Board members present: Chairman John R. LaCourse and Selectman Griswold. Others present: Peter Hoyt, Maria Barth, Scott Marsh, Town Administrator Julie Glover.

- 1. Chairman LaCourse calls the meeting to Order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Selectman Griswold motions to accept the Minutes of July 9 and July 23, 2012. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. **Motion Carries**.
- 3. Chairman LaCourse opens the floor for Public Comment. There are none.
- 4. Assessor Scott Marsh advises the Board of a property on High Rd which is in current use. The property owners have built a small structure (9x13) which is a violation of current use. Mr. Marsh recommends issuing the Land Use Change Tax.

The Board discusses the matter, including a previous discussion the property owners had with the Board about the property becoming a public garden. The Board agrees the structure is in the spirit of the natural surroundings and could be used to view wildlife. The Board agrees to leave the property in current use. Selectman Griswold motions to not move on the land use change tax request for Tax map 24-8-0100. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. **Motion Carries**.

5. Assessor Scott Marsh advises the Board of recent court decisions and supporting RSA's regarding trailers in campgrounds that are considered permanent structures and therefore are taxable. Mr. Marsh notes that after doing some research, a lot of campers in Lee do remain on their sites after the fall and stay there year after year, therefore making them taxable. The Board discusses the matter and asks Mr. Marsh to move forward with researching these types of structures in the various campgrounds in Lee.

Fire Chief Peter Hoyt asks about campers that move during the winter and then return to their sites. Mr. Marsh states it would need to be looked into further. The Board requests Mr. Marsh move forward and keep the Board updated.

6. Assessor Scott Marsh advises the Board of a new law effective April 1, 2013 regarding prorating assessment due to damage such as fire. Mr. Marsh reminds the Board of the two properties lost to fire recently on Allens Ave; although the law is not yet in effect, the Board may abate for good cause.

The Board discusses the matter and agrees that Mr. Marsh should look into this further and report back to the Board.

7. Chairman LaCourse motions to table the Statement of Expectation for the Recreation Commission. Town Administrator Julie Glover recommends scheduling a work session to establish guidelines, volunteer matters, financial matters, etc. Chairman LaCourse requests the Board review preliminary recommendations from the Town Administrator prior to the meeting.

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The Board requests that the matter of the pavilion at Little River Park be added to the upcoming work session agenda. Selectman Griswold states that no work is to be done unless approved. Chairman LaCourse agrees- nothing happens without approval.

- 8. Chairman LaCourse tables the matter of reviewing the E911 ordinance and requests Ms. Rossi respond to the concerns noted in the minutes and bring forth recommendations.
- 9. The Board reviews the Consent Agenda items (informational only). Selectman Griswold motions to accept the Consent Agenda. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. **Motion Carries.**
- 10. The Board reviews Payroll for July 23-August 5, 2012 and Manifest # 3. Selectman Griswold motions to accept Manifest #3 and the Payroll for pay date August 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairman LaCourse, seconds. **Motion Carries**.
- 11. Town Administrator Julie Glover presents a vacation request for Code Enforcement Officer Allan Dennis for two days Aug 17 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Board approves and signs.
- 12. Town Administrator Julie Glover reminds the Board of a recent discussion regarding the undesignated fund balance and a request for more information made by Selectman Cedarholm. Ms. Glover spoke with the Treasurer Ben Genes; Mr. Genes recommends that 12.5 % or \$1,500,000 be in the undesignated fund balance. Selectman Griswold tables the discussion until Selectman Cedarholm returns. The Town Administrator will seek more information from the Treasurer.
- 13. Chairman LaCourse states that the dB readings from Lee USA Speedway taken by the Police Chief are now on the website. The Chairman will call a meeting at the end of the racing season to review the data and evaluate it. Selectman Griswold recommends the data be sent directly to the racetrack.
- 14. Chairman LaCourse motions to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Selectman Griswold, seconds. Motion Carries.

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