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

Others present: Town Administrator; Diane L. Guimond, Linda Kahn, Chet Murch, Rick Miller, Tom Loureiro.

- 1. Chairman LaCourse Called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Chief Chet Murch presents a draft plan to monitor sound levels at the Lee USA Speedway, per the request of the Board. Chief Murch notes the Town of Lee ordinance was last updated March 15, 2006, when it adopted specifically section 21 regarding noise. Chief Murch states he believes that the overall noise at the track needs to be addressed, although he notes that any sound management proposal will not satisfy all people involved.

The plan he submits does not address the argument of whether Friday or Saturday night racing is best. Further, the plan does not limit or control what type of racing occurs at the speedway. Chief Murch's research regarding his plan included; speaking to residents, meeting with sound experts, investigating other racing facilities, took preliminary Db readings, and purchased a sound measuring device for the Town of Lee. (Chief Murch clarifies that he makes no claim to be an expert in sound management and has not been trained as such.) Chief Murch reveals that Flowmaster Inc. and the State of California have developed a Sound Management Program for Race Tracks. They state; "to date, there are no real standards set (nationwide) on how to take sound readings reasonable and accurately in a racing environment". The plan is as follows; conduct a site walk with sound experts, request an expert make recommendation for the sound system at the track, work with the track management to address audio issues in the pit area and the grandstands, take Db readings on a periodic basis, after collecting readings look at the possibility of re-wording sections of the ordinance, work with racetrack officials to address vehicles who may be in violation of the muffler rule.

Chairman LaCourse recommends spot visits (five visits being unannounced) with the measuring device, take place over the racing season. Chairman LaCourse states this plan is a working model, not a final or definite plan.

Selectman Griswold asks if protocols for measuring sound to be laid out and followed each time. He further asks for an unbiased expert (a non Lee resident) to be hired to work with the data that is collected. Selectman Griswold unofficially reports (as a result of the last hearing date) that the track will be coming forward shortly with their application for next year, the town has agreed to not deed the property for back taxes at this time. Once the judge signs the agreement it will be available for the public.

3. Chief Chet Murch submits the findings of the annual safety inspections form the Joint Loss Management Committee.

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- 4. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public session with Chief Murch. Selectmen DeRocchi, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends, the minutes are sealed.
- 5. Diane Guimond, Town Administrator reviews the information being submitted to the Town Crier with the Board. Chairman LaCourse recommends moving forward to determine the exact cost to support outside advertising and how to have individuals absorb those costs.
- 6. Diane Guimond, Town Administrator submits her vacation request for approval of the Board.
- 7. Diane Guimond, Town Administrator makes recommendations for encumbrances to the Board. The Board will review the recommendations and respond before the last week in July. Ms. Guimond advises the Board; Department Heads were notified on June 7, 2010, that their encumbrances must be submitted no later than July 16, 2010.
- 8. Diane Guimond, Town Administrator asks for clarification on the wording of the insurance policy for the volunteer firefighters. Ms. Guimond has requested a list of volunteers to be covered under the policy from Fire Chief Blake (not present).
- 9. Diane Guimond, Town Administrator presents a NH Energy Conservation Block Grant proposal for Laurel Cox (not present) for the Boards review and consideration. A request to attend several conferences by Ms. Cox is presented by the Town Administrator. The budget line item has been expended at this point and funding is not available. The Board denies the request, all agree.
- 10. Diane Guimond, Town Administrator advises the Board; Bob Mungor of Bedrock Gardens will attend the Selectmen's meeting on June 28th with a short presentation.
- 11. Diane Guimond, Town Administrator updates the Board for Randy Stevens (not present) on the proposed remounting of the memorial stones at the Town Field. Selectman Griswold recommends moving forward, all agree.
- 12. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends, the minutes are sealed.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman LaCourse motions to accept the minutes of June 1, 2010. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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