

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

Others present: Geoff Carlton, Marc Ambrosi, Tamsin McIver, Allan Dennis, Mark Corey, Nick Sciullo, Randy Stevens, Andy Lelio, Huw Powell, Neva Foley, Henry Brackett, Chet Murch, Town Administrator; Diane Guimond and Town Secretary; Dawn Hayes.

1. Chairman LaCourse called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Neva Foley from Senator Kelly Ayotte's Office invites the Board to submit questions, comments or concerns to her, to be presented to Senator Ayotte. Ms. Foley held "office hours" tonight from 6:00–7:00pm for concerns from the public.
3. Marc Ambrosi of Strafford Regional Planning visits communities every two years to solicit transportation projects. Mr. Ambrosi requests the Board complete a survey indicating transportation priorities for Lee. Mr. Ambrosi notes there are funding issues that create a shortfall that will compromise such projects. Specifically, there is no bill to replace the \$30 motor vehicle registration fee, which expires on June 30th. Highway Block Grants will be impacted, also. The project at the traffic circle will get done. Additionally, Route 125 phase II of the corridor study, recommendations are still pretty strong.

Mr. Ambrosi takes input from the Board, Chief of Police, Code Enforcement and the Highway Department, regarding intersections in Lee that are areas of concern. Dual traffic flow at the circle, Route 125 & 52, Route 155 & 152, Route 155 & George Bennett, Route 155 & Lee Hook Rd, Kelsey Rd & Route 125, Five Corners, and George Bennett & Route 125 North are all areas of concern that are noted. Mr. Ambrosi states, a lot of these issues may be addressed with signage and or street lights. Further, he recommends another public meeting regarding the traffic circle.

4. Randy Stevens requests the Board's signature on the revised contract for Quantum Construction. Before it can go out to bid, there is still an unresolved issue regarding the retaining walls.

Paving Bids will be going out soon, for the summer paving project. Bids will be opened at a Selectmen's meeting. Paving will include: Furber Dr, Decato Dr, Caverno Dr, Steppingstones Rd East and Allens Ave.

Mr. Stevens advises the Board of a water pump problem at the Highway garage. It is supposed to be serviced in the next day or so.

Mr. Stevens has reviewed the bids for Tree work (they came in a couple of months ago). The three quotes included hourly rates from \$85 - \$115 for the bucket truck. Mr. Stevens requests, utilizing multiple vendors depending on the specific situation.

Mr. Stevens submits his vacation request. (he will be doing research in Concord regarding the History of Lee) There are 22 rolls of microfiche from the Newmarket Advertiser from the late 1800's containing news about Lee.

Mr. Stevens requests purchasing the rolls (approximately \$1500) to bring them to Lee. Mr. & Mrs. Stevens will donate \$300 toward the effort. Further, Mr. Stevens charges the Board with ensuring a complete and comprehensive history of the Town of Lee is complete by the 250th anniversary. The town's history has been started, but there is still more to do.

Mr. Stevens recommends taking down a tree on Demeritt Ave. Selectman Griswold motions to allow the tree on Demeritt Ave to be taken down. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.

Mr. Stevens requests the purchase of a Sickle Bar mower attachment (made by Skid Steer Solutions) for a Bob Cat for roadside mowing in Lee. Cost is \$7,560 (Total \$8,000 after shipping). Selectman Griswold motions to purchase the skid steer sickle. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.

Mr. Stevens tested the gravel at Noble Farm for use at Little River Park. The gravel would not be appropriate for use under the pavement. However, it could be used for other purposes. Geoff Carlton states, he would like to use the gravel on the road between the soccer field and the basketball court, as well as a turnaround in the corner. Selectman Griswold motions to allow up to 300 cubic yards of Nobel Farm gravel for use at Little River Park. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.

5. Chief Chet Murch presents a NH Highway Safety Grant for the Board's signature. The grant is for a state wide DWI hunter patrol (6 hrs) for \$2,475, with no matching funds required. The Board agrees.
6. Nick Sciuillo of Go Rail makes a presentation to the Board. Mr. Sciuillo remarks about the proposal nationwide to increase truck sizes and weight. He discusses the impact on infrastructure, especially bridges. Mr. Sciuillo requests the Board submit a letter to congress expressing the impact that would occur if increases in truck sizes were approved.
7. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public session at 7:28 pm with resident Huw Powell. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends at 7:45 pm. The minutes are sealed.
8. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public session at 7:45 pm with the Town Administrator regarding personnel. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. Non Public ends at 8:25 pm. The minutes are sealed.

9. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public session at 8:26 pm with Joe Lessard and Scott Marsh of MRI Associates. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. Non Public ends at 8:45 pm. The minutes are sealed.
10. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public session at 8:45 pm with the Town Administrator. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. Non Public ends at 9:15 pm. The minutes are sealed.
11. Andy Lelio asks the Board if they have made a decision on accepting emails as comment for a Public Hearing. Chairman LaCourse remarks, the Board can choose which they prefer. Chairman LaCourse prefers a hard letter. Selectman Griswold would consider an email with a signature that is scanned into a PDF. Selectman DeRocchi is concerned about 'form' letters with different people signing the same letter, an official mailed letter would be taken more seriously than an email.
12. Geoff Carlton submits a draft form to have signage sponsored at Little River Park. Revenue from signage would help fund the fence at the baseball field. Signs would be placed on the back stop. Signs will range from 3x4 to 8x16 and from \$350 to \$1,500.

Chairman LaCourse requests a long range plan from the Recreation Commission to include: a philosophy statement, justification, vision, long/short term plan, rules and regulations. Selectman Griswold suggests it include what Little River Park will look like in 2050, and include what the staffing needs will be. Selectman Griswold would like the document to be completed before the end of the year.

13. Henry Brackett speaks as a private citizen. Mr. Brackett informs the Board of the newly elected School Board Members: Ann Lane, Megan Turnbull and Jim Kash. A Communication Committee has been formed to better address communication with the town, the people and the voters. They will be reaching out to parents, teachers and residents for feedback. Mr. Brackett states, an Advisory Budget Committee will be meeting and making recommendations before June. They are looking for two more members, one from Lee and one from Madbury. Mr. Brackett states all sub-committees will be appointed before April 6th. Mr. Brackett recommends the Board of Selectman request in writing, how many times per year they would like official School Board response.

Selectman DeRocchi asks about the formula used for the three towns to determine the per student cost. Mr. Brackett explains the formula, it is adjusted based on the equalization rate and that Lee is about 34% of the whole. Mr. Brackett states that this year there will be 50 Barrington students that really makes the formula distort, in my opinion. The ABC will be looking at what is being done (good business practices) in other schools.

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14. Town Secretary, Dawn Hayes submits abatement recommendations for the Assessor (not present) for the Board's signature. Abatements granted on 41 Demeritt Ave, 6 Piper Ln, and 4 Piper Ln.
15. Town Secretary, Dawn Hayes submits a vacation request for Chris Buslovich (not present) for the Board's signature.
16. Selectman Griswold motions to appoint John LaCourse as Chairman. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.
17. Town Administrator, Diane Guimond submits her vacation requests for the Board's signature.
18. Chairman LaCourse motions to help fund the purchase of the historical microfiche of the Newmarket Advertiser for \$700. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman DeRocchi motions to accept the minutes of March 14th and March 17th. Chairman LaCourse, seconds.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

Dawn Hayes, Town Secretary

Minutes accepted by:

Chairman, John R. LaCourse

W. James Griswold

Frank J. DeRocchi

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