DPW recommended selling the truck to JSSJR Village Trucking as the highest bidder in the amount of \$8,790.00. *The Board members voted unanimously to sell the surplus vehicle to JSSJR Village Trucking in the amount of \$8,790.00.*

MassDOT – “Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program” – Standard Contract - \$44,486.00 – Chris Pompei came before the Board with a one-time contract allowing the Town of Lee the drawdown of \$44,486 for the reimbursement of specific purpose road and road facility repairs resulting from this harsh winter. Eligible project include (a) patching of potholes, cracking and other surface defects, including paving projects. (b) repair and/or replacement of signage, guardrail, storm grates or road striping or painting, (c) project identified through written agreement between the Mass DOT Highway Division District Office and the Town of Lee. The contract requires obligation of funds for specific projects no later than June 30, 2014 with the expectation that the projects and all related expenditures are completed by September 30, 2014. As we had members from Tyngham at our last meeting regarding the deplorable condition of Forest Street, Gordon Bailey suggested that perhaps some of these funds could go toward those repairs. *The Board members voted unanimously to sign off on the MassDOT Standard Contract for “Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program” in the amount of \$44,486.00.*

Road Paving 2014 Project - Chris Pompei came before the Board to discuss the status of the 2014 Road Paving Project. Chris explained that the bid form had ambiguities and that after a discussion with the Attorney General’s office, they were instructed to re-bid the project. This would put the project about a month off. *The Board members, at the recommendation of the Attorney General’s office, voted unanimously to re-bid the project because the bid form was ambiguous.*

Farmers Market – Peter Bluhm – Hawkers & Peddler License – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Hawkers & Peddler License to Peter Bluhm for the Lee Farmers Market to be held on the Church Park.*

Temporary Sign Permit – Goodwill Industries – The Board members reviewed an application for a temporary sign permit from Goodwill Industries. The application requests permission for two large logo signs in the window with an indefinite period of time. The Board members all concurred that they were uncomfortable with the indefinite time period. *The Board members voted unanimously to deny the permit as written, but would consider three 10-day continuous permits (30 days).*

Temporary Sign Permit – Damian Katt – Troop 3, Lee Boys Scouts – The Board members reviewed an application for a temporary sign permit from Damian Katt for Troop 3, Lee Boy Scouts for their May 3, 2014 road toll. They are asking for permission for three (3) signs; one north bound, one south bound and one on Stockbridge Road. *The Board members voted unanimously to grant the Temporary Sign Permit, for two of the three signs, denying the Stockbridge Road sign to the Troop 3, Lee Boy Scouts for their Saturday, May 3, 2014 road toll and to waive the permit fee.*

Tom Wickham, Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee (EEAC)

Prior to the meeting, by a duly posted meeting, the Board members met with the EEAC to discuss the Solar Project. Tom Wickham, the EEAC Chair, came before the Board to let the public know what the outcome of the meeting was. The three year project had yet another company interested in completing the project, but the numbers just didn't work out well for the town. The latest numbers brought a net to the town of \$10,000. Everyone involved agreed that we need to do better for the town. This number was for only one of the sites, as two lost money for the town. Tom stated that we need to explore other avenues and at this point and time, the project is rejected by unanimous vote of the EEAC. Tom thanked everyone on both Boards for their time and efforts. The Select Board members also thanked Tom and the EEAC Board member volunteers for all their time and effort they gave to this project.

The Board accepted the recommendation of the EEAC to terminate the project and that nothing more needed to be done at this time as the deal is dead.

4. **Pending Business:** Spring Mini-site Collection – Saturday, May 3, 9am – 11:30 am at the Great Barrington Recycling Center. The Board announced that the Mini-site collection information can also be found on the Town of Lee website.

Eagle Mill Redevelopment Update – The Board announced that there would be a public presentation on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Lee Middle & High School Auditorium. This will also be on the Town of Lee website. Mr. Nason also stated that he would check with CTSB to see if they would tape the presentation for those that could not make it.

5. **Town Administrator:** Mr. Nason announced that the FY 2013 Audit could be found on the town of Lee website.

Mr. Nason also announced that the Baby Town Meeting will be on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center – Crossway Village. He stated that Sam Sorrentino will be back again this year with the audio and people will have to go to the microphone to be heard.

Mr. Nason also updated the Board members on the draft warrant for the annual town meeting. He also noted that the Personnel Board would be meeting on April 22nd to go over the Compensation and Classification sheet.

Mr. Nason stated that he would like to have a meeting of the Select Board on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 5:00 PM for a final review of the warrant.

6. **Public Comments:** Bill Navin came before the Board to discuss the conditions of roadways in town. He suggested some areas that, in his opinion, should take precedence in the use of the pothole money.
7. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be May 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom.

Gordon also noted upcoming meetings:

- a) Baby Town Meeting – April 17th @ 7:00 PM at the Senior Center
 - b) Public Presentation – Eagle Mill Redevelopment – April 24th @ Lee Middle & High School auditorium.
 - c) Special & Annual Town Meeting – May 8th @ 7:00 PM at the Lee Middle & High School gymnasium
 - d) The elections on May 12th.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the public session of the meeting at 7:45 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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