

APPROVED ON 11/5/13

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2013

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

The Chair, Gordon D. 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 October 1, 2013 and to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 1, 2013.
2. **Public Hearing:** None.
3. **General Business:** FY 2013 Audit Agreement – The Board members reviewed the Contract with Adelson & Co. The services are to commence October, 2013 and shall remain in effect until completion of the fiscal 2013 services. The town by mutual agreement with Adelson & Co. may extend the contract for an additional one year or for three successive years. *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign the FY 2013 Audit Agreement in the amount of \$23,400.00.*

Ambulance Garage Roof Replacement/Repair Contract Award - *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of Christopher Pompei, PE, Superintendent of Public Works to grant the contract for the Lee Ambulance Garage Roof Replacement and Slate Repairs to DP Carney, the lowest of three bids in the amount of \$25,061.00 and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract.*

Housatonic River Cleanup Socio-Economic Impacts - The members reviewed the proposed agreement between the six “Rest of River” communities along the Housatonic River from Pittsfield to Sheffield and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission which will act as their agent to retain the PAWA Group of Newton, MA, to obtain financial assistance from General Electric Company to mitigate the effects of its anticipated cleanup of the river. Each community is making an initial commitment of \$10,000 to this legal defense fund. According to the *Cleanup of the Housatonic “Rest of River” Socioeconomic Impact Study*, a report commissioned by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the socioeconomic impacts to the region due to cleanup activities could be substantial, if a moderate cleanup occurs over a span of fourteen years. Those impacts include but are not limited to, property devaluation, damages to road infrastructure, loss of tax revenues, a decrease in outdoor recreation and tourism and a diminished quality of life for residents near

construction sites or along transportation routes. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign it.*

Temporary Sign Permit - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant to the Lee Sportsmen's Association a temporary sign permit for their road toll on October 19, 2013 and agreed to waive the fee for the permit.*

Two (2) Openings on Conservation Commission - The Chair, Gordon Bailey, read an e-mail sent to Mr. Nason by Kathy Arment, the Chair of the Conservation Commission, regarding changes happening with the Commission. They changed their meeting day to Wednesday nights commencing November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Also due to the new electronic building permit system, they will not have an office person on Mondays to sign off on permits after October 14<sup>th</sup>. If a person cannot manage the computer system, they can come in on the Wednesday nights that they meet.

They also have two openings for Board members on the Commission as Ryan Aylesworth and Ann Langlais have resigned for personal reasons. Anyone interested in being on the Conservation Commission should contact Kathy Arment or the Selectmen's Office (243-5500).

Berkshire Gas Permits - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant permits for four installations of new gas services as follows: 50 Joseph Avenue, Limestone Rd., Lot 4, 75 Lander Road and 375 Greylock Street. The Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit for a gas main repair at Old Pleasant St. & Margerie St.*

Application for Street or Sidewalk Blocking - *The Board members voted unanimously nunc pro tunc October 11, 2013 to grant to Dodge Construction a street or sidewalk blocking to excavate on the edge of the road to install a telephone conduit on Sharon Drive/Paul Drive.*

#### 4. Pending Business:

- a. 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Great Barrington Recycling Center.

5. **Town Administrator:** Mr. Nason announced to the Board that the Police Chief Search committee met on Thursday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> and reviewed cover letters and resumes from the candidates for the position. Out of the 57 candidates, the committee selected 11 for further consideration. Each of those 11 candidates has been sent a questionnaire; and their responses are due October 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee will meet again on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> to review those responses.

Mr. Nason announced that our Town Treasurer, Donna Toomey, by virtue of Certification by the Massachusetts Collectors and Treasurers Association has earned the designation of Certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer. A certificate attesting to that fact will be awarded her on November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Meeting at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton. Patty Carlino stated that she will be attending that luncheon awarding the certificate to Donna.

Mr. Nason reminded everyone that there would be hydrant flushing from October 20<sup>th</sup> through November 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 PM – 4:00 AM.

**6. Public Comments:**

No comments from the public.

David Consolati reminded everyone that Trick or Treating will be on Halloween (Thurs., Oct. 31, 2013) from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Anyone wishing to accept Trick or Treaters should leave their light on for the children.

- 7. Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be November 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom. There will also be a special meeting on October 22, 2013 at 5:00 PM in the Courtroom for a tax classification hearing discussing whether to stay with a single rate or switch to a split tax rate.

- 8. Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the public session of the meeting at 7:20 PM and to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining, because deliberating in open session may have a detrimental effect on the town's bargaining position. The members will not reconvene in public session.*

*Upon a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by roll call as follows:*

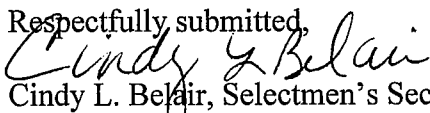
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Patricia Carlino  
Gordon Bailey  
David Consolati

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None

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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