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Board members present: John R. LaCourse, Chairman; Selectman W. James Griswold and Selectman Frank J. DeRocchi.

Others present: Town Administrator; Diane L. Guimond, Randy Stevens, Roger Rice, Bill Henze, Donna Eisenhard, Laurel Cox, Henry Brackett, Bob Smith, Allan Dennis, Peter Hoyt, Attorney Bill Tanguay, Lou Ann Griswold, Rick Miller, Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes.

- 1. Chairman LaCourse Called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Allan Dennis reports to the Board that he has taken inventory of the items on the Noble Farm property. Mr. Dennis states among the many things there are; two bulldozers, two dump trucks, catch basins, jersey type barriers, two storage cubes, LP tanks, two water tanks, two sand piles, and crushed stone. There is a concern with the dam on the property. Should there be another heavy rain event; the dam would most likely wash out. Mr. Dennis advises a path should be made to go in to fix the dam. He notes the easiest access would be behind the new home lot located on Davis Lane. Mr. Dennis informs the Board; there are 38 lots in the subdivision and 900 feet of road. He remarks that; toward the back of the property he believes a neighbor off of Earle Drive is encroaching on the property with a trailer, personal items and a shed. Mr. Dennis will look further into the exact property lines.

Chairman LaCourse is concerned about safety on the property, ownership of the items Mr. Dennis inventoried and the direction the Board may take on the property.

Selectman Griswold inquires about the pond located on the property. He recommends if the Board decides to keep the pond, it should be taken care of as soon as possible. Mr. Dennis states it is a beautiful pond with crystal clear water.

- 3. Bob Smith reports about forming the sub-committee to address the future of the Noble Farm property. The committee will include; Lou Ann Griswold, Scott Kemp, Bob Smith, a Planning & Zoning office member (not yet determined), Mark Belliveau has been asked (not yet confirmed). Mr. Smith would like to include Dorn Cox (has not been contacted yet).
- 4. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session with Attorney Tanguay for a legal matter. Selectman DeRocchi seconds, all agree. The minutes are sealed.
- 5. Chairman LaCourse directs Mr. Smith to move forward with the committee regarding the Noble Farm property. An informational public meeting will be held to determine public opinion about the property. Ideas will then be submitted to the Select Board. Chairman LaCourse would like to hold a couple of public meetings before September. Bob Smith prefers October; he would like to have a six month time line.

Regarding the materials located on the property, Chairman LaCourse will direct Chief Chet Murch and Allan Dennis to develop a letter to the prior owners giving 30 days to take ownership of items.

Selectman Griswold advises Mr. Dennis to address the issue of the property line and the possible encroaching party, as this is a Town liability issue. He also requests Mr. Dennis notify the Wetlands Bureau regarding any permit that would be required for repairing the dam.

6. Roger Rice; Transfer Station advises the Board he is looking for another Baler (a closed end, horizontal baler). There are no serious problems with the current baler and it should last until July.

Peter Hoyt has looked at a Baler in Franklin. It has 1/3 less density and the hopper would need to be modified to fit our needs. Mr. Hoyt thinks it is worth bidding on.

Chairman LaCourse requests Mr. Rice price a new Baler and email the Board with the numbers. The Board will then decide what to bid on the Franklin Baler.

- 7. Selectman DeRocchi opens a sealed bid for the Can being sold by the Transfer Station. Public Works of Epping has bid \$3105. Chairman LaCourse motions to accept the bid. Selectman DeRocchi seconds, all agree.
- 8. Randy Stevens; Highway Department presents the Continental Paving contract and requests the Board's signature. The contract has been reviewed by the Town's attorney. Paving is scheduled to begin next Monday.

Mr. Stevens has checked with Hartman and two other suppliers regarding aggregate. Hartman offered 200 yards of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> crushed aggregate at \$10.00 per yard. Selectman Griswold motions to accept the Hartman offer. Selectman DeRocchi seconds, all agree.

Mr. Stevens reviewed the striping quotes from last year. Seal Tec of Londonderry will hold the price. Striping will start shortly after paving.

Mr. Stevens reports he has received calls regarding the VFW memorial stone and that it is ready to set. Chairman LaCourse recommends Mr. Stevens move forward with assisting in setting the memorial stone. Chairman LaCourse requests the Town Administrator contact Dale Hardy to work out the details.

9. Henry Brackett; member of the School Board, speaks as a private citizen. He informs the Board of an educational summer program that is available for students in the district. Fees are paid by parents. However, funds are available for students if they are unable to pay.

Mr. Brackett advises the Board that Lee enrollment decreased by 37 students from last year. He also notes that approximately 34% of the district cost is paid by Lee.

