

Board members present: John R. LaCourse, Chairman; Joseph P. Lombardo and W. James Griswold

Others present: Town Administrator; Diane L. Guimond, Donna Eisenhard, Jennifer Reczek, Lisa Martin, Jay Grumbling, Bill Humm, Roger Rice, Randy Stevens, Patricia Farr, Deborah Schanda, Richard Schanda, Dick Wellington, Richard Marshall, Colin Evans, Andrew Evans, Rich Riepel, Brenda Riepel, Janet Marshall, Andrew Wilson, Lisa Morin, Fred Wolff, Alice MacKinnon, Tamsin McIver, Dorn Cox.

1. Chairman LaCourse called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. The Public Hearing begins with Lisa Martin of Quantum Construction Consultants regarding the High Road Bridge project. The engineering study has recently been completed. The project is being funded by both the town (20%) and the Department of Revenue (80%). The bridge is structurally sound, however, flooding still remains an issue. The bridge will not pass a 25 year storm. DOT guidelines would prefer it pass a 50 year storm. It is recommended that the bridge be raised six feet and add another culvert. A 45 foot bridge is the best alternative economically, environmentally and has the best span. The latest estimate is at \$1.7 million.

Chairman Lacourse opens the hearing to public comments and questions. Most residents are opposed to the project, but would like to see the rusted girders fixed. Chairman LaCourse states that there is considerable interest in this project along with controversy. He recommends it be voted on at Town Meeting. Selectman Griswold expresses concern regarding opting out of the DOT program that provides 80% of the funding. Should the bridge wash out and need to be replaced the town would be required to fund the project at 100% or try and get back into the DOT program, which currently is committed until 2016. Chairman LaCourse remarks the Board is moving forward cautiously and will bring the matter to the residents at Town Meeting. Chairman LaCourse encourages residents to write letters of concern and or submit petitions to the Board expressing their opinions.

3. Highway Department Manager; Randy Stevens asks for direction from the Board regarding equipment bids. Chairman LaCourse asks Randy for his recommendation. After a comparison discussion, Selectman Griswold suggests going with Grappone. Randy agrees. Should the truck at Grappone be sold, Tasca would be his second choice.
4. At 7:05 the Board enters into a Non Public session with Randy Stevens regarding a personnel matter. Selectman Griswold motioned to seal the minutes, Chairman LaCourse seconds.
5. Transfer Station Manager; Roger Rice remarks that the Town of Wolfeboro received a grant for a skid steer. He has a copy of the application and requests the Boards approval to proceed. Chairman LaCourse advises that the equipment has to be included in the CIP. Roger confirms that it is. The Board directs Roger to move forward with the application.

6. Energy Committee Chair; Dorn Cox reports financing options for energy improvements through property taxes. The Community Loan Fund would provide financing under certain conditions. The first condition being legislation for water districts, which is not currently in effect. Dorn presents copies of the proposed legislation. It would require many steps, including an engineering study and an audit. There would be administrative costs to the town. There is a possibility of getting \$15,000 in funds to get this pilot project going.

Town Administrator; Diane Guimond suggests consulting with the Tax Collector, the Bookkeeper, the Assessor and any other department which may be effected by this proposal.

Selectman Griswold recommends Dorn prepare a spreadsheet and a presentation showing all aspects of the project, particularly costs and savings to residents.

Chairman LaCourse recommends it be presented formally at a public hearing.

7. Library Director; Lisa Morin speaks as a Department Head and a Lee taxpayer. She is concerned about the December 17, 2009 date for the public hearing for the Budget Committee. She feels there is not enough time to prepare warrant articles and would like to have the hearing date publicized in the next Town Crier (which goes to every home in early January). She recommends moving the hearing to mid January. After discussion with the Board, it is agreed to have a tentative date of January 7, 2010 for the public hearing.

8. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond presents appointment of Dr. Robin Collins to the Southeast Watershed Alliance, for the Board's signature.

Town Administrator; Diane Guimond presents Warrant Article #6 to reimburse funds for the Town Center preliminary design, for the Board's signature.

Town Administrator; Diane Guimond presents letter to Supervisor of the Checklist with the Board's recommendation for Town Moderator, for the Board's signature.

Town Administrator; Diane Guimond presents thank you letter to Lee USA Speedway for their generous donation of \$375, for the Board's signature. Funds were raised from a raffle to support needy families of Lee.

9. The board has a discussion on the Town Center Committee regarding concerns about the wants and needs of those on the committee. Selectman Lombardo will address the Board's concerns at the next Town Center Committee meeting December 1, 2009.

10. Selectman Griswold requests clarification from the Town Administrator regarding the revised policy on meetings being held at the safety complex. He is concerned that the meeting space be available to as many people as possible. However, the Board of Selectmen, Police, Fire, Department Heads, Town Commissions and

- Committees will take priority. Should a group request the meeting space and no conflict arises with any of the above Departments, a certificate of insurance will be required and the group must be a non-profit in order to use the facility.
11. Selectman Griswold motions to enter into Non Public regarding personnel, Chairman LaCourse seconds. The Minutes are sealed.

 12. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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John R. LaCourse, Chairman

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Lee Board of Selectmen