SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 6:00pm Monday, Sept 30, 2013

HELD: Public Safety Complex (2nd Floor Meeting Room) 20 George Bennett Rd, Lee

The Select Board reserves the right to make changes as deemed necessary during the meeting. Please limit your speaking time to 15 minutes.

- 1. Call to Order 6:00 pm
- 2. Public Comment
- 3. Thomas Seubert, 10 Sheppard Lane 10 Stepping Stones Road

 Discussion with Board of Selectman regarding the 8 questions submitted by Mrs. Judy Eitler at the September 16th Board of Selectman's Meeting
- 4. Chief Murch, Lee Police Department 51 Snell Road Report regarding gun fire near 51 Snell Road
- 5. Roger Rice, Transfer Station Manager Present Solid Waste Ordinance, adopted 2003 PowerPoint presentation on the present Solid Waste Ordinance.
- 6. Roger Rice, Transfer Station Manager Two Purchase Requests
 Request to purchase a cellular repeater and wireless bridge for internet.
- 7. Town Administrator's Report
- Town Crier
- Town Center Triangle gardening responsibilities and Christmas lights
- Rumble Strips Discussion on possible reconsideration to install shoulder rumble strips on Rte. 125
- Miscellaneous
- 8. Consent Agenda Items (Individual items may be removed by any Selectman for separate discussion and vote)

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

Ford Estate Documents

MS-1 Summary Inventory of Valuation Form

INFORMATION ONLY

Coleman v Town of Lee et al Letter from DTC Lawyers regarding Fairpoint Litigation

- 9. Acceptance of Minutes Minutes and Non Public Minutes from September 16, 2013
- 10. Acceptance of Manifest #6 and Weeks Payroll Ending September 8, 2013
- 11. Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business
- 12. Non-Public
 - a. RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Fire Chief Hoyt
 - b. RSA 91-A:3 II (b) Police Chief Murch
- 13. Adjournment

Posted: Town Hall, Public Safety Complex, Transfer Station, Public Library and on leenh.org on Sept 27, 2013 at 12:00 pm Individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disabilities should contact the Town Office at 659-5414. Please notify the town six days prior to any meeting so we are able to meet your needs.





Meeting Date: Sept 30, 2013

Agenda Item No. 3

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA REQUEST 9/30/2013

Agenda Item Title: Veterans Resort Chapel

Requested By: Thomas Seubert Date: 9/3/2013

Contact Information: 10 Sheppard Lane 603-659-4892

Presented By: Thomas Seubert & Residents on or near 100 Stepping Stones Road

Description: Discuss with the Board of Selectman the 8 questions submitted by Mrs. Judy Eitler on Sept. 16th regarding the costs associated with zoning and building code violations on the Veterans Resort Chapel property on Stepping Stones Road.

Financial Details: n/a

Legal Authority n/a

Legal Opinion:

REQUESTED ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

See attached questions and responses

Town of Lee

Questions from Mrs. Eitler regarding the Veteran's Resort Chapel, presented to the Board of Selectmen on September 16, 2013

Responses from Town Administrator for the September 30, 2013 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- 1. How many days has Mr. MacDonald been in violation of town laws/ordinance with regard to his occupancy of and unpermitted construction activities, campfires, etc. on his Stepping Stone building lot? What is the daily fine amount for such non-compliance?
 - a. We believe that someone was living on the property from August 29 Sept. 16. and that the shed was "constructed" beginning Sept. 7-8.
 - b. The Town had our attorney prepare a petition for a temporary and permanent injunction to Superior Court enjoining Mr. McDonald from violating the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Building Regulations Ordinance. Had this gone forward, and if the Town was granted the injunction, Mr. MacDonald could have been fined \$275.00 for the first day of violation and \$550.00 for each day thereafter. The imposition of fines is a discretionary decision of the Court.

 (NH RSA 676:17 I)
- 2. Does the Town plan to collect these fines?
 - a. Since Mr. Macdonald removed the violations, the petition was not filed, so the penalties available under RSA 676:17 I. do not apply.
- 3. If Mr. MacDonald refuses to pay said fines, what recourse does the Town have? Can he be arrested? Can the Town put a lien on his Packers Falls Road property? N/A
- 4. In light of the inordinate amount of time and money the Town has now spent dealing with Mr. MacDonald's defiance of the various laws, buildings codes and regulations, what is the estimated dollar amount we have spent on this problem at this point?
 - a. The Town has expended a great number of staff hours on issues related to violations of the Zoning Ordinance and/or building regulations. Town staff has also expended a great number of hours reviewing Mr. MacDonald's building permit applications and assisting the ZBA in their review of the appeal of administrative decisions and variance requests. Not known how many staff hours have been spent on this issue and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to calculate. Suffice it to say, numerous hours.
 - b. The Town has incurred approximately \$11,300 in legal bills since January 2013 for all issues related to Mr. Peter MacDonald and the Veteran's Resort Chapel. However, some of this relates to work connected to enforcement issues and some relates to work for the land use boards.
- 5. What has it cost the Town and taxpayers thus far in legal fees alone in dealing with Mr. MacDonald's defiance of Town rules and regulation? See answer to 4

Town of Lee

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- 6. Has Mr. MacDonald filed any legal action against the Town and if so, what?
 - a. Yes, two lawsuits have been filed appealing the decisions of the ZBA. One of the lawsuits was transferred to federal court by counsel on behalf of the Town and one of the lawsuits is currently before the Strafford County Superior Court.
- 7. What recourse does the Town, including its citizens, have in recouping legal fees in defending against his frivolous law suits?
 - The attorney for the Town's insurance carrier is handling the case in federal court and has requested, as part of the response to the lawsuit, that the Court award "reasonable attorney fees and costs." The response to the Strafford County Superior Court lawsuit is not yet due; however the Town's attorney will make a recommendation to the Town on the viability of requesting attorney's fees in the second action. Any recourse by individual citizens would likely be based on a private cause of action and would not involve the Town. Citizens are encouraged to seek advice from their own attorney about whether a private cause of action exists and the best means of pursuing any remedy.
- 8. If Mr. MacDonald does bring legal action against the Town and loses, can the Town file a counter suit against him to collect damages for legal fees? Can the Town put a lien on his property to collect damages?
 - a. See No. 7.
 - b. Mr. McDonald has brought two law suits against the ZBA. If the Court awards the Town attorney's fees, and if Mr. MacDonald fails to pay them as ordered, the Town may elect to pursue a Writ of Execution to recover. Pursuant to that process, the Town may seek an Attachment on Mr. MacDonald's property.

