

Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 4, 2013

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

Chairman, Gordon D. Bailey, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The public minutes of May 29, 2013 were unanimously approved.
2. **Public Hearings:** None.
3. **General Business:** Solarize Lee Update - Roger Scheurer came before the Board with a brief update on the Solarize Lee program. He stated that the program is going well and to date, there are 107 interested parties. He announced that there will be a “Meet Your Installer” meeting at the St. Mary’s School auditorium at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 6, 2013; and, on Thursday, June 13, 2013 Garth Story is holding an open house at his residence to showcase his solar system. The Board members agreed that the project seems to be going well. Roger stated that we are more than half way to our goal of generating 200 kw which will lower the cost per watt to \$3.44.

Tyringham Road Improvements Project Construction and Drainage Easements The Board Members reviewed the License Agreement in Lieu of a Temporary Easement between WMECO and the Town of Lee regarding the Tyringham Road project. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the license and authorize the Chair to sign it.*

Health Insurance Employee Enrollment Audit – Mr. Nason, on behalf of Town Treasurer, Donna Toomey, presented the MIAA Health Insurance Employee Enrollment Audit. This is required by state law every two years to insure that benefit dollars are being spent only on eligible participants and there is no charge for the audit. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the agreement and authorize the Chair to sign it.*

Short-Term Borrowing Authorization - Mr. Nason, on behalf of Town Treasurer, Donna Toomey, presented the borrowing recommendation in the amount of \$688,100 for various drinking water distribution system improvements from United Bank at a rate of 0.50%. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the borrowing.*

Drinking Water Treatment Plant Renewable Energy Credits - The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has offered to apply for and initially manage Renewable Energy Credits (REC) for the Town of Lee for the solar and hydro generation at the Water Treatment Plant. This offer has been recommended by the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee. At \$60/ REC this year’s annual REC revenue would be about \$2,500.00 from the solar array. The revenue will be greater due to the hydro RECs, the value of which has not been calculated. *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize DEP Engineer, Patricia Arp, to submit on behalf of the Town of Lee, the applications for Renewable Energy Credits for solar and hydro power generated at the Drinking Water Treatment Plant and authorize the Chair to sign the “Certificates of the Authorized Representative”.*

Berkshire Gas Company - 1) *The Board members voted unanimously to grant the application for permit to install new gas service at 124 East Center Street.* 2) *The Board members voted unanimously to put "on hold" the application for permit to install new gas service at 68 Main Street, until they can speak with Berkshire Gas Representatives regarding the cutting of Main Street.*

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

Porchlight VNA – FY 2014 Annual Agreement with the Town of Lee - *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the annual contract agreement with Porchlight VNA in the amount of \$22,942.50 and authorize the Chair to sign it.*

VFW – Waiver of Tent Permit Fee – 5/23/13 – *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the waiver of the tent permit fee, nunc pro tunc for a VFW gathering at 750 Devon Road.*

Gordon Bailey thanked the VFW, Mark Michaud and Jim Curtin for the services in coordinating the Memorial Day parade and the services following at the cemetery.

Warrant – Special State Election – US Senator - *The Board voted unanimously to accept the Warrant to be posted for the Special State Election for Senator to be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM at the Crossway Village gymnasium.*

Actuarial Analysis of Post Retirement Benefit Liability - The Board members reviewed the Segal Company Sector Consulting Agreement in the amount of \$4,000.00 and the Confidentiality /Business Associate Agreement with Segal Group, Inc. The Government Accounting Standards Board, having determined that Other Post Employment Benefits are a part of the compensation that employees earn each year and as such, should be accounted for as a liability on a municipality's year-end financial statements, requires us to update the actuarial valuation every three years. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Agreements and authorize the Chair to sign them.*

Sustainable Materials Recovery Program – Small Scale Initiative Grant Application – Jamie Cahillane, Program Manager for Center for EcoTechnology (CET), on the recommendation of the Lee Recycling Committee to apply for a Small Scale Initiative Grant in the amount of \$750.00. This can be used for a variety of purposes and is reimbursable. *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize our Recycling Consultant, Jamie Cahillane/Center for EcoTechnology, to submit an electronic Sustainable Materials Recovery Program – Municipal Recycling Grant application on behalf of the Town of Lee.*

4. **Pending Business:** a) There will be a Spring 2013 Mini-site collection on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM at the Great Barrington Recycling Center.

