

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S WORK SESSION
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Board members present: Selectman W. James Griswold, Selectman Frank J. DeRocchi.

Others present: Chet Murch, Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes.

1. Selectman Griswold called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Selectman Griswold states the Board wants to take a proactive approach and come up with a plan and results, regarding the concerns at the racetrack. Chief Chet Murch recommends bringing an expert on board to supply the information that is being requested. Chief Murch advises; an expert outside of Lee is needed. Chief Murch has found a company in Burlington, MA (Harris, Miller, Miller & Hanson Inc.) that has done noise studies, specifically for racetracks. Chief Murch has made contact with them and will request they meet with the Board. Chief Murch submits his own findings; a list of all racetracks in NH, including racing dates, practice dates, noise levels and ordinances. Chief Murch notes; it would appear that Lee is one of the strictest as it pertains to noise and one of the only ones dealing with decibel levels at the racetrack. Chief Murch states he has met the northeast representative for NASCAR. They discussed the regulations on mufflers. NASCAR leaves that to local jurisdiction, but refers to the California regulations where readings are taken at 100 feet.
3. Chief Murch reports that the elevator at the safety complex was recently inspected. The inspection went well, but there are a few things that need to be done. NH Elevator will make some repairs, it will then be inspected and the permit should be in place within a couple of weeks.
4. Chief Murch advises the Board that he has a vehicle in his fleet that could be used to upgrade the current Town Car. The vehicle is a 2005 Crown Victoria with 123k miles on it and is in good shape. Selectman Griswold recommends the current Town Car be put out to bid, once sold it will be replaced by the 2005 police vehicle.
5. Chief Chet Murch reports to the Board about recent complaints filed by resident Belinda Gleason. The most recent complaint filed by Ms. Gleason was regarding noise coming from 24 Mitchell Road. Officer Annie Cole (not present) arrived at Ms. Gleason's residence at approximately 6:30 pm on July 3, 2010, there was no one home at the time. Chief Murch reports that Officer Cole returned to Ms. Gleason's residence at 8:30 pm, a copy of the noise ordinance was given to Ms. Gleason and it was explained to her. Officer Cole reported to 24 Mitchell Road shortly after midnight, at which time the party was clearing out. The Officer determined there was no violation of the ordinance. There have been other reports made by Ms. Gleason, some of which were "park violations" only. All complaints made by Ms. Gleason have been acted upon by Lee Police, including requests for traffic to be stopped on Route 125 to aid in her crossing via a wheelchair. Chief Murch states that the ordinance is being enforced, as it is written today.

6. Selectman DeRocchi asks Chief Murch's opinion on the usage of text messaging. Chief Murch states that it is just another form of communication that is used. Chief Murch states that he doesn't use it all the time, but does use texting to communicate with Officers in the same manner as a two way radio. Selectman DeRocchi disagrees that texting is a similar communication as in two way radio. Selectman DeRocchi states the question of texting was brought forth by LGC in regards to a texting policy. Selectman Griswold agrees with the Chief, texting is one way of communication and will continue to be used into the future.
7. Selectman Griswold motions to approve the purchase of the zero turn mower and to pay restitution to Geoff Carlton (not present), for the purchase price of \$5,300. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.
8. Selectman DeRocchi motions the authorize Randy Stevens (not present) to order a replacement engine for the generator from Hayden Equipment. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree.
9. Selectman DeRocchi reports that he has reviewed the MS reports given to him by the Town Administrator (not present). Selectman DeRocchi states that it reports Lee has 6,040 acres, 1,209 acres in conservation and approximately 1,000 acres of wetlands.
10. Selectman DeRocchi would like to further investigate the possibility of utilizing E-REG to register vehicles online, through the Town's website. Other towns are currently using this process, which does not require a credit card.
11. Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes submits a correction into the minutes. For the record; Resident Andy Lelio's statement in the June 28, 2010 minutes (item 4.) should have read; 97dB measured at 100 feet is 130dB at the muffler.
12. Selectman Griswold recently spoke with Eric Sawtelle (not present), Mr. Sawtelle had several questions about commissions and their authority regarding appointments and how finances are handled by commissions. Selectman DeRocchi will research the RSA and respond to his questions.
13. Selectman DeRocchi reports that at a recent Finance Committee meeting it was proposed that the Treasurer; Ben Genes (not present) will meet with banks and seek higher interest rates on town funds.
14. Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes advises the Board that the Oyster River nomination to the NH Rivers Management Program was supported by the Conservation Commission. After a brief discussion, both Selectmen are opposed to this nomination. Selectman Griswold states; should Bill Humm (not present) would like to come before the Board and explain the details of the nomination, including the restrictions it would include, they would welcome a discussion.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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W. James Griswold

Frank J. DeRocchi

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