

Board members present: Chairman John R. LaCourse, Selectman Griswold and Selectman David Cedarholm.

Others present: Joan Henry, Gail Kindberg, Larry Kindberg, Joanne Adams, Charles Scott, Laura Scott, Dan Camara, Charles Hason, Dwight Barney, Alice Tansey, Margaret Blickle, Gordon Crosson, Stephen Kniaz, Ellen Boucher, Paul Johnson, Meg Wilson, John March, Mike Kelleher, Roger Rice, Warren Hatch, Karen Long, Bob Hart, Jody Epstien, Jean Marquis, Igor Tsukrov, Hardy Macia, Phil Boucher, Penny Boucher, Peter Burt, Laura Gund, Caren Rossi, Randy Stevens, Bill Humm, Peter Hoyt, Laurel Cox, Town Administrator Julie Glover, and Town Secretary Dawn Hayes.

1. Chairman LaCourse calls the meeting to Order and opens the Listening Session for street renaming and renumbering at 6:00 pm.
2. Mike Kelleher summarizes the recent mapping of Lee, identifying areas of concern, and notes the changes are to assist first responders in locating residents during an emergency.

Deputy Emergency Management Director Caren Rossi reviews the proposed changes to be discussed: Pine Crest Estates renumbered; Lee Rd renamed and renumbered, Randall Rd renamed and renumbered, Old Concord Turnpike, Lee Rd, Old Garrity Rd, Jenkins Ln and Jenkins Rd renamed and renumbered; Cartland Rd renumbered and extended; Turtle Pond Rd change #40; Swann Dr, Langelley Dr, Old Nottingham Rd and York Ln renumbered.

Resident Steven Kniaz remarks for the record, that this is being done backwards, 1st there is a Listening Session and then a Public Hearing, why have these if there has already been a decision.

Chairman LaCourse advises road names may change; the residents of a mobile home park in Lee did not like the Board's suggested names, they came up with their own, presented them to the Board and most were accepted.

Resident Steven Kniaz states for the record, he and his neighbor suggest Oyster River Way and Liberty Lane. Mr. Kniaz suggests renaming Jenkins Lane to Jenkins Rd and continue the numbering by adding 100 to all of the original Jenkins Rd numbers starting at Wednesday Hill.

Mike Kelleher states the problem is that there are two roads using the same name with different suffixes. Caren Rossi advises that the recommended change for Jenkins Rd was due to less homes being impacted and "Lane" is typically used for private roads in Lee.

Resident Laura Gund states that Cartland Rd is a little different than most roads in town. Ms. Gund is opposed to extending Cartland Rd to Lee Hill Rd, noting Cartland Rd will lose its historic essence. Ms. Gund reads a letter into the record from Timothy Earle (owner of Cartland House, resident of IL). Mr. Earle is opposed to both the renumbering and the extension of Cartland Rd.

Ms. Gund summarizes the letter of opposition that was submitted to the Board from the Heritage Commission. The Commission offers recommendation in their letter including: posting a stop sign at Cartland Rd, retain the name Lee Hill Rd, retain the name Jenkins Rd; rename Jenkins Ln, rename Old Garrity Rd – Joe Ford Lane, rename section of Randall Rd – Captain Smith Emerson Lane. Ms. Gund reads a quote from *Saving Historic Roads*. Ms. Gund hopes that our Fireman, Policeman, and Highway Dept can work together and figure out a safe and satisfactory means to handle the intersection of Cartland Rd and Lee Hill Rd.

Resident Margaret Bickle is opposed to the proposed change. Her original deed says Lee Hook Rd, later it was changed to Little Hook Rd, and her zip code has changed from 03847 to 03824 to 03861. Ms. Bickle wants the name Hook kept.

Resident Alice Tanzie remarks that when she calls from her phone you know where she is. Ms. Tanzie states that York Lane is a small lane, and the definition of a road is that it takes you from one place to another; Little Hook Rd does not go straight onto York Lane. There are already concerns about traffic and safety there. Ms. Tanzie states that when there is a rescue call you can hear the sirens and see the lights, she does not think it's an issue you would know exactly where the problem was.

