

APPROVED ON 10/20/15

## Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – October 6, 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:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Select Board minutes of September 15, 2015.*
2. **Public Hearings:** None
3. **General Business:** Disposition of 25 School Street - Town Treasurer/Collector Donna Toomey came before the Board to report that the auction held on Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM produced three certified bidders with the required \$5,000.00 deposit but there were no bids for the minimum amount of \$40,000.00. The auction was adjourned until October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the former courtroom of Town Hall. Donna announced that there are two options we can take at this next auction. The Select Board could attend and if needed can adjourn into executive session to discuss their options. Alternately, the Select Board can leave the decision to Donna's discretion. Although the Board had no issue with the decision being left to Donna, two of the members stated that they would like to attend. Therefore a Select Board meeting would be posted for that date enabling the members to confer with Donna at the auction regarding the process and to make any recommendations.

Elizabeth Masiero of 24 School Street came before the Board with questions regarding the definition of a 21E. Mr. Nason's response was that a 21E is not a strictly defined term but it generally means a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment which is a non-intrusive evaluation of the potential for a property to be contaminated with oil or hazardous materials.

Phase 2 includes soil and ground water testing and analysis, which led to removal of structure and hazardous materials and a Permanent Solutions with No Conditions Statement.

Ms. Masiero had questions about the tasks noted in the project expenditure report which Mr. Nason provided her. Mr. Nason replied that he or the Project Manager, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Senior Planner, Melissa Provencher, would send her the scope of the tasks.

Kathleen Glenar came before the Board with some questions pertaining to the clean-up costs. Mr. Nason explained that the total expenditures of the clean-up came to approximately \$120,000.00, of which \$100,000.00 was paid for with a Brownfields Grant and \$20,000.00 was paid for by the Town of Lee.

b. Grants – Applications/Awards - Support and Incentive Grant -Police Chief Jeffrey Roosa came before the Board to outline the FY 2016 Support and Incentive Grant application in the amount of \$153,266.00. Chief Roosa explained that approximately \$110,000 of the grant goes towards salaries and the remainder is for equipment, upkeep, etc. *The Board members voted unanimously to authorize the Chief to submit the application and to insure timely reimbursement, authorize Police Chief Roosa to sign related contracts and other legal documents.*

Training Grant - Chief Roosa also stated to the Board that he would be forwarding to them the FY 2016 Training Grant application from the Massachusetts State 911 Department in the amount of \$10,000.00. He asked for the Board's approval and appropriate signatures when the final draft is presented to them. +

Chief Roosa also read a letter announcing that Sergeant Craig W. DeSantis and Officer Chad Cummings were dispatched to a medical call in the Big Y parking lot. DeSantis and Cummings, along with two MA State Troopers were instrumental in tending to this person who initially presented with difficulty breathing which deteriorated into a code blue and CPR was initiated. DeSantis and Cummings have been chosen, along with the two MA State Troopers to receive the Medal of Lifesaving. They will receive this award on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM in a ceremony held at the Massachusetts State House in Boston.

Chief Roosa announced the hosting of the second annual Holiday (ugly) Sweater Fun Run in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics, which will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 10:00 AM in the municipal parking lot off Consolati Way.

FY 2016 Formula Grant Application – Council on Aging - *The Board members voted unanimously to accept the FY 2015 Formula Grant Application in the amount of \$11,414.00 and authorize the Chair to sign it.*

Awards – Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – Mass DEP has awarded the Town of Lee a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant. The town of Lee will receive up to \$750.00 for a Small-Scale Initiative. The town used this grant to purchase water bottles that were distributed at Founder's Weekend. The Select Board members thanked the members of the Recycling Committee and Consultant Jamie Cahillane of the Center for Technology for applying for the grant.

In-kind Technical Assistance for Lee and Lenox - The Select Board members thanked the members of the Recycling Committee for applying for the grant which will provide 80 hours of Department of Environmental Protection staff time to research, develop and gain community support for bylaw changes to minimize or eliminate single-use plastic shopping bags and Styrofoam cups and containers.

c. Berkshire Gas Permit – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit to Berkshire Gas Company for the installation of a new gas main and new gas service at Laurel Street and 615 Laurel Street.*

d. Berkshire Gas Permit – *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit to Berkshire Gas Company for the installation of new gas service at 142 Main Street (working off Academy Street).*

#### 4. Pending Business:

- a. Tri-Town Health Dept. – Notice of Public Hearing – 10/19/15 – 6:30 PM @ 45 Railroad Street
- b. 2015 Mini-Site Collection – Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM at Great Barrington Recycling Center
- c. 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collections – Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – Noon at Great Barrington Recycling Center.
- d. Pavilion Dedication Ceremony – October 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5. Town Administrator:

##### a. Personnel

Appointment – At the recommendation of Chief Roosa, and with the Select Board's approval, Mr. Nason appointed Michael J. Silver, a former full time Pittsfield Police Officer, to fill the vacancy left by Officer Timothy Kelly. *The Board members*

*voted unanimously to approve Mr. Nason's appointment of Michael J. Silver to fill the open Police Officer position.*

Employment Opportunity - Mr. Nason reported that there are six candidates for the Highway/Cemetery Division Supervisor position. The Ad Hoc Hiring Committee wants to expand the scope of candidates so they decided to re-publish the position, hoping to add to the pool.

Mr. Nason also reported that we are still looking for a Crossing Guard to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Bob Rhodes.

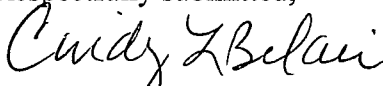
b. FY 2016 Revenue and Expense Reports through September 30, 2015 – Mr. Nason reported that FY 2016 Revenue and Expense Reports through September 30, 2015, with the exception of state revenue and assessments, are on the Selectmen's worktable for their review.

6. **Public Comments:** None.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2015.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting as 7:41 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,  
Selectmen's Secretary

Notice of Website Posting Sent to:

Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors	Dept. of Public Works
Town Administrator	Board of Health	Town Treasurer
Town Clerk	Conservation Commission	Town Reps. District Cha Chairmen
Town Collector	Police Chief	Superintendent of Schools
Planning Board	Building Inspector	Town Accountant