

**Board members present:** Chairman John R. LaCourse, Selectman Jim Griswold and Selectman Frank DeRocchi.

**Others present:** Patricia Jenkins, Laura Gund, Laurel Cox, Preston Samuel, David Meeker, Tom Foxall, Richard Coleman, Bill Humm, Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch and Town Secretary Dawn Hayes.

1. Chairman LaCourse called the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
2. Bill Humm of the Conservation Commission presents the final agreement between the Town and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the Habitat Restoration for New England Cottontail at Lee Five Corners Reserve.

Selectman DeRocchi asks if it would be possible to identify where the funds would come from regarding the maintenance. Mr. Humm states, there is no expectation that the town will be paying anything for this. Vocational Schools where students are studying forestry would have the opportunity to remove invasion species.

Selectman Griswold states that beyond the life of the contract (10 years) the maintenance is not contractually obligated. Selectman DeRocchi agrees.

3. Resident Richard Coleman addresses the Board regarding not receiving a response from their last meeting. He states his concerns are genuine and believes the Lee Chief of Police is harassing and bullying him. Mr. Coleman states that recently he has had another unpleasant experience with the Police Department. Mr. Coleman states that he feels he has no choice but to pursue harassment and false arrest charges against the Lee Police.

Chairman LaCourse thanks Mr. Coleman for coming in and states the Board is sensitive to his cause.

4. Patricia Jenkins of the Heritage Commission updates the Board on the Burleigh Demeritt Farm House. Ms. Jenkins states the Commission wants to establish "Friends of the Burleigh Demeritt House" and raise funds so that the building could be saved. The Commission has received a letter from UNH stating they are not in a position to raise money to save the house, but would consider moving the house.

Chairman LaCourse asks about the language of the contract and requests all documentation be submitted to Attorney Tanguay for review to determine responsibility. Selectman Griswold agrees, Attorney Tanguay should review the information and make a recommendation. Selectman Griswold requests the Commission prepare a timeline showing all transactions. Chairman LaCourse states, there is full support of the Board to move forward.

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5. Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch, presents Manifests for the Board's signature.
6. Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch presents an authorization to transfers funds (\$2,000,000) to cover the upcoming School and County tax payments
7. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes presents the commitment letter to pay the County tax payment, (\$1,089,619) due December 17<sup>th</sup> for the Board's signature.
8. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes presents a change order from Quantum Construction for the High Road Bridge project for \$10,000 for the Chairman's signature.
9. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes presents an Equalization Certificate from the NH Department of Revenue Administration for the Board's signature.
10. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes presents a thank you letter to Planet Fitness for the community outreach during the recent Halloween storm event.
11. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes presents a vacation request for Randy Stevens for the Board's signature.
12. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes presents the upcoming Town Report (still a work in progress) for the Board's review.
13. Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch requests the Board's recommendation on holiday hours of operation for the Transfer Station. The Board agrees to close at 2pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve; close at 7pm on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.
14. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes requests the Board's recommendation on including property values in the upcoming Town Report. Selectman DeRocchi requests including an information page about why values are not being included and where the public can view values of Lee properties.
15. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes presents the minutes of October 31<sup>st</sup> for the Board's signature.
16. Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch advises the Board he has received a response from Commerford, Neider and Perkins regarding the project being completed late. The owner of Commerford, Neider and Perkins will be contacting the Interim Town Administrator to further discuss the matter.
17. Selectman Griswold motions to enter into a Non Public Session at 6:45 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) regarding compensation of an employee. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. All agree. Present in Non Public: Chairman LaCourse, Selectman Griswold, Selectman DeRocchi, Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch, and Town Secretary Dawn Hayes.

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- Selectman DeRocchi motions to seal the Minutes. Chairman LaCourse, seconds all agree. Selectmen Griswold motions to end Non Public at 6:55 pm. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. All agree.
18. Selectman Griswold motions to enter in a Non Public Session at 6:57 pm per RSA 91-A:3, II (b). Chairman LaCourse, seconds. All agree. Present in Non Public: Chairman LaCourse, Selectman Griswold, and Selectman DeRocchi. At 7:02 pm Interim Town Administrator Chet Murch joins Non Public. Selectman DeRocchi motions to seal the Minutes. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. All Agree. Chairman LaCourse motions to end Non Public. Selectman DeRocchi, seconds. All agree. Non Public ends at 7:25 pm.
19. Town Secretary Dawn Hayes states, Phil Sanborn (not present) has asked to advise the Board that the Recreation Commission will be ready to present their Long Term Plan at the Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. All Board members request the Recreation Commission attend the next meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
20. All Board members request Roger Rice attend the next Selectmen's Meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>.
21. Chairman LaCourse states the next meeting for the Race Track Ad Hoc Committee will be on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes transcribed by:

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Dawn Hayes, Town Secretary

Minutes accepted by:

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Chairman, John R. LaCourse

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Frank J. DeRocchi  
Lee Board of Selectmen