TITLE LXIV PLANNING AND ZONING

CHAPTER 676 ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Penalties and Remedies

Section 676:17

676:17 Fines and Penalties; Second Offense. –

I. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this title, or any local ordinance, code, or regulation adopted under this title, or any provision or specification of any application, plat, or plan approved by, or any requirement or condition of a permit or decision issued by, any local administrator or land use board acting under the authority of this title shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person; and shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$275 for the first offense, and \$550 for subsequent offenses, for each day that such violation is found to continue after the conviction date or after the date on which the violator receives written notice from the municipality that the violator is in violation, whichever is earlier. Each day that a violation continues shall be a separate offense.

II. In any legal action brought by a municipality to enforce, by way of injunctive relief as provided by RSA 676:15 or otherwise, any local ordinance, code or regulation adopted under this title, or to enforce any planning board, zoning board of adjustment or building code board of appeals decision made pursuant to this title, or to seek the payment of any fine levied under paragraph I, the municipality shall recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees actually expended in pursuing the legal action if it is found to be a prevailing party in the action. For the purposes of this paragraph, recoverable costs shall include all out-of-pocket expenses actually incurred, including but not limited to, inspection fees, expert fees and investigatory expenses.

III. If any violation of a local ordinance, code or regulation, or any violation of a planning board, zoning board of adjustment or building code board of appeals decision, results in the expenditure of public funds by a municipality which are not reimbursed under paragraph II, the court in its discretion may order, as an additional civil penalty, that a violator make restitution to the municipality for such funds so expended.

IV. The superior court may, upon a petition filed by a municipality and after notice and a preliminary hearing as in the case of prejudgment attachments under RSA 511-A, require an alleged violator to post a bond with the court to secure payment of any penalty or remedy or the performance of any injunctive relief which may be ordered or both. At the hearing, the burden shall be on the municipality to show that there is a strong likelihood that it will prevail on the merits, that the penalties or remedies sought are reasonably likely to be awarded by the court in an amount consistent with the bond sought, and that the bond represents the amount of the projected expense of compliance with the injunctive relief sought.

V. The building inspector or other local official with the authority to enforce the provisions of this title or any local ordinance, code, or regulation adopted under this title may commence an action under paragraph I either in the district court pursuant to RSA 502-A:11-a, or in the superior court. The prosecuting official in the official's discretion may, prior to or at the time of arraignment, charge the

offense as a violation, and in such cases the penalties to be imposed by the court shall be limited to those provided for a violation under RSA 651:2 and the civil penalty provided in subparagraph I(b) of this section. The provisions of this section shall supersede any inconsistent local penalty provision.

Source. 1983, 447:1. 1985, 103:25; 210:4. 1988, 19:6, 7. 1996, 226:5, 6. 1997, 92:4, 5. 2004, 242:1. 2006, 101:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2007. 2009, 173:1, eff. Sept. 11, 2009.



Meeting Date: Sept 30, 2013

Agenda Item No. 4

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA REQUEST 9/30/2013

Agenda Item Title: Report on shooting at a "firing range" in the area of 51 Snell Road

Requested By:

Joan Henry

Date: 9/3/2013

Contact Information: 51 Snell Road

Presented By:

Police Chief Murch

Description: Mrs. Henry expressed her concerns to the Board of Selectmen at the Sept. 16, 2013 meeting of a significant amount of gunfire in the area near her house. When she contacted police, she was advised that there is a legal "firing range" on an abutting property. Request that the Town provide more information.

Financial Details: n/a

Legal Authority 159:26 Firearms, Ammunition, and Knives; Authority of the State. -

I. To the extent consistent with federal law, the state of New Hampshire shall have authority and jurisdiction over the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components, ammunition, firearms supplies, or knives in the state. Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, no ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision may regulate the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components, ammunition, or firearms supplies in the state. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting a political subdivision's right to adopt zoning ordinances for the purpose of regulating firearms or knives businesses in the same manner as other businesses or to take any action allowed under RSA 207:59.

II. Upon the effective date of this section, all municipal ordinances and regulations not authorized under paragraph I relative to the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearm components, ammunition, firearms supplies, or knives shall be null and void.

Legal Opinion:

REQUESTED ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Julie Glover

From: Chester W. Murch <cmurch@leenhpolice.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2013 12:52 PM

To: 'John LaCourse'; 'Dave Cedarholm'; 'Carole Dennis'

Cc: Chet Murch; 'Julie Glover'

Subject: Shooting Range

Attachments: 20130926110201_00001.jpg; 20130926110201_00002.jpg; 20130926110201_00003.jpg;

20130926110201_00004.jpg; 20130926114448_00001.jpg

Dear Board,

This email is in reference to the complaint filed by Joan Henry about the shooting range on the property of Edward Kelley. Sergeant Huppe met with New Hampshire Fish and Game Officer Fluette and the property owner Edward Kelley on 09/24/13. Attached is a copy of the Memorandum from Sergeant Huppe along with a few pictures of the area in which the shooting is taking place as well as NH RSA 644 Breaches of the Peace and Related Offenses.

All parties involved agree the area in which the shooting is taking place is safe and lawful under New Hampshire Law. The noise ordinance is not being violated as shooting is not occurring early in the morning or late at night.

