

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Board members present: Chairman Dennis, Selectman Bugbee and Selectman LaCourse

Others present: Bill Callen, Ann Wright, Cary Brown, Larry Kindberg, Paul and Annie Gasowski, Caren Rossi, Bill Humm, Roger Rice, Marianne Banks, Katrinka Pellecchia, Anne Jennison, Chuck Cox, Peg Dolan, David Cedarholm, Tom Loureiro, Laura Gund, Karen Long, Barbara Nadori, Erick Sawtelle, Chief Dronsfield, Town Secretary Denise Duval and Town Administrator Julie Glover.

1. Selectwoman Dennis calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and asks the Board if it accepts the Agenda as presented. There is no opposition.
2. Selectman LaCourse moves to nominate Selectwoman Dennis to be Select Board Chairperson. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
3. Chairwoman Dennis opens the meeting up to public comment. Reminds everyone to come up to the podium, state your name and address, speak to the Chair and the Board, not the audience and please limited the comments to 3 minutes. Anyone speaking out from the audience will be asked to leave. The Chair will not recognize audience members during Board discussion debate on this evening's agenda items.

Ann Wright would like to see the open positions for committees and commissions advertised on the website. She also supports the request to waive the insurance requirement which is on the agenda this evening. Finally she does not agree with taking down the Library sign.

Annamarie Gasowski states that the site for the new Library has been voted on by the legislative body so she believes that the sign should remain where it is.

Katrinka Pellecchia states that the Town has voted about 7-8 times in favor of this project and she thinks that it is premature and mean spirited to take the sign down after a vote against taxes and not the project itself. The Town voted twice on having the site at this location and the Select Board has voted twice for keeping the site there. There is no harm in leaving it there.

Chuck Cox would like to have copies of the agenda available at the meetings. Mr. Cox supports leaving the Library sign up and would like to see the Town Center Committee re-established.

David Cedarholm thinks it would be appropriate to remove the sign based on the recent vote.

Tom Loureiro objected to the cost but not to the Library. He did not see last week's vote as a rejection of the Library. He says that if there is a discussion about the old Library then we should talk about bringing it up to code.

Peg Dolan supports keeping the sign up where it is. Ms. Dolan tells the Board that she had a neighbor who wanted to use the PSC for a Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting but were unable to provide the insurance requirement. She furthers adds that both the Durham PD and the Madbury PD allow groups to use their facilities without providing insurance.

Larry Kindberg thinks that it would be appropriate to either remove or change the sign at this time. The voters have spoken clearly with regard to the funding of the Library project. It is an issue of taxes in this town, but not whether people want a Library or not.

Marianne Banks has been attending the 250th Planning Committee meetings and she would like to continue on that committee, but is unsure how to proceed. She will support the Select Board in whatever decision they make with regards to the Library sign.

Roger Rice would like to see a smaller project that can succeed and everyone can get behind and vote for. He heard some people are violently upset about the misleading statement on the sign. He thinks it would be appropriate at this point to take the sign down and get together on one page and move forward.

4. Larry Kindberg is asking for permission to withdraw the funds to pay for the Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Derby and Fish Fry.
 - a) Chairwoman Dennis moves to approve that the Recreation Commission host the Annual East Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th at 9:00 am at Town Field and that \$800 be taken from the Recreation operating budget to cover the costs.
 - b) Chairman Dennis moves to approve that the Recreation Commission host the Annual Fishing Derby on May 9th at Stevens Farm and the Fish Fry on the same day at the Public Safety Complex and that \$1500 be taken from the Recreation operating budget to cover the costs. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Mr. Kindberg mentions participating in the Model Rocket Day at LRP again with the Boy Scouts along with Bike Safety Day sometime this summer at LRP. Mr. Kindberg would like to work with the highway department on finishing up some projects such as the slide structure. He indicates that the footings were put in before the big freeze. Since the Warrant Article was approved to build the Pavilion this year, they assume they will be working with the Town to put a design together and getting that done this year. They would also like to work on a walking path around LRP that the SAC has brought to their attention.

Mr. Kindberg informs the Board that the Recreation Commission could use another member.