Mike Kelleher explains that mutual aid responders may be called in to support Lee when they are in a different area of town, so there not going to the same emergency in all cases.

Ms. Tanzie adds, emergency responders should be very clear and enunciate where they are going to; the personal impact of making this change is a nightmare and not that easy.

Resident Jody Epstein states her neighbors have had to call 911 three times in the past year, the response time from McGregor ambulance was seven minutes. She is concerned that elderly people or people in a panic situation will use their former address (when calling in an emergency). GPS and Google Maps take up to a year to change things over. Ms. Epstein also notes, there are more residents on Little Hook Rd than on York Lane.

Resident Gordon Crosson remarks that all Oyster River Condo units are on the left and are even numbered, since there are no units on the other side of the road would it make a big difference to renumber them.

Mike Kelleher states it is for consistency.

Mr. Crosson states it is a lot of trouble to make these changes, and if a 911 call came in Unit #2 would be relatively easy to find.

Resident Ellen Bouchard lives on a private road, all houses are on the left and are even numbers, there are no houses on the right hand side. Ms. Bouchard states, its mind boggling to change a number from a 4 to a 3 because the houses are on the left. Ms. Bouchard further states, there are only 10 houses on the street, no others can be built, how hard can it be to find a house.

Ms. Rossi asks Ms. Bouchard if Langelley Dr is a loop and when you drive around there are places on the right? Ms. Bouchard states all the houses are the left hand side, no houses are on the right at all.

Resident Jean Marquis speaks about Oyster River Condos – there is no way that anything can be built on the opposite side, houses are numbered 2, 4, 6, 8 and are very easy to find. Ms. Marquis remarks about the personal aspect of having to change everything.

Resident Dwight Barney is concerned about a comment regarding Cartland Rd being blacktopped the full distance. Mr. Barney states, it is partially blacktopped, mostly gravel. Mr. Barney states if we name Cartland Rd all the way out to George Bennett, he believes it will expedite the change so we look like Durham, where nothing is sacred anymore. There would be requests to blacktop Cartland Rd so we can go faster, right now its 25mph on the road, vehicles have been detected going over 65mph. He has had to replace his fence many times due to speeding, blacktop would destroy the scenic vista, and it's going to expedite the speed even more. We need to look at the historical names and keeping them. Mr. Barney remarks about the cost to residents due to name and number changes. Mr. Barney continues to speak in opposition of the proposed changes.

Resident Karen Long remarks about Lee Hill Rd to “malfunction junction” was called Mast Rd Extension; the stretch of road from “malfunction junction” going out to Rt 125 was Mill Pond Rd East. During former 911 changes it was determined to be too confusing so they discussed making the stretch from “malfunction junction” to Bennett Rd to Cartland Rd and giving Lee Hill Rd that stretch that goes out to 125. Consequently, it became all of Lee Hill Rd. Ms. Long states the confusion is when you make the corner. It's not confusing that Lee Hill Rd becomes Cartland Rd, it's that you have to go either right or left to stay on Lee Hill Rd. Ms. Long suggests to take the street that goes from “malfunction junction” to 125 and return it to its historic name which is Ash Swamp Rd, leave Lee Hill Rd as it is and leave Cartland Rd as it was. Ms. Long speaks about the expense to her business regarding the address change.

Resident Phil Bouchard asks about confusion with responders, GPS and maps; which method is the most common way for responders to find an address; how will dispatch know the new names of roads. Mr. Bouchard is concerned about what happens before maps and GPS are updated.

Ms. Rossi states if the changes are approved you have 90 days to update your information (we update our information and 911 updates their information) new street signs will be installed; postal service will forward mail for up to a year.

Resident Laura Gund asks if it is possible to get together with the Highway Dept, Caren (Rossi), Scott (Nemet), Chet (Murch) and Randy (Stevens) to make sure that someone pays attention to “malfunction junction” and come up with a new design.

Chairman LaCourse recommends Ms. Gund coordinates it through Caren Rossi as the Deputy Emergency Management Director; if people want to come up with new ideas or thoughts we would be very happy to work those groups.

