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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – October 7, 2014

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

Chairman, David Consolati, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the public Minutes of September 16, 2014.*
2. **Public Hearing:** None.
3. **General Business:** Winter Rapid Road and Summer Storm Recovery Grant, \$89,486 - Superintendant of Public Works, Chris Pompei, P.E., came before the Board with the Winter Rapid Road and Summer Storm Recovery Grant reimbursement requests. The Winter Rapid Road Recovery Program amount is \$44,486 and the Summer Storm Recovery Program amount is \$45,000. These reimbursement requests are due at the end of the month. We used the funds to repair the Devon Road culvert and to fix potholes. Chris explained that he had intended to use the money for a new roller, but cancelled that planned purchase because it was not possible in the allotted time frame. He notified the State Aid Office and received permission to use the funds solely for pothole repair. *The Board members voted unanimously to approved the reimbursement requests in the amount of \$45,000 for the Devon Road Culvert Replacement and \$44,486 for the town wide pot hold repairs, for a total of \$89,486.00.*

While Chris was still here, Mr. Nason indicated that he would jump ahead to his Department of Public Works (DPW) appointments. Mr. Nason appointed Anthony Giarolo as Truck Driver/Laborer to replace Rick Tart and he appointed Brandi Page as Secretary to replace Angela Cook. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve Mr. Nason's appointments of Anthony Giarolo as Truck Driver/Laborer and Brandi Page, as Secretary to the DPW.*

Cleanup Plan for Housatonic River - The members reviewed the draft letter to the US Department of Environmental Protection (EPA) crafted by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission on behalf of the "Rest of River Municipal committee" representing the six communities from Pittsfield to Sheffield which will be impacted by EPA's proposed Cleanup Plan. The draft letter expressing the Committee's comments on the plan will be reviewed by the Pawa Law Group, Special Counsel for the Committee, before it is presented for each community to sign. *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign the letter when it is received in its final form.*

Board, Commission, Committee Member Appointments - The Board members were presented with appointments for the following:

1. Board of Public Works (BPW) - Consideration of Donald Zukowski's offer to serve on the Board of Public Works. Chairman Consolati read aloud Mr. Zukowski's letter of interest. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Donald Zukowski as a member of the Board of Public Works. When asked by David if any special permits have been granted to Onyx, Chris Pompei replied that they don't interact with Onyx so there would be no conflict. Bob Bartini came before the Board and asked who resigned for there to be an opening on the BPW and David replied that the entire BPW are holdovers. After a much heated discussion, the matter was tabled, when Bob Bartini asked if the matter could be put off until next week for both sides to meet and have a discussion. The Board members agreed to meet with the BPW at their meeting, on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 4:00 PM at the Airolti Building. Patty asked if we could get the tracking of the members' staggered terms (had they been re-appointed) for this meeting and Bob Nason stated that he would bring that information to the meeting.

Ton Wickham rescinded his motion and Patty Carlino made a motion to place the appointment on hold. *The Board members voted unanimously to place the appointment of Donald Zukowski to the BPW on hold until after the meeting with the BPW on October 14, 2014.*

2. Lee Community Development Corporation (Lee CDC) Board of Directors - *The Board members voted unanimously to reappoint John Philpott and Patty Carlino to the Lee CDC for one year terms.*
3. Finance Committee – 2 new members appointed by Moderator, Christopher Brittain - One new member will replace Mary Swift who has served on the committee for nine years. Additional Lions Club responsibilities compelled her to decline reappointment. We are grateful for Mary's service to the Committee and the community. The other new member will fill a seat that has been vacant.

The new members are: Former Town Treasurer Susan Kelley and newcomer Robert Cohen, who until recently was a long serving Fiscal Director for the Department of Housing and Community Development's state and federal rental assistance programs.

They will join Marylou Antoniazzi, who was reappointed by the Moderator, C. Nicholas Arienti Chair, Sandra Dignard, Edward Finnegan, Freda Grim, Todd Morin and Donna Plankey.

Town Administrator's Employment Agreement - Mr. Nason presented to the Board, his Agreement for position of Town Administrator through July 1, 2017. *Tom Wickham made a motion to accept Mr. Nason's Agreement but later rescinded his motion as Patty Carlino wanted time to read the Agreement before agreeing to it. The Board members voted unanimously to put this item back on the agenda for the next meeting on October 21, 2014.*

Application for Utility Cut Permit – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Utility Cut Permit to Western Mass Demolition to retire the water and sewer services at 25 School Street.*

Berkshire Gas Permits - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant installation of new services at 185 Summer Street and 40 Leonard Avenue.*

Utility Cut Permit - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Utility Cut Permit to James Leahey for the replacement of water service at 510 Greylock Street.*

4. Pending Business:

- a. 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection- Saturday, October 18th – 9:00 AM – Noon at the Great Barrington Recycling Center
- b. Zoning Board of Appeals – Public Hearing – Special Permit/Town of Lee Pavilion – Wed/. Oct. 8, 2014 at 7:00 PM
- c. Planning Board – Public Hearing – Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses – Wed., Oct. 29, 2014 at 7:00 PM

5. **Town Administrator:** Ambulance Service Paramedic – At the recommendation of Ambulance Director Lisa Michaud, Mr. Nason appointed, Sean Sanderson as a part time paramedic. Sean will be working the Sunday shift. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Sean Sanderson as a part time paramedic.*

FY 2015 Revenue and Expense Reports through Sept. 30, 2014 Mr. Nason stated that the Revenue & Expense Reports through September 30, 2014 are available on the Selectmen's work table.

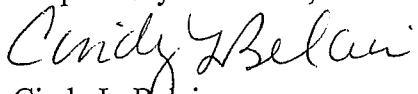
6. Public Comments: None.

Chairman, David Consolati extended his condolences to the family of Bob Birch.

Patty Carlino mentioned that the Shared School Services Grant has been submitted and we have an opportunity to go forward and share dollars. She stated that she thinks this is a good step forward. Tom added that these shared services allow us to be proactive.

- 7. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be October 21, 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 8:10 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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