

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Others present: Larry Kindberg, Chuck Cox, Ron and Cheryl Pitkin, David Meeker, Pat Barbour, Kevin and Jane Crawford, Caren Rossi, Cary Brown, John Tappan, Bill Callen, Deborah Schanda, Tom Seubert, Paul and Annie Gasowski, Sarge and Rachel Legard, Katrinka Pellecchia, Roger Rice, Peg Dolan Chief Dronsfield, Town Secretary Denise Duval and Town Administrator Julie Glover.

1. Chairwoman Dennis calls the meeting to order at **6:00 pm** and asks if the Select Board accepts the Agenda as presented. It does.
2. Chairwoman Dennis opens the meeting up to general public comment.

John Tappan, Stepping Stones Road, comments on Article 18 of the proposed 2016 Town Warrant as presented at the deliberative session. He addresses the characterization of the article to discontinue Tibbetts Road. He refers to a letter dated 8/24/2015, from the UNH representative to the Town Administrator, which states that the 1975 warrant article was said to create an ambiguity but does not believe from his interpretation of his research that there is any ambiguity. Mr. Tappan does not believe it was anyone's intention to discontinue Tibbetts Road (in 1975) nor does he believe that there is any unfinished business. Therefore, Article 18 would be new business.

3. Chairwoman Dennis informs the audience that Mr. Macdonald was on the agenda but will not be present this evening. He has dropped off literature that may be viewed at Town Hall.
4. Mr. Callen, Lee Speedway Manager, would like to amend the agreement that was accepted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on 9/19/12 to reflect a change in Hours of Operation from 8am – 6pm to 10am – 8pm. Selectman LaCourse asks if there will loud speakers. Mr. Callen states that these events will be kept at a low level. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept the Lee USA Speedway's request to amend the ZBA agreement dated 9/19/2012 to reflect a change in Hours of Operation for Spring & Fall Outdoor Shows & Auctions from 8am – 6pm to 10am – 8pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
5. Chairwoman Dennis asks if there is anyone in the audience that would like to discuss the Town Center Committee results.

Carey Brown, Thornton Lane, states that based on the overview that the TA gave a few weeks ago, a few members felt that there were some more items that needed to be brought up relative to that conversation. First, they really didn't settle on putting a building on the Steven's property as their recommendation for a new town hall. It was one of the options that were covered, but there were others options to be considered. They feel that there is more to be done as a committee. They do not feel like they have provided a final product. They would like to continue as a committee and try to make a recommendation for the Town Center. There was discussion about moving the hobo shed and building behind the old town hall. There was discussion about buying land from the church and building over on the Annex side.

Ron Pitkin, Wadleigh Falls, states that the committee was unaware that Selectman LaCourse would not entertain renovation of the old town hall. That was not in the charge.

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David Meeker, Wadleigh Falls, adds that Selectman LaCourse didn't mean to leave the town hall to fall down. Selectman LaCourse states that he would want to keep it structurally sound just not a big interior renovation. Mr. Meeker would like to speak on behalf of the hobo shed. It has a great historical significance and is listed as a historical building. Despite comments that it is a legend, there are town warrant articles speaking to the need to preserve and prepare the hobo shed for its occupants.

Paul Gasowski, Lamprey Lane, states that yesterday he received a email that there was to be a town center committee meeting before this meeting to discuss additional information that they might want to add to this discussion. He states that he reminded the sender of this email that there is procedure involving in posting meetings and that a quorum is necessary. He is not sure whether this meeting occurred or what happened.

Mr. Gasowski states that in the report there are 3 or 4 next actions that are suggested. One is to get an idea of the definitive space needs from departments. Another one is to come up with how to phase this. He says it was a rugged go on the committee because the Library hasn't been mentioned yet. The charge was to look at all the buildings and it was difficult keeping that on task due to the strong desire to fix town offices that obviously need to be fixed. For the time being, things take time and cost money per Gasowski. He thinks we need to fix the town offices and the library. The option for the library last year was far too expensive; however, he thinks that some of the unassigned fund balance should be used and realistically tax revenue should be used as well.

TA Glover states that the Board had given the TCC six months and that time is up. Selectman LaCourse feels that there is more that can be done. He would like to see this committee continue with a new charge. Selectman Bugbee agrees and would also like to give them some money to get some proposals on how much some of these suggestions would cost. Bugbee would like to see the town hall get a new foundation. The Board agrees to propose a new charge for the Town Center Committee at the next meeting and continue this committee with the same members.

TA Glover reminds the Board that just prior to forming the TCC, the Town had hired an architect to perform various duties and then the Board put them on hold pending the work of the committee. The total of this RFP was in the area of \$30k.