Resident Igor Tsukro states it looks like it will take a lot of effort for us to make these changes; asks what statistics are available regarding how many problems or issues with emergency vehicles are there every year.

Ms. Rossi states that there was an instance in town (however, she cannot provide details) where a person was not able to be found in a timely manner.

Mr. Tsukro asks if this one instance was the last and in how many years. Mr. Tsukro states from a citizens point of view to invest all this time and money, there should be good motivation.

Mike Kelleher remarks from a state wide perspective there are countless incidents where there have been misdirection and communication where responders have gone to the wrong road.

Resident Gail Kindberg thanks the Board for making the name changes to Lee Hill Trailer Park. Ms. Kindberg remarks that hundreds of people in town are being asked to turn their lives upside down because of a communication issue with emergency responders. Ms. Kindberg advises the Board to clear up the communication issue within the organization before asking a town to invest thousands of dollars and residents to turn their lives upside down and make changes that will take years.

Resident Peter Burt remarks about the numbers on Nottingham Rd and if they will follow the numbers on the Epping side.

Mike Kelleher states the recommendation was to continue with the Epping addressing, noting at the Nottingham town line it turns to Berry Rd.

Resident Bob Hart speaks about the details of the 911 ordinance and is asked to hold his comments until the listening session is closed and the public comment session. Mr. Hart agrees.

Resident Ellen Bouchard states she didn’t realize the numbers would go into effect at Christmas time and she thinks that’s an issue because of getting Christmas cards.

Resident Jody Epstein remarks about better communication, she is a bus driver for ORSD and works with dispatch, and notes how important communication is.

Resident Larry Kindberg asks if there has been thought given to the people that travel and the amount of time that it takes to make these changes. Mr. Kindberg remarks about homeland security issues: airline tickets and drivers licenses. He states these things must match; how will they be addressed.

Chairman LaCourse thanks the public for their comments and advises residents that no decisions will be made until the Public Hearing on August 20th. Chairman LaCourse welcomes the residents to make further suggestions by writing letters and submitting them to the Town Secretary or the Town Administrator and by working with Caren Rossi.

Selectman Griswold advises residents to work with Ms. Rossi, noting the safety aspect of this issue is very important and encourages compromise among all parties.

Selectman Cedarholm states the Board will use common sense and practicality when making changes, and remarks about communication mistakes even when someone is aware of their address.

3. The Board reviews the Minutes of July 9, 2012. Selectman Cedarholm requests revisions on pages 4 and 5. The Board reviews the Minutes of July 13, 2012. Selectman Cedarholm motions to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2012. Selectman Griswold, seconds. **Motion Carries.**

4. Chairman LaCourse opens the floor for Public Comment.

Resident Bob Hart speaks about the 911 ordinance requirements, specifically the number being required to be on the house and the size of the numbers. Mr. Hart states his home is the only house on his driveway and feels it is redundant to require numbering of the house and out front. Mr. Hart advises that the numbered signs that are put out by the Fireman's Association have numbers that are 3 inch and not 4 inch numbers that are required by the ordinance. Mr. Hart recommends grandfathering in the signs that are already posted. Mr. Hart notes areas of the ordinance are vague such as: "plainly visible from the street" and states there are kinks in the ordinance.

Chairman LaCourse states the Board will review all of the concerns brought forth and will further review the ordinance.

5. Resident Joan Henry speaks to the Board regarding the traffic and speeding issue on Snell Rd. Ms. Henry states the speeding is impacting her sleep and she does not know what else to do.

Chairman LaCourse reviews the speed studies from 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2012 submitted by the Police Chief. Ms. Henry states she has a speed gun and rigged the gun to measure 20 cars going by – none were going 30 mph or below. Chairman LaCourse states the issue is how we deal with this; they will have discussions with the Road Agent, Police and Fire.

6. Strafford Regional Planning Commission Dan Camara presents a town wide build out analysis map. The map shows the number of potential new developments, the total developed land and the areas not suitable for development. Mr. Camara notes the map is based on data layers that are meant to be on a region wide scale, not a parcel wide scale.