5. Bill Callen, Lee Speedway Manager, reiterates what the Absolute Vehicle Control Driving School is all about. They use regular "street cars" that do not use excessive speed or produce excessive sound. The hours are from 8:30am – 3:30pm. Grooming the road will take place between 3:30 – 5:00 pm. There will be 6-12 in each class with an average of 8 per class using 4 cars. Chairwoman Dennis asks who takes these types of classes. Mr. Callen says all 1st responders, fire, police, ambulance and Sig Sauer employees are active in these classes. There has never been a need for fire or police protection. Chairman Dennis moves to approve the 2015 Absolute Vehicle Control class schedule for the Lee USA Speedway as presented. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
6. TA Glover spoke with Primex regarding the use of the PSC by the Southeast Watershed Alliance. Primex would consider this group to be an extended governmental use. Similar to how they might treat the Lamprey Regional Coop and LRAC. This is by virtue of the Select Board having taken official action by appointing a Lee resident to this governmental entity and,

in addition, in October 2009 in accordance with the enabling State Statute the Board voted to participate in the Alliance. Because of this, if the Select Board were to want to continue its participation in that organization, if something were to happen Primex would provide coverage. There is still a risk management decision to be made by the Board. According to Primex, the Lee Democratic Committee is not a Lee extended governmental use. They are a private organization; therefore, the Town should still require them to provide insurance with the Town as an additional insured. Groups that would fall under the extended governmental use of this building would have coverage if the Board wants to accept the risk. There is no formal policy at this time relative to waiving the insurance requirement. Selectman LaCourse would like to move to table this item to take the time to look at the policy again. Mr. Cedarholm has suggested to the Chair that they seek an alternate location figuring that this might get put off. The application form is very black and white. He suggests adjusting the beginning of the policy. Chairwoman Dennis, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

7. Chairwoman Dennis starts with the recommendation made by the Planning Board's Chairman Bob Smith to appointment John LaCourse as an ex officio member to the Planning Board from the Select Board. Selectman Bugbee moves to appoint John LaCourse to the Planning Board as the Select Board Representative until 2018. Chairwoman Dennis, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Based upon Chairman Bob Smith's recommendations to reappoint Edward Bannister as a full time member to the Planning Board until 2018 and to appoint David Cedarholm as an alternate member until 2018, Chairwoman Dennis moves the same. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Chairwoman Dennis moves to approve the following appointments to full positions: Edward Bannister to the Planning Board; Dwight Barney and Paul Gasowski to the Agricultural Commission; Catherine Fisher to the Conservation Commission; Denis Hambucken and Anne Jennison to the Heritage Commission. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Chairwoman Dennis moves to approve the following appointments to alternate positions: Frank Reinhold to the Zoning Board; Richard Babcock to the Conservation Commission and David Cedarholm to the Planning Board. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Chairwoman Dennis moves to approve the following appointments to committee positions: Marian Kelsey, Penelope Stetson, Gwendolyn Rice and Patricia Jenkins to the Sr. Advisory Committee; Cary Brown, Tom Loureiro, Bill Callen, David Cedarholm and Wayne Lehman to the Ad Hoc Race Track Committee; Laura Gund, Annamarie Gasowski, Marian Kelsey, Penelope Stetson, Brian Seeley, Patricia Jenkins and Clara Kustra to the 250th Anniversary Planning Committee. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Chairman Dennis asks that we bring an update of all the open positions to the next meeting.

Chairman Dennis moves to approve Selectman Bugbee as the alternate to the Lamprey Regional Cooperative. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

8. Selectman Bugbee believes that the sign is inappropriate by saying 'coming in 2016'. This is a misrepresentation. 2/3 of the voters said no and they also denied the \$100,000; therefore, he thinks it would be appropriate to take down the sign until they know exactly what is happening. He makes a motion that the sign is removed until it is determined what is going to happen. Chairman Dennis asks for a second. There is none. Selectman LaCourse thinks there is time to consider this later especially after the ground thaws.
9. a) TA Glover suggests that in light of recent events the Board should reconsider continuing the needs analysis project with AG Architects. Does the Town want to continue to spend money on such a project at this time? There has been some discussion about bringing the Town Center Committee back together. This maybe that opportune time to do that. Now may be a good time to re-examine what the Town wants to do as far as renovating the existing buildings or not. Selectman LaCourse agrees with the TA. He would like to see the Town Center Committee re-established and we should hold on spending until that happens. Selectman Bugbee concurs but thinks that we need to get a better pulse in terms of what the Lee citizens want and are willing to pay for. The Town Center Committee could do that and then they could work with AG. Selectman LaCourse moves to re-establish the Town Center Committee. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Chairwoman Dennis moves to hold on suspending funds to AG Architects. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

TA to call AG to let them know.

