

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

**Others present:** Jim Davis, Peter Hoyt, Donna Eisenhard, Dave Garvey, Bob Watson, Jim Banks, Marianne Banks, Jan Neill, Jackie Neill, Allan Dennis, Randy Stevens, Andy Lelio, Laurel Cox, Paul Gasowski, Geoff Carlton, Interim Town Administrator Murch, Town Secretary Dawn Hayes.

1. Chairman LaCourse called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Selectman DeRocchi opens a proposal from Garvey and Company. Allan Dennis states it is the only proposal that was received.

Dave Garvey gives a summary of what is included in the proposal. The concept is to split the property into three sections: light industrial, a solar field and a conservation section with some workforce housing at the western end. He would like to work cooperatively with the Board and asks for their review of the plan.

Selectman Griswold requests copies of the plan be distributed and reviewed by the Planning Board.

3. Randy Stevens updates the Board on the work at the High Road Bridge. Two cranes and two excavators have been brought in to start excavating.

Mr. Stevens requests permission from the Board to use the 'Town of Lee' decals that he has for the Highway Department trucks and equipment. (decals do not have the town seal on them) The Board agrees to use these seals.

Mr. Stevens requests clarification on the purchasing policy regarding the screening equipment currently being used at Little River Park. Three departments are seeking to use the equipment. Mr. Stevens states he has gotten another quote, but not a third. The Board suggests, if a third quote is not available, go with the two. The Board approves Mr. Stevens use of the screening equipment.

Mr. Stevens reviews the matter of the rock at the Noble Farm property and makes a recommendation to hold onto the product for possible future use by the town. The Board accepts Mr. Steven's recommendation and will hold onto the gravel and sand at this time.

4. Allan Dennis inquires if the Board would like to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board regarding the review of the Noble Farm proposal. Selectman Griswold agrees to have a joint meeting, on the Selectmen's Meeting schedule.
5. Geoff Carlton requests the Board approve 200 more yards of  $\frac{3}{4}$  fill material for use at Little River Park. Selectman Griswold inquires about the detailed plan the Board is expecting from the Recreation Commission. Mr. Carlton states they are working on it and expect to have a draft of the Plan in mid September. The Board agrees to allow use of the material.

6. Bob Watson of Lee USA Speedway request September 18<sup>th</sup> as a rain date, as they have been rained out four times this year. Further Mr. Watson discusses some requests they have received for other types of revenue generating events at the track.

Chairman LaCourse suggests running two races on one night or using an existing rain date. Mr. Watson states they are already piggybacking racing to make up.

Selectman DeRocchi asks what the schedule would look like for September 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Watson states it would include their own cars, and other novelty things such as motorcycles, one class that will be included would be small block supers; other than that it will be low key.

Andy Lelio recommends that the process be properly followed: which event was rained out, can the Police Dept confirm less than five races were run that night. Mr. Lelio notes when the 2011 schedule was approved and posted, based on that abutters noted these dates on their calendars. He recommends using a rain date that is already in the schedule.

Chairman LaCourse motions to deny the request for the September 18<sup>th</sup> rain date. No one seconds. The motion fails. Selectman Griswold motions to allow the September 18<sup>th</sup> rain date. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. Selectmen Griswold and DeRocchi in favor, Chairman LaCourse opposed. The motion is granted.

Mr. Watson invites the Board to attend a tribute day to Police and Fire personnel on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Kelly Ayotte will be making a presentation on that day as well.

7. Fire Fighter Jim Davis requests a Non Public Session. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session per RSA 91-A:3. II (a), regarding compensation. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree. Present in Non Public: Chairman LaCourse, Selectman DeRocchi, Deputy Fire Chief Joe Lombardo, Selectman Griswold, Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch, Fire Chief Peter Hoyt, Jim Davis.

Mr. Davis submits a letter suggesting alternatives to his work schedule in order to comply with recent changes to the NH Retirement System. The Board discusses the options. Chairman LaCourse states the Board will further review the options and come forth with a decision.

Jim Davis, Peter Hoyt and Joe Lombardo depart Non Public. The Board continues discussion and review wages, benefits; cost to the town. Selectman Griswold motions to offer Mr. Davis a full time position (40 hrs) with the Lee Fire Department (coming out of the retirement). No second, the motion fails. Selectman Griswold motions to offer Mr. Davis to work with the Lee Fire Department full time (40 hrs) or continue to work with the Lee Fire Department (32 hrs) with no benefits. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. All agree.