In speaking with Edward Kelley the range is private and not open to the public. Use of this area is controlled by Edward Kelley and his son Thomas Kelley.

If you need anything else in reference to this issue please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Chet Murch

Lee Police Department

Memo

To:

Chief Chester W. Murch

From:

Sergeant Brian W. Huppe

Date:

September 24, 2013

Re:

Edward Kelley's shooting range

On 9/24/13 myself and NH Fish and Game Officer Fluette met with Mr. Kelley at 70 Old Mill Road to look at his shooting range. The range is in the open area by the power lines in which Mr. Kelley owns most of the land in the area. Mr. Kelley has posted the land around the shooting range with "No Trespassing" signs. The direction in which you shoot is south west.

After checking Officer Fluette advised that Mr. Kelley's set up meets the requirements of NH RSA 644:13. That there is no residence within the 300 feet. Please note that Mr. Kelley is not the only person who shoots in the area as we heard gun shots while out there. The target area is built into a dirt berm that is between 10-12 feet high.

Officer Fluette had some suggestion to increase safety:

- -Remove all metal (ie: metal target frames and targets) to prevent rickashay.
- Turn the angle of the target area so shooting straight on verse a slight angle to the left.
- Raise the back stop
- Add "Active Range" signs to "No Trespassing" signs

See attached photos.

Sergeant Huppe

TITLE LXII CRIMINAL CODE

CHAPTER 644 BREACHES OF THE PEACE AND RELATED OFFENSES

Section 644:13

644:13 Unauthorized Use of Firearms and Firecrackers. -

I. A person is guilty of a violation if, within the compact part of a town or city, such person fires or discharges any cannon, gun, pistol, or other firearm, except by written permission of the chief of police or governing body.

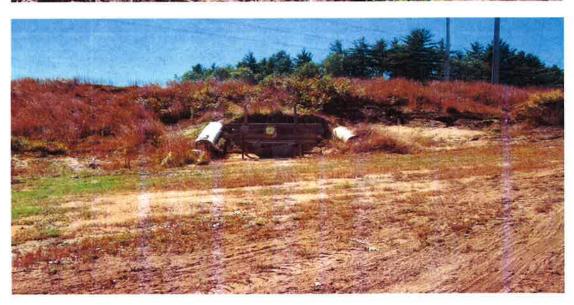
II. For the purposes of this section, "compact part" means the territory within a town or city comprised of the following:

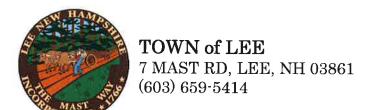
- (a) Any nonresidential, commercial building, including, but not limited to, industrial, educational, or medical buildings, plus a perimeter 300 feet wide around all such buildings without permission of the owner.
- (b) Any park, playground, or other outdoor public gathering place designated by the legislative body of the city or town.
- (c) Any contiguous area containing 6 or more buildings which are used as either part-time or permanent dwellings and the spaces between them where each such building is within 300 feet of at least one of the others, plus a perimeter 300 feet wide around all the buildings in such area.

Source. 1971, 518:1. 1991, 164:1. 1996, 161:1, 2, eff. Aug. 2, 1996.









Office Use Only

Meeting Date: Sept 30, 2013

Agenda Item No. 5

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA REQUEST 9/30/2013

Agenda Item Tit	tle: Summary of the Current Solid W	aste Ordinance, adopted in 2003
Requested By:	Select Board	Date: <u>9/3/2013</u>
Contact Informa	ntion: rrice@leenh.org	
Presented By:	Roger Rice, Transfer Station Mana	ger
Description:	PowerPoint presentation on the pre	esent Solid Waste ordinance.
Financial Details	s: n/a	
Legal Authority		
Legal Opinion:		
	REQUESTED ACTION OR RECO	MMENDATIONS:



Authority

Pursuant to RSA
31:39, the Town of
Lee adopts the
following regulations
for the use of the
town's recycling area
and Transfer Station.

Purpose & Intent

- The purpose of this ordinance is to provide regulations, standards and guidelines etc.
- To encourage residents to reduce, reuse etc.

Waste Defined

 Waste means any matter consisting of garbage, refuse and other spent, discarded or abandoned material, including solid, liquid, semi-solid and contained gaseous material

Recycling Ordinance

- Household garbage
- 2 Metal & appliances
- Brush, slash & tree cuttings not larger than 6"
- Residential demo
- 5. Glass, sorted by color

6. Automotive oil, antifreeze

Types of Waste NOT Accepted

- Waste collected by commercial haulers
- All materials
 generated by
 residents and
 businesses outside
 of the Town of Lee

Resident Permit Sticker

 Permits are for persons residing in Lee and shall expire on the last day of each year.

Other Permits

Temporary Permit

For a resident who does not own a vehicle

Construction Permit

 Issued to a person or company that is a contractor

Applications

 All permits are available at the Selectman's office or at the Transfer Station

Penalty

 Any person or corporation that violates any section shall be punished for a violation under State Law

Exemptions

 Any other use shall be by the authority of the Selectmen under the advisement of the Solid Waste Committee

Applications w/other Ordinances

 This ordinance shall supersede all other Recycling Center Regulations



Office Use Only
Meeting Date: 9/30//3
Agenda Item No. 6

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA REQUEST (Meeting Date Requested)

