

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

Others present: Town Administrator; Diane L. Guimond, Linda Kahn, Jay Hilyard, Judy MacDonald, John MacDonald, Attorney Bruce Marshall, Robert Watson, Chief Chet Murch, Frank DeRocchi, Corinne George, Tom Loureiro, Ann Wright, Phil Stetson, Darleen Smith, Suzanne, DeRocchi, Rick Miller, Andy Lelio, Eric Gibson, Paul Spencer, Janice Neill, Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes.

1. Chairman LaCourse Called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter in a Non Public session regarding a legal matter. Selectman Griswold, seconds. Non Public ends at 6:13 pm. The minutes are sealed.
3. Chairman LaCourse advises the public that; this is not a Public Hearing, however brief public comments will be allowed and limited to the refocusing the sound system and how noise measurements will be made.

Attorney Bruce Marshall states for the record; he objects to additional public comment.

Resident Jay Hilyard asks if the schedule that has been submitted by the Race Track can be discussed.

Chairman LaCourse requests he speak to the dates solely.

Mr. Hilyard states his objection to the dates the track has requested as they fall on holiday weekends throughout the summer, as well as the Lee Farm Day weekend.

Ann Wright states that on Saturdays in September and October in Steven's field soccer games take place is would be very noisy.

Linda Kahn states that the sound really does come through the neighborhood and that she would like the track to acknowledge how much it affects them.

Tom Loureiro states that the steps the track is proposing do nothing to address the heart of people's complaints.

Jay Hilyard asks if the Police Department has the capacity to measure the decibel levels.

Chief Chet Murch states that they do not have a decibel meter. However, if it is a request of the Board they can take readings, but criteria would need to be set as to where and how the readings are taken.

Chairman LaCourse reminds the public that Selectmen Lombardo has recused himself and will step down from the table. The Board decides to vote on the 2010 Lee USA Speedway License.

Selectman Griswold, after much consideration, votes “for” the 2010 license. Chairman LaCourse, after much deliberation and review of both public comment and the ordinance, votes “not to grant” the 2010 license.

Selectman Griswold asks Attorney Tanguay for council on the matter of a split vote.

Attorney Tanguay response, since you have one yes vote and one no vote, it means that the license is not granted. This means the applicant can proceed with whatever recourse they choose to take.

Attorney Bruce Marshall requests for the record that the Board of Selectmen allow Attorney Tanguay to receive service on behalf of the Town of Lee.

The Board agrees to allow Attorney Tanguay to receive service concerning this matter.

4. Chief Chet Murch requests the Boards signature on an application for a Highway Safety Grant. Chief Murch explains it is for a “Buckle Up Truck” campaign and it at no cost to the town.

Chief Murch (speaking at president of the Safety Committee) requests the Chairman of the Board authorize \$1000 of Well Dollars Health and Safety Grant funds be placed back into an available fund, to be used as outlined in the original grant application.

Chairman LaCourse requests the Town Administrator construct a letter that states the Board of Selectman return funds from the general fund to the Safety Committee to ensure the continuation of grant opportunities.

5. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond reports that twelve applicants have responded to the Welfare Director position.

Selectman Griswold would like whoever takes the new position, to continue focusing on directing people to services and resources.

Chairman LaCourse recommends the Town Administrator choose three finalists and present them to the Board.

6. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond reviews all town building maintenance and damage issues with the Board. She also reviews encumbered funds, what has been used and what is left.

7. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond reports that a tree from the Church has fallen on the Town Hall property. During the days following the storm, the Church provided the Town Hall with electricity through an extension cord that ran from their building. She requests that the fallen tree be removed at no cost to the Church in exchange for their assistance with electricity.

The Board agrees.

8. Bob Smith speaks about the purpose of the CIP; it is to maintain a level impact on the tax rate over a long period of time. Mr. Smith expresses much concern over the wording of the warrant articles. He states the words "raise and appropriate" are inappropriate on warrant articles numbered 4, 7 and 9, he recommends that wording be changed.

Mr. Smith, during the upcoming Town Meeting, would like to explain the wording on the warrant articles and request amending the articles from the floor.

After a discussion with the Board, the process at Town Meeting will include explanation of the words "raise and appropriate" and how they are misused in this case.

Selectman Griswold and Mr. Smith agree to meet prior to the Town Meeting to prepare a presentation.

9. The Board agrees to cancel the next Selectmen's Meeting, originally scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2010.
10. The Board signs and approves the following appointments; Geoff Carlton, Recreation Commission and John Shea, Recreation Commission Alternate.
11. The Board reviews the process of the Town Meeting with Town Moderator; Jan Neill. A discussion includes; warrant articles, who will speak and who will make presentations.

Selectmen Griswold would like the secret ballot process to be as organized as last year.

Town Administrator; Diane Guimond advises, Dale Swanson will be present at the meeting to assist and advise.

12. Town Administrator asks the Board if candidate profiles for Town Moderator can be posted on the website.

The Board agrees. All profiles should be sent directly to the IT Director.

13. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public session regarding a personnel matter. Selectmen Lombardo, seconds. The minutes are sealed.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman LaCourse motions to accept the minutes of February 22, 2010. Selectman Lombardo, seconds.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

Dawn Hayes, Town Secretary

Minutes accepted by:

John R. LaCourse, Chairman

W. James Griswold

Joseph P. Lombardo

Lee Board of Selectmen