

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

**Others present:** Marianne Banks, Tom Loureiro, Linda Kahn, Corinne George, John MacDonald, Judy MacDonald, George Rogers, Chief Mike Blake, James Brown, Bob Smith, Huw Powell, Randy Chase, Andy Lelio, Dawn Genes, Bob Watson, Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes.

1. Chairman LaCourse Called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Cemetery Trustee; Marianne Banks presents a cemetery deed for the Boards signature. Two plots sold to Zocchi Family Trust.
3. Chief Mike Blake updates the Board on the recent fire at 5 Mast Road, Lee. Chief Blake reports the fire was heavy on the second floor and the three occupants (father and two children, who received minor injuries) were out of the building when Police and Fire arrived on scene. Smoke detectors were in the area of the fire, but it is unknown at this time if they were in working condition.
4. Selectman DeRocchi states that the Board was notified today that chipping is still waiting to be done at the Transfer Station. ProBark will grind soon, but will not remove them until December. Selectman DeRocchi is concerned that it remains a fire hazard. Chairman LaCourse requests Chief Blake look into the matter and advise the Board of the situation.
5. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session at 6:10 pm with Chief Blake. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends at 6:30 pm. The minutes are sealed.
6. Lee USA Speedway; Bob Watson presents his recent research to the Board. Mr. Watson states only two NH race tracks are currently working under an ordinance; Lee USA and Hudson Speedway. (The Monadnock Speedway operates a similar amount of events as Lee.) Mr. Watson further states; the research includes looking into Flowmaster (an exhaust technology company). The company states in a memo that they can help make a quieter track, noting the Hushpower Pro-Series mufflers. Mr. Watson plans on working with them to test some mufflers. Chairman LaCourse is concerned that these mufflers would not be on the Super Modified cars (the biggest noise makers). Mr. Watson states that the Super Modified's do not race with them on a regular basis but are part of a touring series. Mr. Watson would like to have their regular Friday night divisions under restriction with mufflers that have been designed to lower decibels. They would like to be exempt from those restrictions during the times when a touring series comes in. Mr. Watson states they are trying what they can to make this work.

Selectman DeRocchi emphasizes that the horsepower could be reduced to make the muffler comply. We are concerned about noise being measured, not horsepower. Mr. Watson agrees. Chairman LaCourse states the Board is not interested in the \$28,000 proposed study. The Board will request a more definitive

direction in a letter that will get out to the consultants tomorrow. Chairman LaCourse makes clear that they are not looking to increase the 97db, it would be nice to decrease it. Chairman LaCourse would like continued open communication with the track while trying to resolve these issues. Mr. Watson states that they are concerned and want to be good neighbors. Chairman LaCourse will ask the speedway to return to the Board once the consultant has responded to the latest request.

Selectmen Griswold states; it is important for the record that this Board is not in any way looking to increase the level of sound out there. He wants to make it clear that 97db or lower is the threshold.

Mr. MacDonald states that he is not looking to do that. They are working to lower it and that they feel they are close. Mr. MacDonald states the season is over and they have the whole winter to work on it.

Chairman LaCourse notes that letters have come in, they will not be read in full, however the Town Secretary will read the date received and who the letter came from (the Board has already read all of these letters). Dawn Hayes; Town Secretary notes the following letters were received in reference to the race track; Sept 12<sup>th</sup> Kenneth O'Brien (not present) 51 Tamarack Rd., Sept 11<sup>th</sup> The DeVoters (not present) 14 Kelsey Rd, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Lindsey Raines (not present) 13 Old Concord Tnpk., Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Joseph St. Ours (not present) 40 Tamarack Rd., Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Thomas Loureiro 10 Thornton Ln., Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Andy Lelio 31 Hobbs Rd.. Chairman LaCourse states these letters have been received as part of the record and are available to the public. Chairman LaCourse reiterates that some of the letters suggest the Board is willing to increase the db level, he states that is the last thing they want to do, they would like the db's to go lower.

Chairman LaCourse responds to a concern of resident Andy Lelio. Chairman LaCourse will be asking the sound expert-consulting firm for specifics such as; how to make the proper measurement, where do we measure it from, for how long and with what instrument. This information will provide reputable data to work with. They Board will review what the professionals have to say when a new proposal comes in.

7. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session at 6:50 pm with resident Huw Powell. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends at 6:55 pm. The minutes are sealed.
8. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session at 6:55 pm with resident George Roger. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends at 7:00 pm. The minutes are sealed.
9. Bob Smith presents some 2011 CIP start-up concerns to the Board. Mr. Smith list the following items of concern; Safety Complex/2<sup>nd</sup> floor project, automobile plan for the Town of Lee, develop trust fund for purchase of town automobiles,

transferring money from department to department on used town vehicles, and developing policies on maintenance vs. capital and treatment of old equipment.

In order to come up with a completion date and a firm development plan, Mr. Smith requests the Board appoint someone to take charge of the project on the second floor of the Safety Complex. Selectman DeRocchi states it would take \$60,000 to \$80,000 to make it operational. Mr. Smith would like to see the cost of the project appear on the CIP.

Mr. Smith would like to recommend a trust fund for vehicles that get replaced every 7-8 yrs (such as in the code enforcement vehicle). Mr. Smith explains vehicle maintenance schedules are also an issue to be managed. Selectman Griswold states that Mr. Smith is suggesting a huge cost benefits study, he is not sure we have the manpower to do such a study.

Mr. Smith recommends the Board implement a policy on purchasing and trading in town vehicles. Selectman Griswold recommends the Finance Committee and Advisory Budget Committee make recommendations for these policies.

10. Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes submits a letter of support for the Little and North Rivers into the NH Designated Rivers Program, for the Boards signature. Dawn Genes receives the letter.
11. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session with resident Randy Chase. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends at 8:00 pm. The minutes are sealed.
12. Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes requests the boards signature on a letter to Harris Miller Miller & Hanson Inc requesting a modified proposal with specific directives.
13. The Board briefly discusses the upcoming Department Head meeting (presentation of the personnel policy and procedure manual) and determines it is best to postpone the meeting at this time.
14. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session at 8:05 pm. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends at 8:30 pm. The minutes are sealed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman LaCourse motions to accept the minutes of September 7, 2010. Selectman Griswold, seconds.

**There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Minutes transcribed by:

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Dawn Hayes, Town Secretary

Minutes accepted by:

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John R. LaCourse, Chairman

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W. James Griswold

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Frank J. DeRocchi

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