Agenda Item Tit	le: To PURCHALE A WIZELESS BRINE FOR INTERNET
Requested By:	Roce Rice Date: 9-25-13
Contact Informa	tion: <u>659-2239</u>
Presented By:	Roben Kick
Description:	AN ONTHINE ANTENNAE ON THE TRANSFER
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Financial Details	QUOTE FROM BACKBAY NETWORKS \$475.
	FROM THE T.G. BATEUT- 2013/14
Legal Authority	
<u>(usually </u> NH RSA d	and/or Town Ordinance/Policy):
Legal Opinion:	
	REQUESTED ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS:



eQuote eQuote Number: 1045

Payment Terms: Expiration Date:10/24/2013

Quote Prepared For

Roger Rice Town of Lee Transfer Station

11 Recycling Center Rd Lee, NH 03861 Phone:603-659-2239 rrice@leenh.org

Quote Prepared By

Eric Von Oeyen Back Bay Networks NH

652 Central Ave., Suite F Dover, NH 03820 United States Phone:6036925100

Fax:

eric@bbnnh.com

ITEM#	QUANTITY	ITEM NAME	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
One-Time	Items			
1)	1	Cellular repeater Cellular repeater system as quoted to cover three major carriers.	\$1,053.35	\$1,053.35
2)	2	Engenius Long-range Wireless Bridge Engenius Outdoor Long-range Wireless Bridge	\$110.00	\$220.00
3)	3	Device Configuration Configure and test repeater and wireless bridge devices. All external mounting and cabling will be done by the Town of Lee (BBNNH can assist with cable termination for wireless bridges)	\$85.00	\$255.00
			One-Time Total	\$1,528.35
Comment:			SubTotal	\$1,528.35
			Total	\$1,528.35
		Authorizing Signature		
		Date		

Interest Charges on Past Due Accounts and Collection Costs Overdue amounts shall be subject to a monthly finance charge. In addition, customer shall reimburse all costs and expenses for attorney's fees incurred in collecting any amounts past due. Additional training or Professional Services can be provided at our standard rates.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 30, 2013

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(Individual items may be removed by any Selectman for separate discussion and vote)

SIGNATURES REQUIRED

- Ford Estate Documents
- MS-1 Summary Inventory of Valuation Form

INFORMATION ONLY

- Coleman v. Town of Lee et al
- Letter from DTC Lawyers regarding Fairpoint Litigation

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

JUDICIAL BRANCH http://www.courts.state.nh.us 7th Circuit - Probate Division - Dover Court Name: Case Name: Estate of Joseph P. Ford Case Number: 319-2011-ET-00521 (if known) MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION AND ASSENT 1. Executor/Administrator Name William Pearce Telephone (207) 549-4723 Mailing Address P O Box 222 Jefferson, ME 04348-0222 Executor/Administrator Name ______ Telephone _____ Mailing Address _____ Attorney Name None Telephone _____ 2. Mailing Address _____ Bar ID# 3. The estate of the decedent has been open for at least 6 months. ✓ Yes ☐ No 4. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there are no outstanding debts, obligations or unpaid or unresolved claims attributable to the deceased's estate. ✓ Yes ∏No 5. No New Hampshire estate or inheritance taxes are due; OR all applicable New Hampshire estate and inheritance taxes have been paid and a certificate from the department of revenue administration under RSA 86:32 and/or 87:25 has been filed with the court. ✓ Yes No No federal estate tax is due; OR the federal estate tax return has been filed and all taxes reported thereon have been paid. ✓ Yes No 7. Court supervision of the administration of the estate is no longer necessary. ✓ Yes No 8. The administration of the estate will be completed without further court

(NHJB-2126-P) or a Notice to Towns and Cities form (NHJB-2142-P) or a copy of the HUD statement. ✓ Yes No

supervision in accordance with the decedent's will and applicable law.

Attached are either receipts (NHJB-2139-P) or assents (NHJB-2122-P) from all specific legatees and assents from all other persons beneficially

If there is real estate in this case, the court has been notified of the sale or transfer of the property by filing either a Return/Notice of Sale form

I certify that a copy of this document has been provided to the parties who have filed an appearance for this case or who are otherwise interested parties.

interested, as defined in RSA 550:12.

9.

Executor / Administrator (must be signed in presence of notarial officer)

✓ Yes

✓ Yes

No

□ No

Date Executor / Administrator (must be signed in presence of notarial officer)

Case Name: <u>ESTATE</u> OF JOSEAN Case Number: 318-2011-ET-0052	
MOTION FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION	
State of Maine,	County of Lincoln 9/3/13 by William Pearce Executor/Administrator(s)
My Commission Expires 6/14/14	Claudia Dull-Road
Affix Seal, if any Claudia Orff-Reed Notary Public, State of Maine My Commission Expires June 16, 2014	Signature of Notarial Officer / Title
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 ☐ Motion for summary administration is granted. ☐ Motion for summary administration is denied. 	
Date	Judge

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MOTION FOR	SUMMARY ADMIN	ISTRATION			

ASSENT FOR SUMMARY ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned, being all the persons interested under the summary administration law, agree that further court supervision of the administration of the estate is no longer necessary; do not request a final accounting; and request that the motion for summary administration be granted.

DATE	PRINT NAME BELOW LINE	ADDRESS
23 MM	DAN FORD	433 BAY RD, DUNHAM NH 038
8/28/13	William PEARCE	P.O. BOX ZZZ JEFFERSON ME 04348
-	TOWN OF LEE - SELECTM	7 MAST RD. LEE, NH 03861
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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH

http://www.courts.state.nh.us

Court Name:	7th Circuit - Probate Division - Dover
Case Name:	Estate of Joseph P. Ford
	319-2011-ET-00521
(if known)	RECEIPT

1	RECEIVED FROM William Pearce	, serving as:
	Executor Administrator	
	Ancillary Executor or Administrator	Special Administrator
	Administrator With Will Annexed	Administrator De Bonis Non
	☐ Guardian ☐ Conservator	Trustee
2.	The amount of money and/or personal property at inv	entory value:
	\$ <u>26,629.00</u> , in v full	partial satisfaction of the following:
	 □ Distribution(s) according to terms of trust □ Distributive share upon termination of trust □ Balance upon termination of guardianship □ Balance upon termination of conservatorship □ Distributive share of decedent's estate □ Residuary share under decedent's will □ Money bequeathed under decedent's will ☑ Personal property bequeathed under decedent's Real Estate Parcel 1:Land on Garrity Rd. and Rt. 4 Bypass - 56.62 Aparcel 2: Land on Garrity Rd 14.5 Acres in Lee Plot 9-6-500 (Lee); Map 138-1 (Durham); Plot 9-8-0 (Lee) 	Acres in Lee plus 5 Acres in Durham
	Other (specify)	
Date	Recipie	ent
	Town	of Lee

