

Board members present: John R. LaCourse, Chairman; and Selectman DeRocchi .

Others present: Town Administrator; Diane L. Guimond, Sandra Bisset, Noel Jost- Coq, Dorn Cox, Bill Humm, Mike Blake, Bruce Morse Sr., Joe Lombardo, Henry Brackett, Rick Miller, Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes.

1. Chairman LaCourse Called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Sandra Bisset of NH Municipal Energy Assistance Program presents energy use findings for the town. Town buildings are using about 44% of the total energy (which is about normal) and Town Vehicles are using about 56% of the total energy (which is a bit high).

The Public Safety Complex, being the largest building does use the most energy, however it is efficient. Ms. Bisset recommends the Town Hall and the Town Library are the best candidates for energy saving opportunities. She also recommends keeping a data base regarding meter locations, energy usage and costs, to help capture the annual usage per building.

Ms. Bisset notes that the Town of Lee has recently received a \$40,000 grant from EECBG for future energy studies and planning.

3. Bill Humm; Conservation Commission Chairman reviews the appraisal of the three parcels on Woolmark Farm. They consist of 6.95 acres, 24.42 acres and 14.85 acres. He expects there is the potential of seven new lots to come from this property.

Selectman DeRocchi asks if Allan Dennis; Code Enforcement (not present) is in agreement with the potential for these lots.

Chairman LaCourse requests Mr. Humm to follow up with Mr. Dennis to verify the actual potential for these lots.

4. Chief Mike Blake, Bruce Morse Sr. and Joe Lombardo propose the purchase of a Fire Utility truck prior to funds being available on July 1, 2010. A 2009 Ford F-550 has been located, since it is a leftover it will save the Town a significant amount of money.

Bruce Morse Sr. has researched the vehicle, including the state bid which is higher than the price of this 2009 truck. A \$1000 deposit is required to hold the vehicle until funds are available July 1, 2010.

Chief Blake notes that the \$1000 deposit will come out of the New Equipment line item.

Chairman LaCourse motions to allow the deposit to hold the vehicle. However, the bid process and policy will be followed and the bid will be advertised. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.

5. Henry Brackett offers his congratulations to both Selectman DeRocchi and Selectmen Griswold (not present) on the recent election. Mr. Brackett speaks to the Board as a private citizen, he is not speaking for the School Board or the School Administration.

Mr. Brackett states that there is a demonstration of people in town that want to see some changes, due to the high taxes that are being asked to support our schools. He notes there is a wind of change, as an example, in the recent election a long term incumbent on the School Board was not re-elected.

Mr. Brackett speaks highly of Jenna Roberts (not present), President of the Pre-School Organization. He notes she is a voice that represents a good constituency in the district.

Mr. Brackett states; Durham has come up with a resolution regarding money that could have been returned to the tax payers. He reviews a memo from Blaine Cox (not present) referring to a potential surplus of \$1,300,000 in the school budget. From the surplus, \$140,000 was spent buying out contracts of senior employees. The School Board was advised that \$70,000 from the surplus would be used for technical equipment. The three towns in the district received a rebate of about \$640,000. The remainder of the surplus, \$540,000 has still not been specified.

Mr. Brackett feels there is a movement in the community to change the way we do business in the school system. Mr. Brackett states that he thinks the School Board will go forward and have an Advisory Budget Committee formed.

6. Selectman DeRocchi motions to allow Randy Stevens (not present) to put the summer paving program out to bid as soon as possible. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. All agree.
7. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond updates the Board on the roof repairs needed at the Town Hall. Total Concepts have accepted liability, they will split the cost of the deductible and repair both dormers for \$2,100.
8. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond updates the Board that May 6th has been secured for the volunteer appreciation day. We will be utilizing the Grange, which holds approximately 120 people.
9. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond updates the Board on the progress of the redesign for the town hall office space. Phase I is estimated to be \$3,000. Chairman LaCourse recommends proceeding with the plan.
10. Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes submits abatements and exemptions for the Boards signature. On the recommendation of the Assessor (not present) one abatement was denied, two were granted, one elderly exemption was granted and one veteran's exemption was denied.

11. Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes submits the following appointment slips for the Boards signature; John Shea; Recreation Commission Member, Charles Cox; Agriculture Commission Alternate, Richard Babcock, Erick Sawtelle, Laura Gund and Donna Lee Woods; Agriculture Commission Members.
12. Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes submits a warrant to bill for gravel tax for the Board's signature.
13. Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes submits intent to excavate applications for the Board's signature.

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

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

Dawn Hayes, Town Secretary

Minutes accepted by:

John R. LaCourse, Chairman

W. James Griswold

Frank J. DeRocchi

Lee Board of Selectmen