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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

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MINUTES OF MEETING – February 16, 2016

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

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

1. **Approval of Minutes:** *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Public Session Minutes of February 2, 2016 and the Public Session Minutes of February 10, 2016.*
2. **Public Hearings:** Eversource – Petition for Pole and Wire Locations – Nicole Clemo, from Eversource came before the Board with their Petition to set a new solely owned pole (22/17-1) on Fox Drive approximately 30' northerly of the centerline of Fairview Street, to install primary conductors in provided conduit from pole 22/17/1 to transformer located beyond municipal boundary, for the purpose of providing power to two lots on Fox Drive. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Petition to set a pole on Fairview Street for the purpose of providing power to two lots on Fox Drive.*

Mr. Nason asked Nicole about a situation on the corner of Summer Street and Prospect Street regarding a double pole that he has asked repeatedly to be removed. He stated that we received a call from Al Bessette at Verizon who stated that they have removed from the pole and Time Warner and the Town of Lee is still on. Mr. Nason stated that the Town of Lee is removed from the pole and Time Warner states that they have also removed from the pole. Mr. Nason asked Nicole if she could look into this situation in order to resolve the double pole situation.

3. **General Business:** Tyringham Road Reconstruction - Patty asked that we put this matter off until our next meeting when Superintendent of Public Works, Chris Pompei, would be available to speak.

Lee Bikeway - Mr. Nason presented the Budget for the Preliminary & Final Design of the Lee Bikeway. The total amount is \$367,051.81 of which the town's obligation is \$50,051.81. David Consolati commented that we had agreed to an amount of \$50,000.00 for the town to pay, therefore, he would not agree to the extra \$51.81 owed. *The Board members voted unanimously to approve the Design Agreement with Foresight Land Services and to authorize the Chair to sign the standard contract in an amount not to exceed \$367,000.00.*

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Warrant for Presidential Primary - *The Board members voted unanimously to sign the Warrant for Presidential Primary to be held at 21 Crossway, Crossway Village Gym, on Tuesday, the First day of March, 2016 from 7:00 Am to 8:00 PM . The town clerk will post the warrant at the Town Hall, Lee Library, Lee Post Office, the South Lee Post Office and on the Town of Lee website.*

FY 2017 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal – Letter of Intent – The Board was presented with the FY 17 Budget and their Letter of Intent to Participate for the 15th year in the Southern Berkshire Regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program. *The Board members voted unanimously to sign the Letter of Intent to Participate in the Southern Berkshire Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.*

Capital Outlay Committee Appointments - The list of members for the Capital Outlay Committee wasn't complete at meeting time, the committee members will be appointed at our next meeting on March 1st.

4. Pending Business:

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals – public hearing on an appeal by Stockbridge Terrace, LLC. – continued to Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Planning Board Office.
- b. Planning Board – Special Permit for Kristin O'Brien – Continued to Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at 6:45 PM in the Planning Board Office.

5. Town Administrator: Personnel – Mr. Nason announced the resignation of our Assistant Collector/Treasurer Karen Fink who is leaving to take a position as Collector/Treasure in Great Barrington. The Board members wished Karen well in her new endeavor.

Mr. Nason also announced that Norma Maroney has stepped in as Acting Council on Aging Director, while Gail Rothwell is on an extended medical leave.

6. Public Comments: The following members of the South Lee Fire Company were present: Jim Hunt, Jeff Leprevost, Bill Wellspeak, Tony Giarolo, Peter Sorrentino, Pete Brown, Dave Renner and Dan Antoniazzi. Jim Hunt came before the Board to speak on their behalf. He noted that most served for many years and he himself has served for 29 years. He explained that they were concerned about the talk of sharing a fire chief with Lenox and joining forces with the Ambulance as EMT/Firemen. He also stated that they were concerned about not being asked to be present at meetings concerning this venture. Patty Carlino stated at this point we are just exploring the possibility of sharing a fire chief and combining ambulance and fire. David Consolati added that the fire chief's inspections take about three hours per inspection and Mr. Hunt responded that they're willing to take some of the responsibilities of the chief regarding inspections. The consensus of the membership is to keep the current Lee chief status. Patty asked if they

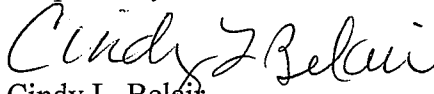
would be willing to share equipment to which Jim responded that they already share equipment and offer mutual aid whenever required. Mr. Nason explained that we are trying to look at cost efficiency. Patty commented that we need to bring others in to be cross trained. Pete Sorrentino came before the Board stating that he has 20 years in and we need to hire within. Noting that we had signed a Shared Services Administrative Review Intermunicipal Agreement (the Community Compact Agreement) with Lenox and Stockbridge, Mr. Nason explained we are looking at Lenox's model and that is the reason that their Chief was at our meeting with the Lee volunteer Firefighters so he could explain how their model works. Jim Hunt asked for more transparency. Bill Wellspeak came before the board stating they train every Monday and would like to keep things the way they are. In response to questions by Dick Lindsay, Berkshire Eagle reporter, Mr. Nason explained that Administrative Review Committee, noting vacancies in Chiefs and Ambulance Director, recommended we explore the potential for shared services in ambulance and fire. The Administrative Review Committee met to explore the merging of fire and ambulance services. Mr. Nason added that we would share the command and inspections. Patty added that we are still in the early stages and we will be in touch in the future.

7. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM, in the Courtroom.

The Board members thanked Kathy Hall and Dick Shields for their work and dedication to the ice skating rink.

8. **Motion to Adjourn:** The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,
Selectmen's Secretary

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