Print Name of Recipient

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BRANCH

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Phyllis White, President Lee Historical Society
Print Name of Recipient

MEMO

TO: Julie Glover

Town Administrator

Town of Lee

FROM: Scott P. Marsh CNHA

Municipal Resources

Contracted Assessor's Agents

DATE: September 20, 2013

RE: 2013 MS-1 Form

Attached is the 2013 MS-1 report form. On the attached spreadsheets, I have provided a comparison of net taxable assessing information for the past several years as well as comparison breakdown of the various categories for 2012 and 2013 tax years, so that you may have a better

idea of where the actual changes are occurring.

The current use and conservation restriction assessments changes are a result of coding corrections and applying updated DRA pricing rates. The other change in land assessments are the result of corrections. The change in building values is mainly a result of the continuing building permit changes. The total exemption amount increased roughly 5% and as such the result is a net taxable increase of roughly \$2,500,000 or roughly .6%. This is typical to what I have seen in other communities, which have had assessment changes in the .25% to the 2.0% range due to the general economy and real estate market of the region.

I hope this information is helpful and if you have any questions or desire a meeting to discuss this or any other matter, please let me know.

	12 VALUE	13 VALUE	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
LAND			4	
CURRENT USE	\$871,420	\$951,103	\$79,683	
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$170,270	\$29,124	-\$141,146	-82.90%
DISCR. ESMNT	\$0	\$0		
DISCR. PRES ESMNT	\$8,000	\$8,000		
FARM STRUCT & LAND UNDER RSA 79F	\$0	\$0		
RES LAND		\$113,812,400		
COMM/INDUST LAND	\$16,898,400	\$16,906,600	\$8,200	0.05%
TAXABLE LAND	\$131,742,690	\$131,707,227	-\$35,463	-0.03%
EXEMPT LAND	\$10,339,700	\$10,195,800	-\$143,900	-1.39%
BLDG				
RESIDENTIAL	\$242 320 132	\$243,852,032	\$1.531.900	0.63%
MOBILE HOME	\$5,548,800	\$5,601,800		0.96%
COMM/INDUST	\$36,320,800		\$538,500	1.48%
DISC PRES ESEMNT	\$46,968	\$46,968	2336,300	1,4070
FARM STRUCT RSA 79F	\$40,908	\$40,308		
FARIVI STRUCT RSA 75F	\$0	ŞŪ		
TAXABLE BLDGS	\$284,236,700	\$286,360,100	\$2,123,400	0.75%
EXEMPT BLDGS	\$6,937,700	\$7,868,000	\$930,300	13.41%
UTILITIES	\$5,096,300	\$6,041,000	\$944,700	18.54%
TAXABLE VALUE BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$421,075,690	\$424,108,327	\$3,032,637	0.72%
DISABLED VETS	\$234,000	\$234,000		
IMPROVEMENTS TO ASSIST DEAF	\$0	\$0	1	
IMPROVEMENTS TO ASSIST DISABLED	\$4,400	\$4,400		
SCHOOL	\$0	\$0		
WATER/AIR POLLUTION	\$0	\$0		
MODIFIED ASSESSMENT	¢420 927 200	\$423,869,927	¢2 022 627	0.72%
MODIFIED ASSESSIVERY	3420,637,230	3423,803,327	33,032,037	0.7270
BLIND EXEMPTION	\$15,000	\$15,000		
ELDERLY EXEMPTION	\$8,831,123	\$9,284,146	\$453,023	5.13%
DEAF EXEMPTION	\$0	\$0		
DISABLED EXEMPTION	\$0	\$0		
WOOD HEAT EXEMPTION	\$0	\$0		
SOLAR EXEMPTION	\$0	\$0		
WIND EXEMPTION	\$0	\$0		
ADDITIONAL SCHOOL	\$0	\$0		
EXEMPTION TOTAL	\$8,846,123	\$9,299,146	\$453,023	5.12%
NET TAXABLE VALUE	\$411,991,167	\$414,570,781	\$2,579,614	0.63%
VET TAX CREDIT	\$64,125	\$63,375	-\$750	-1.17%
SURVIVING SPOUSE	\$0	\$0		
DISBALED VET TAX CREDIT	\$4,200	\$4,200		

TAX YEAR	ASSESSMENT	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE	
2005	\$397,188,654			
2006	\$495,548,668	\$98,360,014	24.76%	REVAL
2007	\$484,775,635	-\$10,773,033	-2.17%	
2008	\$487,700,712	\$2,925,077	0.60%	
2009	\$494,138,873	\$6,438,161	1.32%	
2010	\$494,622,829	\$483,956	0.10%	
2011	\$408,425,460	-\$86,197,369	-17.43%	REVAL
2012	\$411,991,167	\$3,565,707	0.87%	
2013	\$414,570,781	\$2,579,614	0.63%	

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

FORM

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION FORM MS-1 FOR 2013

Municipal Services Division
PO BOX 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 230-5950
E-mail Address: equalization@rev.state.nh.us

Original Date:	
Copy (check box if copy)	
Revision Date:	

