

TOWN OF LEE
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday March 7, 2023 @ 7:00PM
Town Hall • 38 Main Street • Former Courtroom

Minutes

Members Present: Sean Regnier, Bob Jones, Gordon Bailey

Members Absent: None.

Chairman Regnier called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

1. Minutes: Open Session Minutes of 02/21/2023

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the 02/21/2023 minutes as submitted which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

2. Public Hearings

a) Alteration of Premise – D&G Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Café Triskele, 150 Main Street

Rebecca Clerget, 150 Main Street, representing the business.

Ms. Clerget began by stating that during the Covid pandemic the previous owners had a temporary extension of premise for outdoor dining in place and now that it will expire on April 1, 2023, the new owners are looking to add that space permanently on their liquor license.

Chairman Regnier opened the meeting up to the public. No one came forward.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the Alteration of Premise for D&G Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Café Triskele which Mr. Jones seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

3. Public Comment

Kathy Hall, Lee Youth Commission, began by stating that the LYC was only able to have one night of activities at the Lee Athletic Field during February school vacation because of the very cold weather – anything below 32 degrees is dangerous for outdoor play. She added that they would like to add to their list of thank you shout outs to Mike Kelly from Kelly's Funeral Home for lending their heater and thank the DPW for clearing the driveway to the park. Ms. Hall stated that the LYC was given the okay from the Lee Conservation Commission to explore the possibility of a drainage solution at the pavilion at the athletic field. Ms. Hall stated that most importantly, the LYC needs at least two new members, they meet once a month on the second Wednesday of the month for one hour to discuss the parks and possible activities during spring, summer, and winter.

4. General Business

a. Appointments:

Community Preservation Act Committee-Laurie Kropkowski
Greener Gateway Committee-James & Christine Schwarz
Board of Registrars-Sheila Viale

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the above appointments which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

b. ARPA Request - LYA

Sharon Terry, LYA Executive Director, was present representing the LYA. Ms. Terry stated that the LYA is requesting \$50,000 from ARPA funds to be used on professional services such as site plans, designs, development, construction documents, bidding and negotiations, and construction administration. She stated that potentially the funds could also be used for a Capital Campaign Coordinator and a Project Manager.

Admin Brittain stated that there is about \$80,000 in ARPA funds left. He stated that if the Board were to approve this request, he would suggest they hold the rest of the funds available until all of the requests have been completed.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the ARPA request of the LYA which Mr. Jones seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

c. Approval of a One Day Wine & Malt License – St. Mary's Church

Chairman Regnier stated that this license request is for a St. Patrick's Day Dinner from St. Mary's Parish to be held on March 18, 2023 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the One Day Wine & Malt License for St. Mary's Church which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

d. One Day Wine & Malt License, One Day Entertainment License, and Town Property Request – Chief Roosa Scholarship Foundation

Jennifer Roosa and two other Board members of the Jeff Roosa Scholarship Foundation were present and began by stating that they created the Jeff Jam as a way to keep money in the scholarship fund while honoring something Jeff would have loved.

Ms. Roosa stated that they are requesting the use of Railroad Street to Consolati Way by the gazebo for the event on May 28th from 12pm to 4pm, four different bands will play at the event for an hour each, there will not be tickets sold for the event and the only profit that day will be through beer and wine sales. The foundation's board members stated that they spoke with the owners of the property where Price Chopper used to be, and they will allow parking in the lot.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the one-day wine & malt license and the one-day (Sunday) entertainment license which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the Town Property request around the gazebo area with exact perimeters to be determined with discussions with the Police Chief as for the needs of the event which Mr. Jones seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

e. Road Tolls

Organization	Date	Sign Permit
Sons & Daughters of Italy	April 15th	
HRI	May 6th	✓
Knights of Columbus	May 20th	✓
VFW	May 27th	
LMHS Softball Booster Club	June 3rd	
Lee Lions	June 17th	
Lee High Girl's Volleyball	September 23rd	✓
LMHS Golf	October 28th	

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Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the above 2023 Road Toll schedule which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to waive the fees for the Road Toll Temporary Sign Permits which Mr. Jones seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0

f. Historical Society – 250 Anniversary Celebration (2027)

Bill Matthews, President of the Lee Historical Society, was present. He began by stating that the Lee Historical Society is an independent nonprofit entity separate from Town Government and is supported largely by membership dues. He stated that the Historical Commission is part of Town Government and funded by taxpayer dollars. He stated that the two entities share similar goals especially regarding preservation of the town's historic qualities.

Mr. Matthews stated that the Historical Society is in the beginning stages of planning the town's 250 Anniversary Celebration (2027) and are looking to work with local vendors and residents. He stated they will welcome anyone who would like to join in making the event a success and the best way to contact the Historical Society is via mail to PO Box 170, Lee, MA 01238.

5. Any topic the Chairman could not reasonably anticipate.

Mr. Bailey stated that today was his first meeting with the CDC and although they are not actively pursuing sales of lots in the business park, they discussed where they are going to go and how they'll get to the point where the CDC is no longer involved. He added that they considered it their 2022 Annual Meeting since they missed it last year and they'll have another meeting in May or June of 2023 for election of officers for next year. He stated it was a good meeting discussing how they can bring jobs to the town. Mr. Bailey stated that they discussed if there is the building of a new public safety building, there was talk of using the combined lot on Main Street with the firehouse to be used for something with the LYA and community. He stated they are also looking at the Airolodi/Bullseye parking lot for some downtown development.

Admin Brittain confirmed that they will be starting demolition at the Eagle Mill this month with construction beginning June or July of 2023 and funding is approved. He added that they are going to look to recycle whatever they can from the property.

Mr. Bailey stated that he is disappointed that no one has come forward for the Cable Advisory Committee and though he would rather not, he may ask to appointed at another meeting so that Lee has a presence. He stated that he would go sit in on the major group meeting and he will report back.

Kathy Hall stated that she saw a posting for a meeting tomorrow at 4pm and confirmed with the Board that it is a public meeting. Ms. Hall continued stating that she would be interested in developing the Airolodi building area into a community center. She stated it would be costly but would be cost effective. She did say a basketball court and pool would not be possible in that building. Ms. Hall stated she wants people to know she has not given up on some sort of community center.

6. Town Administrator- Baby Town Meeting, Board Openings, MVP Info Meeting, CPC Hearing

Admin Brittain stated that the Baby Town Meeting is set for April 13th at the school and from 6pm to 7pm there will be an introduction to Open Town Meeting, and from 7pm to whenever it ends will be the typical Baby Town Meeting. He stated that the Board and Committee openings are still available on the website and more descriptions were added. Admin Brittain stated that there will be an information session in the courtroom tomorrow at 7pm on MVP. And coming up on March 22nd the CPC will have its first hearing in the courtroom at 7pm. Admin Brittain added that the Town of Lee was officially approved as an Appalachian Trail Community and the committee is now planning a ceremony.

The next regular Select Board meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2023.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm which Mr. Bailey seconded and was unanimously approved, 3-0.

Submitted by:



Sabrina Touhey
Admin Asst BOS/TA

Approved on 03/21/2023