Deb Schanda, Hale Farm Road, asks the TA to explain more about the architect that was hired. TA Glover states that the Town put out an RFP to do a Needs Analysis Study of the town buildings. After receiving 3 responses the Board chose a firm which started to do the preliminary work but then at the same time there was discussion about having a town center committee which they did. That in effect put the Needs Analysis Study with the Architect on hold. It was barely started. John Tappan asks how much was paid out at that time. He recalls \$10-15k range. The TA thinks that that number sounds high.

Selectman Bugbee asks if the committee would like to move forward with what they have proposed so far. They all nod yes and would like to continue their service.

6. Chief Nemet's item is continued to the next meeting.

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7. Roger Rice presents the Board with the 2015 Annual Facility Report to the DES for their approval. Chairwoman Dennis asks if all the facility operator's must be trained in accordance with the requirements of the Env-Sw 1600 of the Solid Waste rules. Mr. Rice says that all operators must be trained. Chairwoman Dennis needs Mr. Rice to confirm that his operators are up to date and they are. Mr. Rice states that there is still an awful lot that goes into the trash that should be going into recycling.

Cheryl Pitkin, Wadleigh Falls, tries to recycle but struggles with how clean she should make her recyclables. How much water should be used to clean out recyclables? Mr. Rice says only do a quick rinse.

8. a) TA Glover informs the Board that a salary survey cost would be approximately \$5,000-10,000.

b) TA Glover clarifies that even though the Board agreed to put Article 18 on the Warrant, UNH could have submitted a petition warrant article in which case it would have ended up on the Warrant anyway. Also, because the Town of Lee is SB2 all warrant articles are moved forward and it is a confusing process to have the moderator ask the voters to vote to move things forward because they go forward anyway. Both the Town Clerk and the moderator spoke with someone from the Secretary of State's office today and received that answer.

c) The Town Report is in its final stages.
d) The Final Audit Report is complete and was emailed out to the Select Board and will be placed on the Town website.. This will be included in the next agenda for review.
e) Selectman Bugbee asks to see the Voter's Guide before it goes out. He would like to see an explanation on why Article #18 is still there.
9. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept Consent Agenda as presented. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept the Transfer Station's 2015 Annual Facility Report to the Department of Environmental Services. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
10. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept the Select Board Public and Non Public Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2016. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
11. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept the Select Board Public Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2016. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
12. Chairwoman Dennis moves to accept Manifest #15 and Weeks Payroll ending January 31, 2016. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
13. Chairwoman Dennis moves to enter into Non-Public session NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) Fairpoint at 6:54pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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The Board voted to accept the recommendation of Attorney Kate Miller and authorized DTC to file an appeal on behalf of the Town of the Merrimack County Superior Court's decision on the *ultra vires* claims in the Fairpoint lawsuit. The Board returns from Non-Public at 7:05pm.

14. Selectman Bugbee states that the first 250th event is this Friday – marking of the tree and then the tar and feathering on Saturday. The 12th is the felling of the tree and the 19th is the hauling of the tree with oxen. The Proclamation ceremony is on the 13th from 1-3pm at Mast Way School.

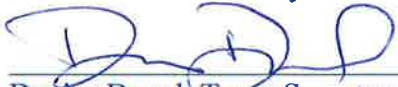
Selectman LaCourse asks how far the Board got as far as establishing a merit pool of \$30,000. TA Glover states that the department heads were apprised that they would need to submit reviews no later than April 1st. The Board would review and consider them. LaCourse wants to make sure that this process is moving forward at this time.

Selectman LaCourse still feels that there is opportunity to expand at the PSC. He asks if it would be possible to move Joanne to the PSC. TA Glover states that that would be really impractical. At a bare minimum, Joanne, Denise and the TA would have to move over together along with the Assessing files and copy machine. This would leave the commissions and the TC/TC office in need of equipment and/or clerical support.

Chairwoman Dennis would like to have a work session with the Library Trustees before she leaves. They decide on holding that at the beginning of the Select Board meeting on February 29th.

15. Chairwoman Dennis motions to adjourn at 7:15 pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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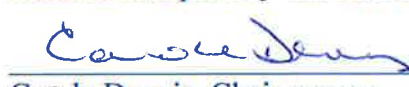


Denise Duval, Town Secretary

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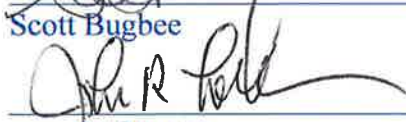
Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board:



Carole Dennis, Chairwoman



Scott Bugbee



John LaCourse