		E-mail	Address: equalization@rev_state_nh_us	
CITY/TOWN OF	LEE	IN	STRAFFORD	COUNTY
			CERTIFICATION	
Thi	s is to certify that the information prov	ided in this report w	vas taken from the official records and is correct to the Rev 1707.03(d)(7)	e best of our knowledge and belief
PRINT	NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS		SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOW	N OFFICIALS* (Sign in ink)
John R. LaCourse, Ph	D			
David Cedarholm				
Carole Dennis				
•	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I i	nave examined the in	formation contained in this form and to the best of my belie	of it is true, correct and complete.
Date Signed			Check one: Go	
City/Town Telephone #	659-5414			Assessors
City/Town Telephone #			Due date: Sep	tember 1, 2013
			the name of the city/town officials, the date on which rs of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign i	
Department of Revenue Advances and figure 1981	dministration may require upon forms p	orescribed for that particles and are used	I in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uph	
	CEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THA			
Village Districts - pages 8	9 must be completed for EACH villa	ge district within ti	пе тилісіранту.	
RETURN THIS SIGNED	AND COMPLETED INVENTORY F	ORM TO:		
		MUNICIPAL PO BOX 48	RTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION _ SERVICES DIVISION 17 , NH 03302-0487	
Under penalties of perjury,	I declare that I have examined this for	m and to the best	of my belief it is true, correct and complete, (If prepar	red by a person other than the
city/town officials, this decl	aration is based on all information of v	hich the preparer h	has knowledge)	
Preparer:	Julie Glover		E-Mail Ac	ddress: townadministrator@leenh.o
		(Print/type)		
FOR DRA USE ONLY	Regular office hours:	Monday to Fri	day 8 TO 4	
	See instructions on page 10, as	needed		

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(Form by Avitar Associates)

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LAND BUILDINGS	Lines 1 A, B, C, D, E, F & G List all improved and unimproved land - include wells, septic & paving		NUMBER OF ACRES	2013 ASSESSED VALUATION BY CITY/TOWN
1 VALUE OF L	Lines 2 A, B, C, D & E List all buildings. AND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4		7,094,53	951,103
A	Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)		162.96	
В	Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B		I I I	29,124
С	Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C		0.00	0
D	Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		0.44	8,000
E	Taxation of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F		0.00	0
F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)		3,232,35	113,812,400
G	Commercial/Industrial Land (Do Not include Utility Land)		534,59	16,906,600
н	Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F and 1G)		11,024.87	131,707,227
	Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land		1,079.72	10,195,800
	UILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B			243,852,032
	Residential			5,601,800
	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31			36,859,300
	Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Utility Buildings)			
	Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D Taxation of Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	Number of Structures # of Structures	9	46,968
	200 000 400			
F	286,360,100 7,868,000			
А		6,041,000		
4 MATURE W	OOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5			0
	BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4)			424,108,327
This figure	represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality.			727,100,021
	bled Veterans RSA 72:36-a & Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance	Total # granted	1	234,000
	ts to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	, Total # granted	0	C
8 Improvemen	ts to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	Total # granted	2	4,400
	ig/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV Exemption Up To \$150,000 maximum for each)	Total # granted	0	C
10 Water and /	Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a	Total # granted	0	(
	ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.	d 10)		423,869,92
	ption RSA 72:37	Total # granted	1 15,000	15,000
13 Elderly Exe	mption RSA 72:39 a & b	Total # granted	67	9,284,14
44 Dané 5:::	BCA 70:30 h	Total # granted	0	
14 Deat Exem	otion RSA 72:38-b Amour	nt granted per exemplion	0	
15 Disabled E	cemption RSA 72:37-b	Total # granted	0	
	Amour	nt granted per exemption	0	

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16 Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	0
17 Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	0
18 Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	0
19 Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV	Total # granted	0	0
20 TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			9,299,146
21 NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 11 minus Line 20)			414,570,781
22 Less Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed on Line 3B	i,		6,041,000
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATIO COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)		408,529,781	

Additional notes (example: update, reval, changes to exemptions, mapping, increases to value, decreases to value, etc.)					

FORM MS - 1

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, HYDROELECTRIC, RENEWABLE-MISC., NUCLEAR, GAS/PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER				
List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution and transmission of elect	ricity, gas	;		
pipeline, water and petroleum products, include ONLY the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See instructions page	ige 11)			
WHO APPRAISES AND ESTABLISHES THE UTILITY VALUE IN YOUR MUNICIPALITY?	DRA			
DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY USE THE DRA UTILITY VALUES?	YES	X	NO	
IF YES, DO YOU EQUALIZE IT BY THE RATIO? (please check appropriate box, if applicable)	YES	x	NO	
SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES:		VA	2013 LUATIC	NNI .
(Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction page 11)		VA	LUATIC	4,843,300
PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF N.H.				
NH ELECTRIC CO-OP				1,127,400
A1 TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION:				5,970,700
(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)				
GAS COMPANIES				
A2 TOTAL OF ALL GAS COMPANIES LISTED:				
				0
(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)				
WATER & SEWER COMPANIES				
PENNICHUCK EAST UTILITY				70,300
A3 TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED:				70,300
(See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	<u> </u>			
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2 AND A3). This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.				6,041,000
SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies):			2013	
		V/		ON
(Attach additional sheet if needed.)	1	VA	LUATIO	JN
	-			
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B:				0
Total must agree with total on Page 2. Line 3B.				

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TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
RSA 72:28 Veterans' Tax Credit / Optional Veterans' Tax Credit \$50 Standard Credit \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city or town	375	169	63,375
RSA 72:29-a Surviving Spouse "The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States" \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	700	0	0
RSA 72:35 Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability "Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service- connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury" \$700 Standard Credit \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town	1,400	3	4,200
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT * If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2. * If someone is living at a residence such as brother & sister, and one qualifies, count as 1, not	one-half	172	67,575

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:37-b					
INCOME LIMITS: SINGL	E 0	ASSET LIMITS: SING	.Е 0		
MARRIE	0	MARRII	O 0		

DEAF EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:38-b						
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	0	ASSET LIMITS:	SINGLE	0	
	MARRIED	0		MARRIED	0	

