

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

Others present: Janet Allen, Penny Stetson, Cary Brown, Annie Gasowski, Roger Rice, Ruth Eifert, Patricia Jenkins, Laura Gund, Dexter Mills, Randy Stevens, Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Peg Dolan, Warren Hatch, Chief Dronsfield, Robin Estee, Town Secretary Denise Duval and Town Administrator Julie Glover.

1. Chairwoman Dennis calls the meeting to order at 5:59 pm and asks if the Select Board accepts the Agenda as presented. It does.
2. Chairwoman Dennis makes a motion to move into a Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) Personnel issues at 6:00 pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.** The Board returns to Public session at 6:38 pm. The Select Board has voted to seal the minutes.
3. Chairwoman Dennis opens the meeting up to public comment and reminds everyone to address the Board, not the audience and to please limit their comments to 3 minutes. There is no public comment.
4. Senator Fuller Clark updates the Select Board on NH Senate Legislative Issues and the Budget. She affirms that the Governor did veto the Budget in June for the following reasons: 1. Failure to fund the negotiated contract with state employees which gave them a very small increase going forward 2. The impact of the business tax cuts that were included in the budget and not funded with revenues from elsewhere 3. The legislature's refusal to re-enact Medicaid expansion which is due to expire at the end of 2016. The Senate and House have been called back on September 16th to address the Governor's veto. The Governor is hoping to bring forth a compromised proposal before that date so that it has the potential to be acted on in September. The Senator talks about the tax cut implications, funding issues and revenue losses. Lee's loss in revenue from the State going forward will be approximately \$150,000. \$25,000 in highway grants, \$15,000 in room and meals for 2016, \$29,000 in room and meals in 2017 and \$75,000 from revenue sharing from the state level. This equals an approximate increase of \$35 per person per year. The bill to make kindergarten a full day failed. The bill to change the way utility properties are valued died. The poles remain fully taxable at the local level. The Senate has sent a letter to the Assessing Board asking them to study this issue. Towns are not going to be required to take photos at any of the upcoming elections due to the fact that there is no money to fund this requirement. Bills in the House for next year can be filed between 9/2/15 and 9/18/15. Senators can file legislation between 10/13/15 and 11/3/2015.
5. a) Annie Gasowski and Jan Allen are present on behalf of the 250th Committee. At the last meeting the Committee was asked to come up with a Plan B should the banners not be a viable option. They could not come up with a better or cheaper idea. They are still hoping the Select Board will approve the banners going forward. The TA reminds the Board that the Town's insurance carrier, Primex, requires all contracts that contain insurance and/or indemnification language to be approved by them. The Town can still sign an agreement without their approval; however, the Town would lose a certain amount of liability coverage. Primex required a language change to paragraph 6 by adding the word "negligent", but Eversource refuses to agree to it. Without this language the Town would assume responsibility. Randy Stevens would

be responsible in hanging the banners. There is a discussion surrounding this process. The banner is 30 by 28. Selectman LaCourse wants to take the risk and move forward. Eversource has a duration restriction of no longer than 6 months. The TA believes that there is a way to extend this through Eversource. Selectman Bugbee agrees with Selectman LaCourse.

b) Jan Allen lists the souvenirs that the Committee is asking for approval to purchase now: t-shirts, hats, canvas bags, wooden nickels and coffee mugs. The cost is \$2399.06. So far they have spent \$1710 for the banners and about \$400 for t-shirt. Chairwoman Dennis moves to approve the purchase of commemorative souvenirs in the amount of \$2399.06 to be available for sale beginning on September 12, 2015 at the Lee Fair. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Chairwoman Dennis moves to approve the PSNH/Eversource Pole Attachment Application and authorize the Chairperson to sign the same. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

6. a) Randy Stevens is present to discuss the parking situation at Little River Park. Selectman LaCourse states that at the Site Walk conducted at LRP it was suggested that the parking lot should be expanded on the left hand side. There is a lengthy discussion surrounding expanding ideas, fencing and costs. The rocks take up a huge amount of space. Selectman LaCourse would like someone to investigate the "100 foot buffer". He does not remember this requirement. Cutting down more trees might be a problem. TA Glover suggests pricing out the guardrail and using utility poles in the middle to organize the parking some. Everyone agrees on wooden guardrail, getting rid of the stones and investigating the buffer. Selectman LaCourse suggests asking the Planning Board about the buffer.