Selectman Cedarholm asks if wetlands and land that is isolated were subtracted from the number of developable lands. Mr. Camera states, the wetlands were subtracted from the total but not the land that is isolated.

Selectman Griswold remarks that this would be the kind of tool to use for smart growth planning.

7. The Board discusses the matter of petitioning and solicitation at the Transfer Station. Town Administrator Julie Glover has researched the issue and drafted a Public Forum Policy to allow the public to safely petition for signatures in a specific area. Ms. Glover presents photographs of areas at the Transfer Station and recommends the area straight down the hill after exiting the main building; noting the large area where cars could pull over and a large group of people could safely occupy. The Board reviews and discusses other areas at the Transfer Station.

Candidate for US Congress, Mr. Hardy Macia of Canterbury was at the Transfer Station recently inquiring about petitioning for signatures. Mr. Macia states the law is explicitly clear – candidates collecting petitions to get on the ballot, the town can't rule against it.

Town Administrator Julie Glover states Mr. Macia is referring to RSA 31:102(a) pertaining to Hawkers, Peddlers and Vendors, which states the town cannot use this RSA to restrict the collection of signatures. Ms. Glover refers to First Amendment case law – “the town may adopt reasonable time, place and manner regulations provided that the regulations are content neutral and narrowly tailored to significant government interest”.

Selectman Griswold clarifies, the petitioner has the right to be on the premises but not to just go anywhere for public forum. Mr. Macia states 1st amendment issues are different than allowing candidates on town property – rules cannot be set up against that.

Chairman LaCourse asks Transfer Station Manager Roger Rice his opinion on the matter. Mr. Roger states with two lanes of traffic coming thru on a Saturday, it would be best to get the people in and out and recommends outside the building.

Chairman LaCourse tables the matter and recommends the Town Administrator revise the policy to allow the Transfer Station Manager to have discretion and more authority based on traffic and the needs at the Transfer Station on the day. The Board agrees the location will be outside of the building.

8. Chairman LaCourse tables the matter of the Statement of Expectation to the Recreation Commission. Town Administrator Julie Glover advises the Board that the discussion at the 2010 Town Meeting regarding warrant article #37 for aggregate at Little River Park has been transcribed so that it is clear that the purchase of the stone was not a vote to build an artificial turf field, as had been stated at recent Selectmen's Meetings. Ms. Glover reviews the document and submits copies to the Board for their review.
9. The Board discusses the (2) requests for Pay in Lieu of Time Off (as allowed in the Personnel Policy), noting Mr. Dennis' last request was in Feb 2012 and was granted, Chester Murchs' last request was in Oct 2011 and was granted.

Selectman Griswold recommends granting the request and discuss changing or modifying the Personnel Policy during the meeting of August 13, 2012. Selectman Cedarholm remarks about the intent of the policy and budgeting for the policy.

Selectman Griswold motions to grant the requests of Allan Dennis and Chester Murch for Pay in Lieu of Time Off allowable in this fiscal year. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. **Motion Carries.**

10. Road Agent Road Stevens requests the Board's approval to remove hazardous trees on Stepping Stone West. Chairman LaCourse motions to approve the Road Agents request for hazardous tree removal on Stepping Stone West as presented. Selectman Cedarholm, seconds. **Motion Carries.**

Road Agent Randy Stevens reviews gravel quotes and requests flexibility to spend up to \$10,000 in this fiscal year for the purchase of gravel. Chairman LaCourse motions to approve the Road Agents request to purchase up to \$10,000 of gravel, using the Road Agent's discretion regarding vendors. Selectman Cedarholm, seconds. **Motion Carries.**

11. Town Administrator Julie Glover and Road Agent Randy Stevens met at Little River Park to discuss installation of electricity at the park. Also in attendance were Code Enforcement Officer Allan Dennis, Dennis Tuttle of PSNH, Geoff Carlton, and Chris Smith. Ms. Glover notes the meeting was very productive with much progress being made.

Ms. Glover has received an updated quote from PSNH and a materials estimate from the electrician. Ms. Glove advised a pre-cast transformer pad will need to be purchased; a shed will need to be built to house the panel; there will be additional costs for breakers and distributions of secondary electric.

