

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – JULY 17, 2012

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

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The public minutes of July 10, 2012 were unanimously approved.
2. **Public Hearings:** The Daily Stop (d/b/a Lee Sunoco) Liquor License – Change of Location. Nicholas Parsenios, Attorney for the owners and operators of 15 Park Street, The Daily Stop (d/b/a Lee Sunoco) came before the board to request the Change of Location Beer & Wine Liquor License. The owners are currently under contract to purchase property at 35 Old Pleasant St., Lee, MA and will re-locate the business there. Gordon Bailey asked about the parking and Attorney Parsenios commented that there would be no deviation from the current code and they would act in the existing footprint. Gordon also asked about the time the business would be in limbo and Attorney Parsenios stated that he was hopeful that the closing of the property and the approval from the ABCC would coincide and that he would contact the ABCC to find out about that. *The Board voted unanimously to approve the Change of Location of "The Daily Stop" beer and wine liquor license.*
3. **General Business:** Conservation Commission FY 2013 Wetlands Fees Budget – Mr. Nason brought before the Board the Wetlands Fees Budget in the amount of \$6,877.00 of which \$700.00 was appropriated in town meeting, leaving a balance of \$6,177.00, which needs SelectBoard approval. The Board voted unanimously to approve the wetland fees budget in the amount of \$6,177.00.

EPA Clean-Up Grant for 25 School Street – Mr. Nason reported to the Board that he had met with Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRCP) to discuss the \$100,000.00 US Environmental Protection Agency grant that the Town has been conditionally awarded for the cleanup of 25 School Street. To secure the grant we need to submit the following standard federal forms to BRCP by July 23rd. 1) Pre-award Compliance Review Report, 2) Application for Federal Assistance, SF-424, 3) Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, 4) Certification Regarding Lobbying and 5) Assurances – Non-Construction Programs. *The forms were filled out for Mr. Nason, as Town Administrator to sign and the Board voted unanimously to approve generally for Mr. Nason to sign this particular document but in the future the Chair would be the authorized signatory regarding the \$100,000.00 Clean-Up Grant.* Mr. Nason stated that he would make sure that any future documents regarding this grant would name the Chair as the signatory.

One day beer & wine license – Evening Star Lodge – July 29, 2012 – As a member of the Lodge, Gordon Bailey recused himself from the vote and discussion. *The Board voted unanimously to grant the one day beer and wine license to the Evening Star Lodge for their one day annual outing fundraiser and to allow the Chair to sign.*

Lee Youth Association – 3 Temporary Consignment Sale Sign Permits - *The Board voted unanimously to grant three temporary sign permits to the LYA's children's consignment sale, to waive the fee and to allow the Chair to sign.* Gordon Bailey suggested that we clean up the sandwich board signs and review with Lenox their by-laws regarding sandwich board signs. He stated that the Planning Board needs to step up and look at what other towns are doing. Patricia Carlino suggests we ask Jaime to get the sign by-laws from Lenox, Stockbridge and Great Barrington. Bill Navin came forward regarding the issuing of tag sale permits and his grievance that the signs were not picked up by the people after the tag sales were long over. Patricia Carlino asked Cindy Belair to look up the policy for tag sales and see if there is anything in place regarding the tag sale signs.

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority – Delegate Representative - *The Board voted unanimously to appoint Ron Giancolo to represent the Town of Lee on the BRTA Advisory Board*

Warrant for 2012 State Primary - *The Board voted unanimously to notify and warn the inhabitants who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at Ward 0 Precinct 1 at 21 Crossway, Crossway Village Gym, Lee, MA on Thursday, September 6, 2012 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM to cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties.* The notice will be posted by the Town Clerk in the Town Clerk's Office, the Lee Post Office, the South Lee Post Office, the Lee Library and the Web.

4. **Pending Business:** Household Hazardous Waste Summer 2012 Mini-site Collections – The next 2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, August 18th – 9:00 am – 11:30 am at the Great Barrington Recycling Center. Accepted materials are used motor oil. Oil based paints (no latex paint), turpentine, stains & thinners.

2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection – – The next 2012 Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, July 21st – 9:00 am – Noon at the Lee Waste Water Treatment Plant.

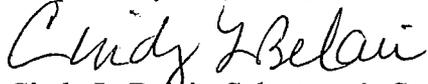
5. **Town Administrator:** - Personnel Retirement – Philip Skowron – Full Time Police Officer - *The Board voted unanimously to accept, with regret, the retirement letter from Philip Skowron.* Officer Skowron's last day will be Saturday, September 22, 2012 as he will then retire with 29 years of employment with the Town of Lee. Patricia Carlino extended the Town's appreciation for his many years of service and wished him the best in his future endeavors.
6. **Public Comments:** Bill Navin came forward to state his frustration regarding the water/sewer bill increase. He said he is conserving and doing his part and the rates still go up. Mr. Nason replied that since the costs of treating and delivering water were fixed and fewer cubic feet were being sold, the Board of Public Works was compelled to raise the cost per cubic foot to insure the utilities solvency.

Mr. Navin also wanted to state about the lack of blacktopping the roads and streets in Lee. He stated that Lenox has a lot of money for blacktop. Mr. Nason noted that Lenox financed its road paving and capital improvements with its room tax revenue that amounts to \$1.6 million compared to Lee's \$200,000.00.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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