There is a discussion about the piles of stone. They agree to keep it until they know for sure that the Town will not need it.

b) Randy Stevens discusses the two projects that need to be completed with the Board. Chairwoman Dennis moves to allow the Highway Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Right Angle Engineering to provide professional engineering services to complete a FEMA (HMGP) grant application for the Tuttle Road embankment stabilization and the Tuttle Road culvert replacement/flooding problem and to withdraw up to \$3930 from the Highway Department Road and Bridge Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund to pay for these services. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

7. Roger Rice states that he has received a scrap value quote for \$250 for the 30 yard open top container and both a \$350 and \$400 sale quote. After he posted it in the NRRA weekly newsletter, he received a \$500 sale quote from the Town of Weare. TA Glover suggests drawing up a bill of sale. Chairwoman Dennis moves to sell the #44 open top container to the Town of Weare for \$500.00 if this sale does not go through then the sale can proceed with Great Rates Container Service for \$400.00. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
8. Chief Dronsfield refers the Select Board to the letter they should have to the NH Division of Motor Vehicles for them to sign in approval of the design for the 250th Anniversary

Commemorative License Plate in order for them to move forward with the application approval from the State to use the plate for 1 year. Robin Estee has worked very hard on getting this done for the Associations. This plate will replace the front plate on the car. Once purchased, the owner will get a letter from the Director of MV giving permission to use this plate as his/her front license plate. They will cost \$20 a piece. The plates cost \$11. The Police and Fire Association will make \$4.50 apiece. They are going to start by ordering 200 and begin selling them at the fair. Chairwoman Dennis moves to approve the application for approval of the graphics and license plate request to the NH Department of Motor Vehicles for the 250th Anniversary Commemorative License Plate for the Town. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

9. a) TA Glover informs the Board that at the request of the Library Trustees they had Seacoast Analytical conduct an airborne radon test at the library. The results indicate that the level on the 1st floor is an 8 and the basement is 23. The EPA recommended level is 4. TA Glover put together an RFP to have it mitigated. At this time, the TA is requesting the Board approve the RFP and have the cost paid out of the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. Chairwoman Dennis moves to approve the RFP for Airborne Radon Mitigation for the Lee Library and costs to be paid from the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.** The Board agrees to test all buildings: 2 highway buildings, transfer station, code enforcement, town hall, public safety, and historical society.

b) TA Glover presents the Board with a spreadsheet of what the health care contribution costs would look like for those who are currently grandfathered. Selectman LaCourse restates his position to slowly move away from the grandfather status. He would like to phase it in over 2-3 years. He does not have a problem with phrasing it in at 25%, 50%, 75% and then 100% over a period of 4 years. He thinks this would help tremendously. He recommends that this start on 7/1/2016 at 25% contribution (of the current contribution.) Selectman Bugbee agrees and then the following year 7/1/2017 at 50%, 7/1/2018 at 75% and then 7/1/2019 there will be no grandfathering at all.

The Board asks for employee comment. There is none.

TA Glover will draft an amendment to the Personnel Policy.

- c) TA Glover states that there were a few articles in the paper recently pertaining to the Town Lee where in each one there was a different department head quoted. Since then a question has arisen whether the Board wants to adopt a Media Policy. Selectman LaCourse states that there should be a Media Policy. As for the Board of Selectmen, he thinks there should be one voice and that is the Chairperson who collectively would speak for the Board.

Selectman Bugbee asks what were the two incidents. TA Glover states that there was an article about the sculpture at the Transfer Station and then there was an article about the new police officer. Chief Dronsfield asks what the issue was with the article about the new police officer. Chairwoman Dennis says that there wasn't an issue with the article. She thinks that it is clear to the Board that the police chief always speaks for his department. She thinks the question is when a town employee speaks to the paper there needs to be a general policy. The police chief

is a responsible spokesman for the police department. The Chief states that under the Incident Command System there is a public information officer position and it is the Town Administrator.

d) No miscellaneous.

- 10. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.
- 11. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept the Select Board Public Meeting Minutes from June 22nd. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

TA Glover points out that there were two items flagged in the Manifest. One was from the Transfer Station for video services. This check will be held until the TA can confirm what this invoice represents. The other flagged item will be addressed later in a non-public.

Selectman Bugbee would like a copy of the new chart of accounts.

- 12. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept the Select Board Non Public and Public Meeting Minutes from July 6th. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
- 13. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept Manifest #27 and Weeks Payroll Ending July 19, 2015. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
- 14. Selectman Bugbee informs the Board that the Heritage Commission had a very nice presentation by 1st New Market Militia/Dearborn's Company that performs reenactments. The 250th is looking to have them come perform many events at the celebration.

LaCourse informs the Board that the Planning Board has accepted an application from a company to come in and install solar panels at the old water bottling plant. This is different than residential solar and is new territory for the Planning Board.

- 15. Chairwoman Dennis motions to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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Date

8/3/15

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