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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – June 17, 2014

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Public and Executive Minutes of June 3, 2014.*
2. **Public Hearing:** None.
3. **General Business:** Southern Berkshire Regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program Extension - Jamie Cahillane came before the Board with the Extension Agreement between CET and the Town of Lee for the Collection of Hazardous Waste through the Multi-town Collaborative which will expire on June 30, 2015. He stated that there will be seven mini-site collections at no cost to the public, as the town gets the invoice. On July 19, 2014, the Town of Lee will host a HHW Collection at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Route 102. Lee's assessment, based on our population, is \$2,736.00 and our additional disposal fees based on our participation in FY 2014 is \$1,800.00 for a total of \$4,536.00. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Extension of Agreement between CET and the Town of Lee for the Collection of Hazardous Waste through the Multi-town collaborative and to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.*

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services Agreement - Jamie Cahillane came before the Board with the Master Service Agreement for Lee 2014 HHW Collection on July 19, 2014. As the host town, we sign the Master Agreement with Clean Ventures, Inc. Jamie stated that he pays the fees, and then submits the invoice to the town, not to exceed \$6,000.00 for all the towns combined. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the Master Service Agreement – Lee, MA 2014 HHW Collection and to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.*

2013 – 2014 Accomplishments - Jamie Cahillane also commented on several accomplishments for the past year. Namely; the Lee Recycling Committee worked with the Chamber to hold a “pilot” Zero Waste/composting at the 2013 Taste of Lee. There were two stations set up to accept food and paper waste. Daley and Sons hauled the compostable material away. Due to the success of the pilot, The Recycling Committee met with the Chamber in May to discuss the upcoming Founders Weekend and plans to expand the number of Zero Waste Stations that will be staffed by committee volunteers and other groups. The Chamber is requiring all vendors to use only compostable service ware, plates, bowls and cups so a larger percentage of materials can be diverted from the waste stream. Lee residents recycle using a Single Stream collection and according to Daley & Sons, there was a year over year increase of 30%. Republic Services reported a 10% increase.

Forty Lee residents attended Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Mini-Site events in the last year. They brought televisions/computer monitors, propane tanks and kept over 1,200 pounds of HHW out of the waste stream. Members of the Recycling committee attended the Town Meeting to conduct outreach and recruitment. As a result, there are two potential new members.

CET worked with the Recycling Committee and Chris Pompi and received a grant of \$750 from MADEP to purchase Event composting and recycling signs and 4 rain barrels. Rain Barrels will be available for residents to purchase and funds can go into the compost bin account. For FY15, Lee applied for another \$750 to purchase reusable water bottles to distribute at the Farmers Market and Taste of Lee.

Recycling Consulting Services Center for EcoTechnology (CET) - Jamie also presented to the Board the Recycling Consulting Agreement for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amount of \$2,160 (\$60.00) per hour, with an estimated amount of 35 hours for the year. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the Recycling Consulting Agreement in the amount of \$2,160 and to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.*

Jamie thanked the Recycling Committee, Monica, Ron and Linda Giancola and thanked Chris and Angela at the DPW for their help. Patty suggested to Jamie that the Boy Scouts are always looking for projects to get their merit badges.

Role of the Board of Public Works - Monica Ryan came before the Board to discuss the role of the Board of Public Works. She stated that she is following up from a prior discussion in early May. David Consolati stated that we are waiting for a response from Jeremiah Pollard, who has been extremely busy the past couple of months with Town meetings throughout the County. Monica stated that she is once again asking for a response. Monica stated that they want to abide by the law and would love to see Jeremiah Pollard's response in writing.

Chip Sealing Agreement – Superintendent of Public Works, Chris Pompi, P.E., came before the Board to present the Chip Sealing Agreement. He stated that we finally have the funding to do Fernside, Beartown Mtn. Road and West Pine Street and are ready to go. David Consolati asked if those roads would be paved and Chris stated that they are not. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the Chip Sealing Agreement in the amount of \$65,939.55 and to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement.*

Refuse Removal and Recycling Services Agreement - David Consolati recused himself from the discussion and vote on this topic. This contract was awarded on May 6, 2014. *The remaining Board members voted unanimously to approve the Refuse Removal and Recycling Services Agreement and to authorize the Clerk to sign the Agreement.*

Ride\$hare Presentation by Chip Elitzer – Chip Elitzer, a resident of Great Barrington came before the Board to present his Ride\$hare experiment. The Great Barrington Select Board, passed the following resolution unanimously at their June 9, 2014 meeting: "We believe that the Ride\$hare concept – if widely adopted – could have important public benefits, including reducing gasoline consumption and air pollution, expanding the employment radius for job-seekers and fostering a sense of civic connectedness. We endorse its implementation by Berkshire riders and drivers who would choose to

participate voluntarily in a grand experiment. Any such Ride\$hare concept should operate with public safety as a priority. It shall also comply with State and Local law.”

Mr. Elitzer called this prospect, “spontaneous carpooling” and each rider would pay .50 per mile to the driver.

