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Board of Selectmen – Minutes of Meeting

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING – September 15, 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 August 18, 2015 and September 1, 2015.*
2. **Public Hearings:** None
3. **General Business:** Planning Board Associate Member Vacancy - *Upon review of a letter of interest from David Durante, the Board members voted unanimously to appoint David Durante as an Associate member on the Planning Board.*

FY 2016 Budget and Town Meeting Preparation Schedule - After review of the FY 2016 Budget and Town Meeting Preparation Schedule which does combine the Special and Annual Meetings into one meeting *the Board members voted unanimously to accept the Schedule as presented.*

Berkshire Gas Permit – David Consolati stated that he will not accept a square patch fix on the newly paved Greylock Street. Chris Pompei responded that Mr. Garrity of LB Corporation has already discussed with Berkshire Gas regarding the proper patching and grading of the newly paved road that Berkshire Gas has already cut for their emergency repair. *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a permit to Berkshire Gas for the Emergency Gas Main Relocation on Greylock Street near houses #360 & #420 as long as a proper patch is used and the grading is done.*

Temporary Sign Permit - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a Temporary Sign Permit to the Lee Boy Scouts for their Road Toll on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM*

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One Day Beer & Wine License - *The Board members voted unanimously to grant a One Day Beer & Wine License to The Spectrum Playhouse for their Variety Show on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM.*

#### 4. Pending Business:

- a. Cemetery Walk sponsored by the Lee Historical Society on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM.
- b. 25 School Street Auction, Friday, September 18, 2015 at 2:00 PM in the former courtroom within Memorial (Town) Hall. Minimum bid of \$40,000.
- c. Founders Weekend Schedule.
- d. Tri-Town Health Dept. – Notice of Public Hearing – 10/19/15 – 6:30 PM @ 45 Railroad Street.
- e. 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Collections – Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM – Noon at Great Barrington Recycling Center.

#### 5. Town Administrator:

##### Personnel

Retirement - Mr. Nason reported that after 16 years of service Jim Salice is not able to carry on his work in the Department of Public Works as the Water Distribution System Primary Operator; and, that he had submitted his notice of retirement effective February 26, 2015, when his earned leave time is exhausted. The members thanked Jim for his many years of service

Appointments — Mr. Nason reported that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, has required that we submit a complete staffing plan by September 21, 2015. Chris Pompi, P.E., Superintendent of Public Works, explained that the staffing requirements are a full-time Primary Operator with at least a Grade 2 Distribution Operator License and an Assistant Operator with at least a Grade 1 Distribution Operator License in-Training.

Noting that Matt(hew) Ranzoni, the Assistant Water Distribution Operator, had taken the initiative to obtain a Grade 2 Distribution Operator License, Mr Nason, at the recommendation of Chris Pompi, promoted Matthew Ranzoni to the position of Water Distribution System Primary Operator. *The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's promotion of Matthew Ranzoni to the position of Water Distribution System Primary Operator.*

Recalling that Josh(ua) Herlihy was a finalist for the recently (July 21, 2015 Select Board Meeting) filled position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and noting that he held a Grade 1 Distribution Operator License In-Training, Mr. Nason, at the recommendation of Chris Pompi, appointed Joshua Herlihy to the Assistant Water

Distribution Operator position vacated by Matt Ranzoni. *The Board members voted unanimously to support Mr. Nason's appointment of Joshua Herlihy to the position of Assistant Water Distribution System Operator.*

Employment Opportunities – Mr. Nason announced that we still have an opening in our Public Works Department for a Highway/Cemetery Division Supervisor. Initial interest will be assessed on Sept. 28, 2015 and applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Mr. Nason also announced that we are still looking to fill the position vacated by the untimely passing of Bob Rhodes for a School Crossing Guard.

Natural Gas Procurement – Mr. Nason announced that in response to a sharp natural gas supply cost increase last winter we sought prices from Constellation New Energy, Inc., the endorsed energy supplier for the Massachusetts Municipal Association's (MMA) MunEnergy Program and, with the assistance of the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative Energy Services Program, from Direct Energy. Their fixed prices per therm for the 24 month delivery period beginning November 1, 2015 were as follows: Constellation NewEnergy @ \$0.625 and Direct Energy Business @ \$0.556. At the recommendation of the Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee and with the unanimous approval of the members of the Select Board, we contracted with Direct Energy Business to supply our natural gas for the 24 month delivery period ending October 31, 2017.

**6. Public Comments:** None.

David Consolati invited everyone to attend Founder's Weekend festivities, beginning with the "Taste of Lee" on Friday, the parade and Latino Festival on Saturday and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. He encouraged everyone to come on down and enjoy the weekend.

**7. Next Regular Meeting:** Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6, 2015.

**8. Motion to Adjourn:** *The Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting as 7:31 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Cindy L. Belair,  
Selectmen's Secretary

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Town Clerk  
Town Collector  
Planning Board

Board of Assessors  
Board of Health  
Conservation Commission  
Police Chief  
Building Inspector

Dept. of Public Works  
Town Treasurer  
Town Reps. District Cha Chairmen  
Superintendent of Schools  
Town Accountant