b) There will be a Planning Board Hearing – Monday, June 10, 2013 at 6:45 P.M. – Application of Ralph G. Sorley, Jr. for approval of a Special Permit Under Section 199-6.1(B) of the Town of Lee Zoning Bylaw (Non-conforming Structures, Uses and Lots) for the replacement of a dilapidated mobile home. The property affected is located at 331 Bradley Street, in the RA (Residential Agricultural) Zoning District (Assessors' Map 8, Lot 5).

c) There will be a Planning Board Hearing – Monday, June 10, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. – Application of American Tower Corporation for approval of a Special Permit under Section 199-9.7 Wireless Communications of the Town of Lee Zoning Bylaw for telecommunications facility compound. The

property affected is located at 335 Forest Street, in the I (Industrial) Zoning District (Assessors' Map 26, Lot 16).

5. **Town Administrator:** - Electrical (Wiring) Inspector Appointment - Mr. Nason announced that our Electrical (Wiring) Inspector, Richard Aloisi has resigned and there were 4 applicants for the position of which 3 were interviewed by Building Commissioner, Don Torrico and Mr. Nason. In response to Bill Navin's question if anyone from Lee was interviewed, Mr. Nason stated that none of the applicants for the position were residents of Lee. Whereupon Mr. Nason appointed Mr. Ed Sepanski to the position of Electrical (Wiring) Inspector as he is semi-retired and he has the most available schedule to compliment our needs. *The Board members voted unanimously to support the appointment of Ed Sepanski as our Electrical (Wiring) Inspector.*

Sandy Beach Seasonal Appointments – At the recommendation of the Sandy Beach Committee, Mr. Nason made the following Sandy Beach seasonal re-appointments and new appointments:

Reappointments - Benjamin Kline, III., Managing Lifeguard (previously Senior Lifeguard) / Samantha Kate Brown, Lifeguard, Step 2 / Samantha Miller, Lifeguard Step 1 / Kate Barnoski, Senior Guard/Swim Instructor / Jeanne Schnackenberg, Senior Guard / Steve Laurin, Senior Guard / Cristian Sanches, Senior Guard / Dimitri Consolati, Maintenance/Operations.

Appointments - Myron Hood, Maintenance Aide / Abigail Pêna, Lifeguard (Grade to be determined).

*The Board Members voted unanimously to support the seasonal reappointments and new appointments for the Lee Sandy Beach.*

Sandy Beach 2013 Season: Chairman Bailey announced the 2013 Sandy Beach Season noting that,

- 1) The Lee Sandy Beach will open on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> through Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
- 2) Resident season parking stickers and guest day parking stickers will be available at the Communications Center in the basement of Memorial (Town) Hall.
- 3) No alcohol is permitted.
- 4) Beachgoers can walk in prior to the June 20<sup>th</sup> official opening. However, until June 15<sup>th</sup>, lifeguards will only be present on the weekends

Mr. Bailey asked beachgoers to please drive slowly on the private access road to the beach, and he thanked High Lawn Farm, Laurel Lake Water Power and Tom Scheurer for the continued use of the beach and the road to the beach.

Request for Sick Leave Advance – *At the recommendation of Mr. Nason, the Board members unanimously approved the advance of 5 sick days to a Town Employee.*

BRTA Bus Service – Mr. Nason reported that through the efforts of Representative Smitty Pignatelli, the BRTA has agreed to fund a trial “on request” service to Crossway Village/Tower and Brown Memorial Court. Kickoff meeting to be held at the Senior Center (at Crossway Village) after bingo (1:30 pm) on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Revenue & Expense Reports through 5/31/13 - Mr. Nason announced that the FY 2013 Revenue and Expense Reports through May 31, 2013 are on the Select Board's work table for their review.

6. **Public Comments:** Bill Navin came before the Board to ask that dollars be spent on sidewalks in the town. Tom Casey (Berkshire Eagle) asked about the May 29<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting with Berkshire Gas and David Consolati explained that when they did the work on Main Street the repairing and patching hadn't been done properly and Berkshire Gas will be coming back to fix it.
7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Courtroom.
8. **Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session:** *At 7:55 PM upon a roll call the members voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining strategy, because deliberating during an open session would have a detrimental effect. The Chair announced that the members would not return to public session.*

Upon a roll call, the vote was as follows:

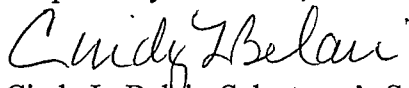
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David Consolati  
Gordon D. Bailey

None

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair, Selectmen's Secretary

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Town Treasurer  
Town Reps. District Chairmen  
Superintendent of Schools  
Town Accountant