			ELDERLY EXEM	PTION REPORT - RSA 72	:39-a		
IUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS BRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION PER AGE CATEGORY FOR CURRENT YEAR TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMP							
AGE	#	AMOUNT PE	R INDIVIDUAL	AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	0		174,000	65 - 74	29	5,046,000	3,640,900
75 - 79	0	210,000		75 - 79	11	2,310,000	1,412,304
80 +	0	270,000		80 +	27	7,290,000	4,230,942
St. Hartin		an Epigliship		TOTAL	67		9,284,146
INCOME LIMITS:		SINGLE	46,500	ASSET LIMIT:		SINGLE	222,500
		MARRIED	59,400			MARRIED	222,500

COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION TAX RELIEF INCENTIVE - RSA 79-E						
ADOPTED:	YES		NO	X	NUMBER ADOPTED	0

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		CURRENT	USE REPORT - RSA 79-A	
	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	1,700.04	622,383	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	2,003.87
FOREST LAND	3,546.98	282,649	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT TAX YEAR	9,18
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	653,88	33,598		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	92,49	995		TOTAL NUMBER
WET LAND	1,101,14	11,478	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	235
TOTAL (must match page 2)	7,094.53	951,103	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	311

		LAND U	SE CHANGE TAX		
GROSS MONIES RECE	IVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (JAN	1, 2012 THRU DEC 3	1, 2012)		49,300
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION:	PERCENTAGE	50 %	AND/OR	DOLLAR AMOUNT	
MONIES TO CONSERVA	ATION FUND	1			24,650
MONIES TO GENERAL					24,650

	CON	ISERVATION RESTRIC	TION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B	
	TOTAL NUMBER ACRES RECEIVING CONSERVATION	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	52.71	23,509	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0.00
FOREST LAND	98.25	5,483	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION DURING CURRENT YEAR	0.00
FOREST LAND WITH DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	0,00	0		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0,00	0		TOTAL NUMBER
WET LAND	12.00	132	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	6
TOTAL	162.96	29,124	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	7

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C				
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS GRANTED (i.e. Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track, etc.		
0.00	0			
ASSESSED VALUATION				
0				

TAXATION OF FARM STRUCTURES & LAND UNDER FARM STRUCTURES - RSA 79-F				
TOTAL NUMBER GRANTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	ASSESSED VALUATION LAND	ASSESSED VALUATION STRUCTURES
0	0	0.00	0	

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U	ISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D Historic Agricultural Structures		
TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED: (i.e.; Barns, Silos etc.) MAP & LOT - PERCENTAGE GRANTED		
9	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000024 000005 000000	75%	
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000032 000001 000000	75%	
0.44	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000032 000004 000000	75%	
ASSESSED VALUATION	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000020 000001 000000	75%	
8,000 _{L/O}	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000013 000009 000000	75%	
46,968 _{B/O}	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000024 000008 000000	75%	
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000025 000003 000200	75%	
8	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000005 000001 000300	75%	
	79-D HISTORIC BARN on 000002 000003 000000	75%	

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS RSA 162-K (See Tax Increment Finance Dist Tab for instructions)	
Date of Adoption/Modification	
A Original assessed value	
B + Unretained captured assessed value	
C = Amounts used on page 2 (for tax rate purposes)	
D + Retained captured assessed value (* be sure to manually add this figure when running your warrant)	
E Current assessed value	

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes	
		Number of Acres	
State & Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357	0	0.00	
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186.		0.00	
Other from MS-4, acct, 3186	3,260	DURHAM, TOWN O	F
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct, 3186	0		
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Other from MS-4, acct, 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct, 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	0		
Other from MS-4, acct, 3186	0		
TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)	\$ 3,260		

^{*}RSA 362-A:6, was reinstated, effective 4/1/2006. This statute allows municipalities to enter into payment in lieu of tax agreements with smale scale power facilities. However, these new PILOT agreements are <u>also</u> taxable under RSA 83-F.

Questions regarding these laws please consult with the DRA Utility Tax Appraiser at (603) 230-5950



United States District Court For The District of Columbia

RICHARD COLEMAN,

Plaintiff

V.

TOWN OF LEE, NH, BOARD OF SELECTMAN, and Each individually, the LEE POLICE DEPT, and POLICE CHIEF CHESTER MURCH, and MURCH individually Officer ANNIE COLE, and COLE, individually

Defendants

Jury Trial Demanded

MOTION TOP RESCIND

COMES NOW, the Plaintiff, Richard Coleman, *pro se*, to move this Court to rescind its order of June 11, 21 transferring the case to NH Federal District Court before ruling of the Plaintiff's Motion of June 23, 2013, to Amend/Object

The Court forwarded the case to NH Federal District Court before the Plaintiff was afforded his 5th and 14th Amendment right to due process and equal protection to Object/Amend said Order,

The Plaintiff has been waiting since June 23rd for a ruling.

THEREFORE, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court rescind the Order transferring the case to NH, until such time as the Court rules on the Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Order and to file an appeal if grounds warrant.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Coleman, Plaintiff pro se 3615 Fessenden St. NW

Washington, DC 20008

571-623-7305

Date 9//4/13

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Motion was served upon the Town Manager, Town of Lee 7 Mast Rd. Lee, NH.03861, the Board of Selectmen, the Lee Police Dept, Chief Murch, and officer Cole at the same address via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested on this the day of September 2013.

Richard Coleman, Plaintiff, pro se



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PLEASE RESPOND TO THE EXETER OFFICE

September 25, 2013

Town of Lee Attn: Julie Glover, Town Administrator 7 Mast Road Lee, NH 03824



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Re: FairPoint/Granite State Telephone/Dunbarton Company Tax Litigation

Dear Ms. Glover:

Introduction:

This letter provides an update on the status of the telephone company tax abatement cases for the 2011 tax year, consolidated in Merrimack County Superior Court. For those clients with 2012 tax year cases filed against them as well, this letter addresses the new cases, too.

