

TOWN OF LEE
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday October 27, 2022 @ 3:00PM
Town Hall • 38 Main Street • Select Board Office

Minutes

Members Present: Sean Regnier, Bob Jones, Gordon Bailey

Members Absent: None.

Chairman Regnier called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

1. Open Session minutes from October 18, 2022.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the October 18, 2022 open session minutes as submitted which Mr. Jones seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

2. Discussion and postponement of the Tax Classification Hearing (Sarah Navin).

Sarah Navin, Administrative Assessor, began by stating the State has held her up for a month but they are in preliminary disclosure right now for a week because they're in a full re-evaluation, which is why it is taking so long. Ms. Navin stated that disclosure ends on Monday October 31st, so they will be able to hold the hearing on November 1st. Ms. Navin stated the only thing she likely will not have for the Board on November 1st is a preliminary tax rate, but this upcoming hearing is to find out if they will do a split tax rate.

Mr. Jones made a motion to postpone the tax classification hearing to November 1st which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

3. Letter of Support – Appalachian Trail Committee to Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to have the Board members sign the letter of support for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy which Mr. Jones seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

4. Any topic the Chairman could not reasonably anticipate.

Chris Brittain shared a letter he prepared with the intention to begin the process to dissolve the Board of Public Works (BPW). Admin Brittain stated that he believes Lee is the only remaining municipality in Berkshire County with a BPW, and there are approximately seventeen BPWs left in the entire Commonwealth (about 4.8% of communities). Admin Brittain stated that the BPW creates an additional bureaucracy that interrupts the efficiency of the town's operations and creates unnecessary delays for the residents. Admin Brittain stated he planned to send the letter tomorrow and the Board agreed they stood behind the letter.

Mr. Bailey made a motion at 3:50pm to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing Real Property (Parcel ID: 1500070000000410), negotiations with non-union personnel, and pending litigation because discussing strategy in an open meeting discussion would have a detrimental effect and to reconvene in open session, which Mr. Jones seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Sean Regnier	None
Bob Jones	
Gordon Bailey	

Mr. Bailey made a motion at 4:15pm to conclude the executive session and reconvene in open session which Mr. Jones seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Sean Regnier	None
Bob Jones	
Gordon Bailey	

Vote to accept Range Classification Schedule.

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the salary range classification schedule as presented which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn at 4:17pm which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

Submitted by:



Sabrina Touhey
Admin Asst BOS/TA

Approved on 11/01/2022