Jim Davis, Peter Hoyt and Joe Lombardo return to the Non Public Session. Chairman LaCourse advises Mr. Davis, the Board has voted to provide two options: become a full time fire fighter with the Town of Lee or go to 32 hrs with no benefits. Chairman LaCourse requests Mr. Davis take a week to decide and report back to the Town Administrator.

The Minutes are not sealed. Selectman Griswold motions to end Non Public at 6:59 pm. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.

8. Jim Banks addresses the Board about the letter to residents, dated July 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the Bannister Property. He states there was an error in the assessed value, and it was discussed at the meeting that there was a typo. He feels that is significant and requests the Board notify residents with a letter.

The Board agrees to make notice to the public. Wording for the notice will be worked on by Selectman Griswold and the Town Secretary.

9. Donna Eisenhard speaks to the Board about memorial tree markers. Ms. Eisenhard recommends downsizing the metal plates to save costs and request direction from the Board on how to proceed. Further, she recommends not tagging all trees (approximately 12 trees will be tagged).

The Interim Town Administrator presents an alternative, less a expensive marker on a stake. Ms. Eisenhard and the Interim Town Administrator will review the markers and proceed.

10. Cemetery Trustees: Marianne Banks, Jan Neill, and Jackie Neill present their new Rules and Regulations for Lee Cemeteries. Jan Neill states after attending a NH workshop for Cemetery Trustees, it was advised that the verbiage be looked at. They have done so, in hopes of addressing some recent issues.

Selectman Griswold notes that the document states that "Glass containers are not permitted" and notes that this will be a problem. Selectman Griswold recommends removing that line. The Cemetery Trustees decline the recommendation.

Selectman DeRocchi requests clarification on the removal of flowers 30 days after Memorial Day. Jan Neill states this refers to the flowers that are placed randomly at the markers (not the headstones).

Jan Neill advises the Board that they have tabled the matter of fees. They will be reviewed with the Superintendent of the Cemetery and available before winter.

Chairman LaCourse suggests posting the new Rules and Regulations on the website and include an explanation regarding the issue of glass containers.

Selectman DeRocchi recommends making the changes more clear in the document.

11. Ed Bannister addresses the comments previously made by Mr. Banks on the appraised value of his property and the Board's response. He reminds the Board at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the appraised value was \$160(something) thousand, during the Deliberative Session read off the tax card, land value was \$116,000. Mr. Bannister states he clearly recalls during negotiations the value to be \$160,000 and maybe a little more.

The Town Secretary notes, it is because we are in the middle of the revaluation, the numbers are being changed constantly. Laurel Cox states, she remembers the value as \$164,000 and after talking with the Assessor he advised Ms. Cox, the new numbers would be coming after August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Bannister states \$116,000 was never discussed at negotiation, is not accurate and it would be extremely prejudicial to use numbers that were not available at the time of negotiations.

The Board agrees that matter needs to be addressed and it will be straightened out.

12. Laurel Cox confirms with the Board, they have received her report via email. Ms. Cox is requesting support from the Board regarding the LCHIP grant application. The Wadleigh Falls Island Farm Conservation Easement uses no town funds. However, town support strengthens the application.

Selectman DeRocchi motions to support the Wadleigh Falls Land Conservation Easement application. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree.

13. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session at 7:32 pm, per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) regarding personnel with the Town Secretary. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree. Present in Non Public: Chairman LaCourse, Selectman Griswold, Selectman DeRocchi, Town Secretary Dawn Hayes.

Non Public ends at 8:00 pm. Chairman LaCourse motions end Non Public and seal the minutes. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree.

14. Interim Town Administrator requests the Board's signature on the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Affidavit.
15. Interim Town Administrator confirms the Board has received a recent letter from resident Laura Scheibel.
16. Town Secretary submits vacation requests for Allan Dennis and Randy Stevens, for the Board's signature.
17. Town Secretary submits PSNH Pole Location request, for Linda Reinhold, for the Board's signature.
18. Selectman DeRocchi motions to unseal the Non Public Minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup>. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. All agree. The motion passes.

19. Town Secretary submits the minutes of July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup> and the Non Public minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup> for the Board's signature.
20. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into a Non Public Session at 8:05 pm, per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) regarding personnel. Selectman Griswold, seconds. All agree. Present in Non Public: Chairman LaCourse, Selectman DeRocchi, Selectman Griswold, Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch.  
  
Selectman Griswold motions to end Non Public at 8:14 pm and seal the minutes. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree.
21. Selectman Griswold agrees to attend the exit interview at noon on Thursday, at the Police Department regarding the CALEA accreditation.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by:

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Dawn Hayes, Town Secretary

Minutes accepted by:

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John R. LaCourse

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W. James Griswold

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Frank J. DeRocchi

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