Mr. Brackett remarks that State funding for schools will be diminishing and the Town will need to cover the cost of those funds. (\$700,000 will be lost from State appropriations)

Mr. Brackett refers to a memo from Blaine Cox, dated May 8, 2010 stating between 1 and 3% extra money that is built into the school budget. The 2011 budget has about 3% in excess built in.

Mr. Brackett informs the Board that the Teacher's Guild is being negotiated this year. He has an issue of the information that is coming to the School Board members and challenges the Right-to-Know Law. He contends that the more information a Board member has, the better they vote.

Mr. Brackett announces an Audit committee will be formed. It is preferred by CPA's to protect both the CPA and the Administration. Without such a committee there is risk of losing public trust. He also states an Advisory Budget Committee would give the School Board a separate budget plan, other than the School District's plan.

Mr. Brackett encourages the Selectmen to communicate with the Durham Council about the recent resolution that was brought forth, as well as the school budget.

Mr. Brackett compliments the Board on the bidding procedures that are followed by the Town. He states that there is no public opening of bids in the School District. Should the School Board approve such a policy a lot have money could be saved.

Mr. Brackett reviews the way warrant articles are worded. He states certain wording allows the District to spend money other than the voter's intent.

Selectman DeRocchi states he would like to work with the other towns to gain transparency. Selectman Griswold asks how we obtain transparency in the School District. Mr. Brackett states that it helps that the School Board has recently changed with two new members; Krista Butts and Ann Wright, both ask many questions.

Mr. Brackett requests use of the Public Safety Complex to host a workshop about bullying and drug use of students. Chairman Lacourse states the Board would support such a presentation.

10. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond reports on the legal matter (RSA 155:B) regarding the safety issue of the recently burned building. Ms. Guimond states that is the responsibility of the owner. However, should the town decide to board up the building and it is not perfectly secure, should someone get hurt then the

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town would be liable. Selectman Griswold states that the property is boarded up now.

- 11. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond states that it is the right of the Board of Selectman to choose when to hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of Town Meeting. A Special Town Meeting is not required to change the meeting to Saturday; it is the Board's decision. (RSA 39:2) Ms. Guimond will inform the resident that was inquiring about this.
- 12. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond refers to (RSA 31:95 H) regarding a revolving account for special duty. Ms. Guimond will be contacting the DRA regarding the over spending of this line item.
- 13. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond comments on Land Acquisition and Land Use Change Tax. Ms. Guimond refers to (RSA 31:19A and 31:16A) "changes of the purpose of a trust fund" this can only be done at an annual Town Meeting, a special Town Meeting cannot be held for this purpose.
- 14. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond presents a letter from the Thurston Woods Home Owners Association. They are requesting a "Children at Play" sign be placed inside of their development.

Chairman LaCourse directs Ms. Guimond to refer the matter to Allan Dennis and Randy Stevens.

15. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond presents a request from a resident for a refund on their vehicle registration fee (Town's portion). An expired decal was placed on the vehicle and it needed to be re-registered a few weeks later.

Selectman Griswold motions to refund the Town's portion. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.

16. Town Administrator; Diane Guimond refers to an inquiry from a resident regarding the Town's sound measurement reporting plan at the Lee USA Speedway.

Selectman DeRocchi reports; he went to the pit area at the track to observe the sound on the first night of races. He states he was able to carry on a conversation while there. Selectman DeRocchi remarks that while cars were running he visited Tamarack Rd and Old Mill Rd, stating there was definitely track noise there, but could also hear the birds chirping. On Old Mill Rd the main noise was from the speaker system.

Chairman LaCourse recommends Ms. Guimond contact the Chief of Police regarding the current reading. He asks the resident to be patient; a plan is currently being worked on. Once there is a sound monitoring plan it will be made public and posted on the website.

- 17. Dawn Hayes; Town Secretary presents abatement recommendations from the Assessor (not present) for the Board's signature. One denial and six granted.
- 18. Chairman LaCourse addresses information being posted on the E-Crier. Regular items will go directly through the IT Director; Chris Buslovich and will show "sponsored by" on posting. Unusual or questionable items will go through the Town Administrator; Diane Guimond for review.
- 19. Selectman DeRocchi recommends the Phil Sanborn and Dawn Genes attend the next Selectmen's Work Session for review. All agree.
- 20. Chairman LaCourse has drafted a charge for the Finance Committee and the Town Center Committee. The Board member will revise and review, and discuss at a later date.
- 21. Selectman DeRocchi would like to review alternate plans to the future Town Center being located at the Bricker property.
- Approval of Minutes: Selectman Griswold motions to accept the minutes of May 4, 2010. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

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Minutes accepted by:

John R. LaCourse, Chairman

W. James Griswold