David Consolati commented that while appreciating his efforts, as a father of three children, he has concerns and he personally won’t sign off on it. Patty Carlino asked Mr. Elitzer what he was looking for from the Board and Mr. Elitzer stated that he wanted an “endorsement” of the concept. Patty stated that she wouldn’t endorse it unless it was for “adults only”. Tom Wickham stated that maybe with some registration in place the concept isn’t bad, but he must bring it to a higher level. Perhaps an “app” for your phone for people to schedule rides. *While the Board members appreciated the concept, all three members declined to endorse the concept and stated that perhaps he could build on the concept and come back at a later date.*

Crosswalk Request - Holly Rockwell came before the Board to request that there be sidewalks at the corner of Greylock and East Center Street as this is within a school district and there should be crosswalks there. She was referred to the highway superintendent and the traffic commission.

FY 2014 Audit Agreement - The FY 2014 Audit Agreement with Adelson & Company PC in the amount of \$24,100.00 was presented to the Board members. This will be the firm’s second year auditing the Town’s accounts. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Agreement and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Agreement.*

Limited Application Waiver for the Housatonic Railroad Company - *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Limited Application Waiver for the Housatonic Railroad Company for a one-time only application of herbicide to manage its Rights-of-Way through Lee for the year 2014 and to authorize the Chair to sign the letter.*

Community Photo Request - The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) is looking to decorate its office with pictures of the region’s communities. They would like to ask anyone to send along a high resolution digital photo that they can print and frame. The photo would be credited to whoever took the photo. The photo should symbolize our community. It may be a picture of your main street, a famous landmark, town hall, a crowd of people at an event – whatever you think distinguishes our community. The Board members agreed that photos should be brought to the Selectmen’s office and they would review photos and decide which photo best depicts our community. The Selectmen will then send their pick of the photos to Mark Maloy at BRPC.

Conservation Commission FY 2015 Wetlands Fees Budget – *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Conservation Commission Wetlands Fees Budget for FY 2015 in the amount of \$3,742.00.*

Selectmen FY 2015 Appointments - *The Board members voted unanimously to appoint the 1 year and 3 year Selectmen Appointments as read by the list provided and attached. The Board members also voted unanimously to appoint new members, Peter Hoffman and Phyllis Hoffman to the Recycling Committee.*

David Consolati also read a letter the Board received regarding the Cemetery Committee. David asked that people please don't bring their dogs to the cemetery as it is disrespectful. David commented on vacancies that are currently available on some of our Town Boards. Patty stated that it is difficult to get volunteers and we need people to step up the plate. Tom commented that volunteering is important.

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority – Town of Lee Representative - *The Board members voted unanimously to reappoint Ronald Giancola to represent the Town of Lee on the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA) Advisory Board.*

One Day Beer & Wine License – Lee Sportsmen's Association - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a One Day Beer & Wine License to the Lee Sportsmen's Association for a benefit fundraiser dinner for Marty Barenski on Saturday, July 12, 2014 from 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM.*

Temporary Sign Permit - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Temporary Sign Permit to the LYA/Kiwanis for their Community BBQ on Friday, June 20, 2014 at 5:30 PM.*

Temporary Sign Permit – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Temporary Sign Permit to the Lee High Band Parents for their Road Toll on Saturday, June 21, 2014.*

Change of Manager (ABCC) – Timothy's Restaurant & Pizzeria – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Change of Manager for the All Alcoholic Beverage License to Timothy's Restaurant & Pizzeria pending approval from the ABCC.*


4. **Pending Business:**
 - a. Spring 2014 Mini-Site Collection – Thursday, June 19, 2014 – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM – Great Barrington Recycling Center.
 - b. Laurel Lake Preservation Association Annual Meeting – Tuesday, June 24, 2014 @ 7:00 PM at the Lenox Community Center, 65 Walker St., Lenox, MA..
 - c. Farmers Market – Every Thursday through September from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Park.
 - d. 2014 Sandy Beach Season - David Consolati read the memo regarding the 2014 Sandy Beach Season (memo attached)
 - e. Housatonic River Clean-up Plan
 - i. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Public Notice and Opportunity to Comment
 - ii. EPA cleanup presentation – Wednesday, June 18th @ 6:00 PM (poster session) and 7:00 PM (Presentation) – Lenox Memorial Middle & High School Auditorium.
5. **Town Administrator:** Mr. Nason stated that, after a meeting with Virtual Town Hall to discuss their new upgraded product, the Town is moving forward with an affordable change of the Town of Lee website; hopefully, by the end of summer. A Town of Lee Web Survey is available for people to fill

out and return to the Administrator's office to give us an idea of what people want and how they use our website.

The town of Lee is still exploring solar programs going forward and may still partner with Lenox on any such program.

6. **Public Comments:** None. Chair, David Consolati thanked Congressmen Neal and Smitty for their efforts in the grant money for the Eagle Mill.
7. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be July 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom.
8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the public session of the meeting at 8:35 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

Notice of Website Posting Sent to:

Board of Selectmen
Town Administrator
Town Clerk
Town Collector
Planning Board

Board of Assessors
Board of Health
Conservation Commission
Police Chief
Building Inspector

Dept. of Public Works
Town Treasurer
Town Reps. District Chairmen
Superintendent of Schools
Town Accountant