Ms. Glover has advised Recreation Member Dawn Genes that the Recreation Commission (as agents to expend) will need to vote to cover the additional costs of powering up the panel.

Ms. Glover advises the Board that the Town will need to grant an easement to PSNH for the electrical at Little River Park. Road Agent Randy Stevens advises the Board that a tree will need to be removed to allow for the project. Ms Glover has organized a schedule for all parties and expects the electric will be installed at the park in time for the Lee Little River Fair.

Chairman LaCourse motions to approve the expenditure install the electrical at Little River Park up to \$9,000 and the removal of up to two trees. Selectman Cedarholm, seconds. **Motion Carries.**

12. Selectman Griswold inquires about the cost to put in a grass field at Little River Park.

Road Agent Randy Stevens states grass seed is approximately \$1,100, fertilizer and lime would be less \$1,000; it is 2.2 acres which would be 1,700 cubic yards of loam. Mr. Stevens states there is about 900 yards of clay left from the High Rd Bridge project that could be screened out; the material that is available would give a base of approximately 3 inches of clay and 3 inches of loam, which he believes would still allow for drainage. Mr. Stevens notes, it would be a lot of work; it would be impossible to get a field in that could be played on this year; if there were plans to doing anything in the future this is the perfect time to screen material.

13. Chairman LaCourse motions to remove the Fund Balance Policy from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Selectman Cedarholm, seconds. **Motion Carries.** Chairman LaCourse motions to approve the Consent Agenda as presented without the Fund Balance Policy. Selectman Griswold, seconds. **Motion Carries.**

14. Town Administrator Julie Glover presents the Board with the research she has done on the recent request for limiting boating access and aquatic hitchhikers signage at Durgin Preserve. Ms. Glover notes the town cannot restrict access to: non motorized craft; Lee residents only, (there is a state restriction on Wheelwright pond for ski- craft). Ms. Glover advises the Board on signage from the Dept of the Interior. However, the Chairman of the Conservation Commission was not in favor of this type of sign. Ms. Glover will continue to work with the Conservation Chair to find satisfactory signage relative to stopping aquatic hitchhikers. Chairman LaCourse advises Ms. Glover to communicate her finding and this discussion with the resident who brought forth these concerns.

15. Town Administrator Julie Glover advises the Board of the end of year transfers prior to the annual audit.

16. The Board discusses the Fund Balance Policy and the amount to apply to the general fund. Chairman LaCourse motions to accept the Fund Balance Policy using 8% of the general fund operating revenue. Selectman Griswold, seconds. **Motion Carries.**

17. Selectman Cedarholm discusses the turnout at the last Town Center Listening Session; surveys were reviewed and discussed, more surveys are needed. Resident Andy Lelio and his wife distributed surveys at the Transfer Station; Selectman Cedarholm will have surveys available at the Lee Little River Fair; is planning on a third Listening Session in September after the fair.

The Board discusses a variety of answers that were received in the surveys. After the 3rd Listening Session the Board will need to choose a committee and decide on a charge for that committee to move forward.

18. Chairman LaCourse request a notice be posted explaining the Lee Country Fair formally held at the Grange, will now be known as the Lee Little River Fair held at Little River Park.
19. Chairman LaCourse inquires about the Fire Works ordinance and allowable classes. Fire Chief Peter Hoyt explains Class C fireworks require permits.
20. Chairman LaCourse requests the Chief of Police provide the dB readings that are taken at Lee USA Speedway to the Town Secretary to be put on the website. Selectman Griswold inquires about how the data is being taken and if a data logger is being used (it would show a graph). Chairman LaCourse notes the committee determined this would be the year to collect data, review that data and make recommendations. Selectman Cedarholm is concerned that the committee did not define the duration of the measurement; it looks like most of the violations have been from one heat; asks if there are 10 violations in one heat, is that one violation or 10. Chairman LaCourse notes that is an issue, the committee hasn't gotten to the penalty stage yet.
21. Chairman LaCourse motions to **adjourn at 9:20 pm.** Selectman Cedarholm, seconds. **Motion Carries.**

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