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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – November 4, 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 the Meeting of October 21, 2014 and the Executive Session Minutes of October 21, 2014.*
2. **Public Hearing:** None.
3. **General Business:** Willow Street Bridge Repairs - Superintendant of Public Works, Chris Pompi, P.E., came before the Board with Change Order Numbers 2, Water Main Relocation in the amount of \$20,833.29, Number 3, Concrete Repairs at Bridge Joints in the amount of \$3,180.43, Number 4, NW Bridge Joint Repairs in the amount of \$8,239.33 and Number 5, NE Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$3,798.18, for a total of \$36,051.23. Onyx has agreed to contribute the payment for Change Order Number 4 in an amount not to exceed \$8,239.33. This brings the total cost to \$542,811.90 owed by the Town of Lee to date. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Change Orders 2, 3, 4 & 5 in the amount of \$36,052.23 (less Onyx contribution of \$8,239.33) for a total in the amount of \$542,811.90.*

To accommodate Chris Pompi, the items were taken out of order.

**Town Administrator:** Mr. Nason announced that Mass Highway has requested that the work hours on Tyringham Road be changed from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM to be 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM. They also requested that they be allowed to work this coming Saturday at those same hours. *The Board members were all in favor of allowing this change in the work hours on Tyringham Road.* Dick Lindsay asked if the detour would still be in effect on those extra hours and Mr. Nason replied that it would. Bill Navin asked if the extra hours would be billed to the Town and Chairman Consolati replied that there would be no extra money out of our pocket.

Winter Season Employment Opportunity - Mr. Nason announced that there is a position open for a seasonal winter truck driver/laborer. The position runs from December 1, 2014 through March 19, 2015. Applications are available at the Dept. of Public Works (DPW)

Mr. Nason also announced that the DPW is half way through the water flushing and will be done in about a week and half.

**General Business:** Land Donation Proposal, 230 Church Street - Mr. Nason announced that the Town of Lee has been offered a donation of land, consisting of 30 1/3 acres, on Church Street and was wondering if the Board members had any thoughts about this. Patty suggested that we get in touch with the Land Trust and Bob said he would follow through with that suggestion.

FY 2016 Operating Budget Guidelines – Mr. Nason presented draft guidelines for the FY 2015 operating budget requests for the Members consideration. He noted that the guidelines for non personnel expense were unchanged from prior fiscal years; and, that the proposed 1.5% increase for non-union municipal employees is the same as the increase to be accorded police officers, dispatchers, certain public works employees and school teachers in accordance with their respective union collective bargaining agreements. He reported that the 1.5% increase is slightly less than the 1.7% cost of living adjustment to be provided Social Security recipients effective January 1, 2015. Mr. Nason presented the FY 2016 Operating Budget Guidelines for the Board members to look over. He said that it is basically the same as we do every year with 1.5% increase to employees, slightly less than the 1.7% cost of living adjustment. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the FY 2016 Operating Budget Guidelines.*

Small-Scale Initiatives Grant Award - *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Small-Scale Initiatives Grant Award as presented in the amount of \$750.00 and authorized the Chair to sign the Grant Agreement.*

Berkshire Gas Permits - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant to Berkshire Gas Company permits to install new gas service at 255 Theresa Terrace, 70 Via Bondi and 105 Davis Street.*

#### **4. Pending Business:**

David Consolati announced “Stuff the Trailer” – This is an annual event put on by the Lee Kiwanis Club to fill a trailer truck with non-perishables for the Lee Food Bank on Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Old Senior Center. David encouraged everyone to donate.

#### **5. Town Administrator:**

Mr. Nason stated that the Revenue & Expense Reports through October 21, 2014 are available on the Selectmen’s work table

#### **6. Public Comments:**

Beverly Trombly came before the Board and commented that she was pleased with the voter turnout. She stated, though, that she doesn’t understand why she never hears from anyone in District 5 with any concerns. She also commented that she works with the seniors and she is concerned that with all the new technology being used, many of the seniors could use help in understanding how to use the new technology (i.e. cell phones, computers, tablets, etc.) David stated that he would follow up with getting someone from the school dept. to volunteer to help the seniors.

Bob Nason also gave a brief update on the Solar project stating that through the efforts the grant funded Lenox/Lee Owner’s Agent and the members of Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee a Selectmen Meeting – November 4, 2014

Request for Proposal and proposals are due on November 20<sup>th</sup> for solar arrays for the landfill and the wastewater treatment plant.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18, 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 7:40 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Belair,  
Selectmen's Secretary

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