Invoice:

Enclosed with this letter is the invoice for the services performed by DTC on behalf of its municipal clients involved in these telephone tax abatement cases. The bill covers time and fees from the beginning of these cases not previously billed, from October 2012, through May 2013. The majority of the charges are for July 2013 time and expenses. As in the past, the costs are split upon the municipalities that we represent in these matters together, for work common to all clients. Your portion of the bill for this period of time for the common charges is \$247.92 as shown on Page 5 of the invoice.

Joint Litigation Schedule:

As reported in the last update, sent in August 2013, the court adopted the joint litigation schedule proposed by municipal counsel. The telephone companies' attorney prepared a revised litigation schedule for the judge to sign, which he did on July 18, 2013. A copy of that joint litigation schedule is enclosed for your reference.

Motions to Clarify or Amend 2011 Tax Year Petitions:

The Petitioners filed Motions to Clarify or Amend their initial Petitions filed last year, to add additional claims: (1) That Municipalities failed to tax poles and conduits on private property and instead taxed only facilities in the public rights-of-way, pursuant to RSA 72:8-a, in violation of constitutional equal protection guarantees, and (2) that the statute authorizing taxation of poles and conduits, RSA 72:8-a, is invalid "on its face" because the legislature chose to tax poles and conduits but exempted from taxation "other devices and equipment, including wires, fiber optics and switching equipment employed in the transmission of telecommunication, cable, or commercial mobile radio [wireless] services." DTC and other municipal counsel opposed the Petitioners' Motion, on the grounds that it would lead to burdensome review of documents by our clients, to respond to anticipated requests for discovery pertaining to poles and conduits on private property. Many commercial and industrial properties have such poles and especially conduits, as do many residential subdivision developments. A copy of DTC's opposition to the Motion to Amend or Clarify was sent to you in August.

Incidentally, for those clients who have also received 2012 tax year abatement petitions, the telephone companies included in those new petitions the same claims that they sought to add to the 2011 tax year petitions.

Status Conference September 6, 2013:

Judge McNamara scheduled a status conference to address all open motions on September 6, 2013. At that hearing, I persuaded the Court to make some modifications to the Orders he had issued in April setting up liaison counsel, to promote efficiency and make it fairer for our clients.

The Court also heard the Petitioners' Motion to Amend or Clarify their Petitions on the 2011 taxes, to add the additional claims referenced above. The Judge has not ruled on that motion, but he seemed inclined to grant it, but at the same time to impose some protections on municipalities and to limit the types of responses they would need to provide to additional discovery requests about private property. We will let you know when we receive that order.

Discovery Requests:

We send out to each of our clients' Assessors the Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents that the telephone companies had propounded. We requested each municipality's responses by October 15. We will be following up in the coming weeks with phone calls to make sure everything is on track. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Attorney Justin Pasay.

Pole/Conduit License and Cable Franchise Amendments:

We will also be in touch in the coming weeks with each municipality regarding amending pole and conduit licenses and, if necessary, cable TV franchise agreements, to require payment of property tax is pursuant to RSA 72:23, I. Additionally, we will add language to the universal amendments to the pole and conduit licenses that will require payment of such taxes by all attachers to the pole and conduits owned by the electrical and telephone companies, and to require that the owners of any poles and conduits in the community identify for the municipality all of the attachers for each pole or conduit in the community. We will be sending you a packet shortly on that process.

Some of your communities may have already amended their pole licenses, some with our assistance, but because of the evolution in the law in this area, we recommend new universal amendments with the additional language referenced above and to cover all pole licenses issued to date and all going forward in the future.

Amicus Brief for Appeal by City of Concord:

We reported in our last status letter on the City of Concord's appeal of Judge McNamara's decision in a case involving the City of Concord's taxation of FairPoint's use of the public rights-of-way in prior tax years. Judge McNamara ruled against the City of Concord on the same body of law and a comparable set of facts as are represented in our litigation. We described the benefits to our clients if we filed a brief as *Amicus Curiae* or "Friend of the Court" in that appeal. We prepared the brief in late August and it was filed on September 3rd. At this time, FairPoint has opposed our brief and we are awaiting the Supreme Court's decision on whether or not it will accept the brief we filed on behalf of you and our other municipal clients in the pending cases in Merrimack County.

2012 Tax Year Cases:

As some of you are aware, the telephone companies have sued virtually all of the communities that they sued for the 2011 tax year, raising claims that are identical to those 2011 tax year petitions, with the addition of the new allegations the telephone companies raised in their motions to amend the 2011 tax year petitions. Those are slowly being processed by the Superior Courts. We understand from the telephone company's attorney that there are 180 municipal respondents in these cases. If you receive a 2012 Petition, please notify us immediately, and send us a PDF copy by e-mail, with the date the Town was served. Many of the county courts now have the accelerated timelines of the so-called "PAD" rules.

In consultation with the other municipal counsel involved in this case, we will argue that the 2012 tax year cases should remain where they are in their original superior courts, rather than being consolidated with the 2011 tax petitions in Merrimack County. The reasons for this are primarily to reduce the cost to our clients. With the 2011 tax year petitions pending, most likely with all of the claims that will be included in the 2012 tax year cases if the Judge grants the telephone company's Motion to Amend their 2011 Petitions, the process is already well underway with discovery for the 2011 tax year cases. In addition, as noted above, there is an appeal pending on an identical legal issue involving constitutional challenges to taxation of FairPoint's use of the public rights-of-way, by the City of Concord, in the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The City of Concord removed its 2012 tax year petition from Merrimack County Superior Court to the Federal District Court in New Hampshire. It is unclear at this time whether that matter will stay in Federal Court or be returned to Merrimack County. If it remains in Federal Court, that will be another reason to stay the 2012 cases in state court.

We believe that it will be most cost effective for our municipal clients if all of the 2012 tax year petitions are stayed pending the resolution of the matters already before two or three other courts.

Conclusion:

If you have any questions about any of the above, please feel free to contact any member of the DTC team that has been working on these telephone tax cases.

Very truly yours,

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