- c) TA Glover presents the Board with a draft E-Crier policy. No questions at this time.
- b) TA Glover would like the Board to support her becoming more involved in the NHMA and State Legislative process. The Town of Lee should be more involved with what is going on in Concord. The Town is not getting what it was promised from the State. The Town needs to recognize and start talking seriously about revenue sources both in terms of legislating (getting money that the State promised but has now taken away) and economic development.
- d) TA Glover will draft a proposed change to the meeting room policy to include quasi-governmental groups. Ultimately the determining factor is going to be Primex.
- e) TA Glover welcomes Mr. LaCourse back to the Board and congratulates Ms. Dennis on her election as Chair.

Chairwoman Dennis supports TA Glover in bringing the information back to the Board from the Legislature. She is not convinced that the Board uses her position to the fullest and she hopes to change that. Selectman LaCourse is in total agreement.

10. Chairwoman Dennis asks if the Board objects to adopting the Consent Agenda as presented. There are no objections. The Consent Agenda is adopted.
11. Chairwoman Dennis asks if the Board objects to a motion to adopt the BOS Public Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2015. There are no objections. The Minutes are adopted.

12. Chairwoman Dennis moves to adopt Manifest #16 and Weeks Payroll ending March 15, 2015. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
13. TA Glover informs the Board that Mr. Cedarholm has requested to keep his leenh.org email address and she has determined there is no precedent for Select Board members keeping their email. Mr. Cedarholm's point is that he is a representative to the Planning Board and the Ad Hoc Racetrack Committee and so he would like to continue using his lee email address. The policy that the Town has relative to this is found in the Personnel Policy Chapter 21 under definitions, an employee refers to a person who is either employed by the Town or is an authorized volunteer such as Committee, Commission or Elected Official. So there is a policy that allows it, but does not require it. TA explains that the system the Town has now is that the emails are stored in the cloud which costs \$132 for each address per year. Selectman LaCourse does not think that they should be opening it up for everyone to have an email address due to the cost and the confidentiality issues that would be associated with allowing this. Selectman Bugbee agrees. The Board agrees to deny Mr. Cedarholm's request to keep his leenh.org email. There is a discussion regarding committee, commission and board members emailing each other and reiterating the understanding that emails should not be used to conduct business and should only be used to schedule meetings, posting a meeting, the need for a meeting, etc.

Chairwoman Dennis reminded the Board that she had previously been appointed to the ORMS Building Study Committee. She asks this Board if they want her to continue doing this and she brought the information from the preliminary findings from the meeting. Chairwoman Dennis briefly goes through the list: poor site circulation, layout; inefficient building circulation; physical separation of teams within a grade; acoustics; cafeteria size & configuration; no large space for school-wide meetings; lack of true multi-purpose room and stage; gymnasium under-sized; inadequate music facilities; lack of small meeting spaces, resource rooms; lack of teach prep/work/staff rooms/toilets; and general lack of storage space. Next meeting date to be announced. The Board would like Chairwoman Dennis to continue on this committee.

TA Glover reminds the Board that they were going to discuss the Select Board's need to attend Committee and Commission meetings. Chairwoman Dennis would like to propose a change to the current organizational system which is each Board member is assigned a committee or commission to represent with the understanding that he/she brings back information from that group to the Board. She would rather see the Chair of each committee or commission present a quarterly business update to the Board and the public during a Select Board meeting. This might correct the misconception that the individual Select Board member has the authority to answer questions as an individual when in fact the law does not allow for that. Also, in person quarterly visits might encourage them to post timely minutes in between because the Board will be asking for them at the update and it would be a more reliable communication system. It gives the Chair the opportunity to share the work they are doing and where the tax dollars are going. Selectman LaCourse thinks it is a good idea. It is getting difficult time wise for the Board to be a liaison to all these groups. Selectman Bugbee likes this plan but still wants to be able to go to the meetings. He believes in the interaction, but is ok with the quarterly reporting. Both Chairwoman Dennis and Selectman LaCourse agree everyone is free to attend as citizens. The Board may always revisit this again later to evaluate how it is going.

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- 14. Chairwoman Dennis makes a motion to move into a Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) and (c) approximately 7:30pm. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.** The Board returns to Public session at 8:15pm. The minutes are to be sealed.

- 15. Chairwoman Dennis motions to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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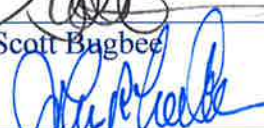
Carole Dennis, Chairwoman

3/30/15

Date



Scott Bugbee



John LaCourse