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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – February 3, 2015

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 January 20, 2015 and the Executive Session Minutes of January 20, 2015.*
2. **Public Hearing:** None.
3. **General Business:** Contracted Manpower and Equipment for Water & Sewer Main Repairs – Superintendent of Dept. of Public Works, Christopher Pompei, P.E., came before the Board and stated that the their current contractor, LB Corp submitted the sole bid with the unit prices remaining the same as in the previous LB contract. The contract period is for March 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 (22 months). The recommended allowances are Water Main Repairs - \$67,500 and Sewer Main Repairs - \$30,600. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the bid from LB Corp. and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract.*

Contracted Manpower and Equipment for Snow Removal – Chris also came before the Board with the sole bid from LB Corp for the snow removal, as needed. Their contract reflects an increase of 28% or \$328.00 per hour to \$420.00 per hour. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the bid from LB Corp and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract.*

Patty Carlino commented that she thought the DPW did a fine job clearing the roadways during the recent snowstorm and Tom agreed that he also thought the roads were in good shape. David Consolati stated that he spoke with Chief Roosa and during the time of the storm, Lee had only one minor accident in a parking lot.

Tyringham Road Construction - Chris Pompei presented a Resident Engineer's Report of Changes from the contractor, Baltazar Contractors, Inc. for the Tyringham Road Project in the amount of \$5,530.47. This amount stems from a sewer line that was not shown on the construction plans that was broken and repaired by the contractor. Patty commented that in the future anything put in such as sewer/water lines should be documented on a database, to alleviate this kind of situation. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the Report of Changes from Baltazar Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$5,530.47 and authorize Chris Pompei to sign the Report of Changes.*

Ambulance Billing Service Award - In a tiebreaker bid, the contract for the Ambulance Billing Service was awarded to our current vendor, Comstar Ambulance Billing in the amount of 3.00% for a three (3) year period. The other bidder, Coastal Medical Billing, came in at 3.75% for a three (3) year period. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve and all the Chair to sign the contract with Comstar Ambulance Billing in the amount of 3.00% for the three (3) year contract.*

Home Improvement Program Loan Servicing Agent Authorization – Berkshire Housing Development Corporation has served as the administering agency for a number of grant and loan programs for housing rehabilitation in Lee and has presented the Board with a consent form that would allow their office to continue to review and sign any subordinations, discharges and insurance settlement checks that are brought to their attention as a direct result of borrowing funds from one of the programs they operate in Lee. The amount of loan repayments received from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014 is \$30,070.19. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Consent Form.*

Passenger Rail Service from Pittsfield to New York City – Steve Nikitas a resident of Pittsfield came before the Board to present his opposition to the Rail Service. His first concern is the expense of more than One hundred million to the taxpayers. He is concerned that it could become an illegal drug corridor and two train lines is not a good saving of energy consumption. Because the Pittsfield train could never connect to Wassaic, NY, passengers who board in Berkshire County would have to ride south all the way to Danbury, CT to pick up the commuter connections into the city. This would take 5 hours and 15 minutes, while taking Metro-North from Wassaic to NYC, including driving from Pittsfield would take 3 hours and 545 minutes. His other concerns are the noise generated, the obstruction of the Housatonic Railroad and the two hundred million tax dollars to build the tracks. He also thinks it would have a negative impact on the CSX line. Mr. Nikitas wants the Board of Selectmen to go on record to the Governor that the Passenger Rail Service is not a good expenditure.

David Consolati stated that his personal opinion is that he does not think it is a feasible project and Mr. Nikitas replied that he hopes people will agree with him. Patty Carlino asked Mr. Nikitas if he has approached State Legislators to which Mr. Nikitas replied that he will be meeting with Smitty Pignatelli on Friday at 2:00 PM.

4. Pending Business:

- a. Planning Board Special Permit Hearing – Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:15 PM on an application of Harold Sherman for approval of a Special permit under Section 199-6.1 to reconstruct a garage that was destroyed by a vehicle crash.
- b. Planning Board – Hearing – Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:15 on the application of Matthew D. Carlino & Jennifer M. Carlino, for approval of a Preliminary Subdivision Plan.

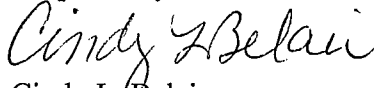
5. Town Administrator:

- a. 2015 Local District Technical Assistance Awards from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission – Mr. Nason reported that The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has informed us that the Lee Chapter 40R Housing project and the Regional Rest of River project are

to receive technical assistance under the 2015 District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) program.

- b. FY 2015 Revenue and Expense Reports through January 31, 2015 - Mr. Nason stated that the Revenue & Expense Reports through January 31, 2015 are available on the Selectmen's work table.
 - c. Bay State Roads Program – Recognition of Christopher Pompei – Mr. Nason announced that the Baystate Roads Program recognizes Chris Pompei as their newest Master Road Scholar. Chris's level of achievement required attendance at a minimum of twenty-two training seminars presented by the Baystate Roads Program. Congratulations, Chris.
6. **Public Comments:** *None. David Consolati reminded everyone to be observant and check on our elderly neighbors during these times of record snowfalls and frigid weather and advised everyone to be careful and safe.*
 7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 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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