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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 1, 2015

Present: Patricia D. Carlino, Chair, David Consolati and Thomas Wickham, Board of Selectmen and Robert Nason, Town Administrator.

Chairperson, Patricia Carlino, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM .

1. **Approval of Minutes:** None.
2. **Public Hearings:** None
3. **General Business:** MassWorks Infrastructure 2015 Grant Application – Rich Vinette came before the Board to present the grant application for the MassWorks Infrastructure for 2015. The application is necessary for Mill Renaissance's Eagle Mill re-use project to move forward. Mill Renaissance has applied to the National Park Service for historic tax credits. The MassWorks application is due September 4th. The application is essentially the same as last year. David Consolati noted that the proposed water main replacement is the key to developing the Eagle Mill site as well as well as the other closed paper mills and the west side of Main Street. *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the state funding if the MassWorks Infrastructure 2015 Grant is awarded; and, to authorize the Chair to sign the Certification of Public Entity Authorization.*

Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests - Superintendent of Public Works, Chris Pompei, P.E., came before the Board with the Chapter 90 Reimbursement requests as follows: Meadow Street Engineering – Gill Engineering in the amount of \$10,001.50, Willow Street Bridge for a total amount of \$579,729.36 (35,174 -Gill Engineering / \$543,879.36 - Northern Construction), Tyringham Road Engineer-Fuss & O'Neill in the amount of \$20,107.15, Valley Street Bridge Repair – a portion of Lee's share of the \$14,344 repair to Gill Engineering & LB Corporation in the amount of \$5,843.

This brings the total of the Reimbursement requests to \$615,781.01. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests in the amount of \$615,781.01*

Bikeway Project, Phase I Update - The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has requested that STIP Amendment #10 add funding in the amount of \$317,000 for the Lee Bikeway Phase II Project so that the funds may be obligated before the close of FFY 2015.

US Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Area-wide Planning Grant – This is a no cost amendment which extends the term of the grant through Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) for a third year ending September 30, 2016. *The Board members voted unanimously nunc pro tunc August 18, 2015 to accept the no cost plan extension.*

FY 2016 Budget and Town Meeting Preparation Schedule – Mr. Nason presented the Draft FY 2016 Budget and Town Meeting Preparation Schedule. Recalling that the May 12, 2015 Town Meeting informal polling about combining the Annual and Special Town meeting, Bob noted that the proposed schedule adopted the representatives view that the meetings should be combined

Thank you Sandy Beach landowners, committee & staff and seasonal DPW workers – As read by Patty Carlino – “Thank you from the Select Board. Before the summer of 2015 ends we want to thank High Lawn Farm, Laurel Lake Water Power and Tom & Katie Scheurer for the opportunity to once again enjoy Sandy Beach which closed for the season at 8:00 pm on Monday, Sept. 7th (Labor Day). We also want to thank the volunteer members of the Sandy Beach Committee: Deidre Consolati, Chair, Monica Ryan, Linda Cysz and Kelly Abdalla. The Beach workers: Access Control Officer, Amber Newton, Managing Lifeguard Samantha Kate Brown, Lifeguards: Samantha Miller, Kendall Smith, Abigail Brown, Hannah Miller, Anna Jefferys and Meghan Driscoll. Maintenance Workers: Dmitri Consolati and Myron Hood. We are also grateful for the work of our Public Works summer workers – Groundskeepers: Lucas Withers, Chris Babcock, Aaron Coons and Evan Consolati and to our Water Distribution Aide, Matt Kelley.

Berkshire Gas Permit – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit for new gas installation at 300 Fairview Street, with the stipulation that all work would bore underground with no cuts to the street. Any deviations from this stipulation would render the permit null and void. The Board also asked that the sketch be attached to the permit prior to granting of it.*

Entertainment License – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant an Entertainment License to the Lee Chamber of Commerce for the activities planned for the Founder’s Weekend of Friday, Sept. 18th through Sunday, Sept. 20th.*

4. Pending Business:

- a. 2015 Mini-Site Collections – Saturday, Sept. 5th – 8:30 – 10:30 AM – Lenox Dept. of Public Works.
- b. 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collections – Saturday, October 24th – 9:00 AM – Great Barrington Recycling Center
- c. 25 School Street Auction – Friday, Sept. 18th at 2:00 PM – at the Lee Town Hall (former courtroom).

5. Town Administrator:

Appointments – At the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the Lee Library, Mr. Nason appointed Susan Harding as interim Library Director to fill the vacancy of Dan Paquette, whose last day will be September 18, 2015. *The Board members voted unanimously to support the appointment of Susan Harding as interim Library Director.*

At the recommendation of the Chris Pompei and the Chair of the Board of Public Works, Mr. Nason appointed Donald Humeston as truck driver/laborer to fill the vacancy left by Rob Zerbato. *The Board members voted unanimously to support the appointment of Rob Zerbato as truck driver/laborer.*

At the recommendation of Donald Torrico, Building Commissioner, Mr. Nason appointed Rebecca Slick as the Building Inspector's Clerk to fill the vacancy of Barbara Thomson. *The Board members voted unanimously to support the appointment of Rebecca Slick as Building Inspector's Clerk.*

Employment Opportunity – The position of Highway/Cemetery Division Supervisor will be posted in Sunday's edition of the Berkshire Eagle and in the Shopper's Guide and Berkshire Record.

Also, there is still a position open for a School Crossing Guard.

Local Gas Tax Update - Bill No. 3725 has been filed by Representative William (Smitty) Pignatelli and Senator Benjamin B. Downing, which will enable us to proceed with the tax if it is approved by the Legislature. Thank you to Smitty and Ben Downing!

FY 2016 Revenue and Expense Reports through August 31, 2015 - Mr. Nason stated that the FY 2016 Revenue and Expense Reports through August 31, 2015 are on the Selectmen's worktable for their review.

6. **Public Comments:** None.

Mr. Nason stated that we are in the process of getting the town "spruced up" for the Labor Day Weekend. Patty Carlino asked if the flowers would still be up for Founder's Weekend, to which Mr. Nason replied that it would probably depend if there would still be help in watering and if they last. Bob remarked that as we no longer have a street sweeper he is asking the merchants to clean their storefronts. He also commented that Zabian's does a great job keeping their storefront looking clean and inviting.

David also reminded everyone that the kids would be back in school and to drive safe.

Chris Pompi said they are starting the paving of Greylock Street tomorrow (9/2/15) and in about two weeks it should be 100% complete.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting as 7:35 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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