

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 16, 2013

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

Chairman, Patricia D. Carlino, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chairman, Patricia D. Carlino, asked for a Moment of Silence for the City of Boston bombing victims at the Boston Marathon on 4/15/13. The Board also extended their condolences to the families of Betty Larrivee and Tim Shepardson.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** None.
2. **Public Hearings:** None.
3. **General Business:** Police K-9 Program Grant Application - Chief Buffis, along with Officer Desantis and Sergeant Roosa, came before the Board to present a K-9 Grant Agreement to the Town of Lee from the Stanton Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Grant is provided to enable the Town to establish a K-9 Program and is intended to cover the costs associated with such a program. The program requires a 5 year commitment from the trained officer who would keep the dog at his residence. In response to Mr. Consolati's question about the dog's capacity, Chief Buffis replied that the dog would be trained for search and rescue as well as drug detection. Chief Buffis explained that it is not a competitive grant and we would be guaranteed the funds. Gordon Bailey thought it is a great idea and he is all for it. He thanked the police officers and the department for all of their research. Chair, Patty Carlino stated that she is also in favor and suggested that the police department reach out to the Chamber to reach out to the community. She also suggested that they check with our Treasurer regarding any extra insurance required. Officer Desantis also stated that he has spoken with a local veterinarian who has offered their services at a 20% discount. *The Board members voted unanimously to support the Police Department's application for the K-9 Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 and to authorize the Chair to sign the Grant Agreement.*

"911" Training Grant Award - \$7,619.00 – Board Member, Gordon recused himself from the discussion and vote. Chief Buffis came before the Board to discuss this training grant award of \$7,619.00 and explained that it would be for continuing education to current dispatchers, emergency personnel and they will train two officers. He explained that they would not staff the dispatch with officers and would only use them on an alternate basis, if needed. *The Board members acknowledged the funds received.*

Chief Buffis also discussed a meeting he had with the Red Cross concerning the Lee Middle and Elementary School's Red Cross Certification as an emergency shelter. Gordon Bailey asked if he had gone before the building official for format for a temporary shelter and Chief Buffis stated that they had. Buffis commented that we would have the premier shelter in Berkshire County.

Solarize Massachusetts Program April 4, 2013 Letter Agreement - Roger Scheurer came before the Board to discuss the Solarize Mass Program. He stated that the requirement to be a green community has been lifted and now the towns of Lee and Williamstown are the 1<sup>st</sup> non-green communities in the

county, to be accepted into the program. The next step is for participants to come on board and sign up. Roger will be attending class for his role as the Solarize Lee Coach to implement and follow procedures. The state will offer a \$2,500.00 grant to towns for marketing and promotion. The more people involved, the less the cost of wattage based on the kilowatt demand. Tier 5 will offer the lowest cost. The contract period will be from May – July/August. Gordon Bailey asked how the install charge works and Roger responded that the charge would be near the end and hopefully we would make the Tier 5 level. Roger confirmed that he would serve as our community coach and Bob would be the municipal representative for the town. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Agreement and to authorize the Chair to sign the Mass CEC Community Contract.*

Drinking Water Treatment Plant Bypass Piping Award Reconsideration - The Board discussed the reconsideration of the award from the last meeting as there had been a change in approach due to lack of available funds. Roger Scheurer stated that a cure is available without the bypass. This proposed fix will solve the problem long term and the cost is \$400.00 - \$500.00 as opposed to \$92,000.00, and he recommends doing work with our own staff. Roger stated that he went into the pit himself and inspected the problem and is confident that the cure will solve the problem. David Consolati stated that it is short money, is worth trying and it is not irreversible. *The Board members voted unanimously to rescind the March 5<sup>th</sup> Award of the work to LB Corp in the amount of \$92,000.00 due to lack of funds.*

Tom Wickham came before the Board with an update on the solar project. He has met with Broadway and Beth Greenblat and the project is coming along. The Landfill property is good and the Waste Water Treatment Plant property is good. The Stockbridge Road project is progressing and he may have final numbers by the Baby Town Meeting.

Health Insurance Memorandums of Agreement with Municipal Unions - *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign off on the Health Insurance Memorandums of Agreement with Municipal Unions.*

Bill Navin came before the Board to apologize for his misinformation at the last Select Board meeting and to thank the Board for their indulgence.

MIAA Contract for Health Insurance Rates - *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign off on the MIAA Contract for Health Insurance Rates.*

Zoning Board of Appeals – Alternate Members - In response to the last Select Board meeting requesting volunteers to be alternate members on the Zoning Board of appeals, three people sent in letters of intent. They are: Bruce Singer, Ruth Francis and Arthur Mack. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept and appoint all three as alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.*

April 23, 2013 Special Select Board Meeting - *The Board members voted unanimously to meet on the following Tuesday (4/23/13) at 4:30 PM to finalize the May 9, Special (FY2013) and Annual (FY 2014) Town Meeting Warrants.*

Berkshire Gas Company - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant the four applications for permits for installation of new gas services at 50 East Center Street, 50 Runway, 119 Housatonic Street and 40 Parkview Terrace.*

4. **Pending Business:** Patty Carlino, Chair, announced the April 30, 2013 Special State Primary and Town Election from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM at Crossway Village gymnasium, 21 Crossway Street, Lee.

5. **Town Administrator:** Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant Appointment - After interviewing eight candidates, Mr. Nason presented to the Board his appointment and the Conservation Commission's recommendation of Deborah Garry for the position. *The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's appointment of Deborah Garry.*

May 9<sup>th</sup> Special (FY 2013) and Annual Town Meeting (FY2014) - Mr. Nason presented to the Board the May 9, 2013 Special and Annual Town Meeting Draft Warrants. He discussed Articles 2 – 5 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Article 2 – Veteran's Services Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget Increase – Appropriating an additional \$10,000 to increase the Veteran's Services Account from \$33,447 to \$43,447, to be transferred from available funds, as the number of vets and surviving spouses we are serving has tripled. 75% of this is reimbursable by the Commonwealth.

Article 3 – Sewer Receipts – transferring from the Sewer Enterprise Account the sum of \$13,709 to increase the funds transferred from the Enterprise Account from \$218,211 to \$332,920 to meet the Sewer Department's \$2,138,983 appropriation.

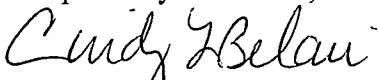
Article 4 – Tyringham Road Water Main Replacement Design Services – to transfer from the Water Enterprise Account the sum of \$20,500 to the Reserve Fund Account from which \$20,500 was transferred to the Water Dept. account to expedite the design of the project.

Article 5 – Transfer of Proceeds from the Sale of Cemetery Lots to the perpetual Care Account – to authorize the transfer of the sum of \$1,400 from the sale of cemetery lots receipts to the Fairmont Perpetual Care Trust Account.

Gordon Bailey commented that the audio system and acoustics in the new senior center are terrible and there must be a better way. He suggested a couple of extra speakers, etc. Mr. Nason replied that he will speak with the school.

6. **Public Comments:** None.
7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The Chair announced that the next meeting will be a Special Select Board Meeting on April 23, 2013 at 4:30 PM to finalize the warrant. The next regular meeting will be May 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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