

## SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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**Board members present:** Chairman Bugbee, Selectman LaCourse and Selectman Brown

**Others present:** Phyllis White, Caren Rossi, Ron Pitkin, Anne Tappan, Christine Moss, Katrin Kasper, Jonathan Moss, Molly Darling, Robin Wonderluch, Jon Epstein, Chief Dronsfield, Town Secretary Denise Duval and Town Administrator Julie Glover.

1. Chairman Bugbee calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Chairman Bugbee opens the meeting up to public comment.

Phyllis White, Wednesday Hill Road, has 3 comments. Ms. White informs the Board that the sign hanging over the Library which states 1864 should actually be hanging on the Town Hall. If there is still a sign around that says 1897, that sign should be on the Library.

On behalf of the Historical Society, Ms. White would say that after meeting with the officers from the Historical Society the policy is fine with regards to volunteers but they do not want a dinner or certificate. They do what they do because they like it and the Town's thank you to the Society is to maintain their building. That is the biggest thank you the Town can give to them.

Ms. White wants to go back to the church discussion for a minute and just point out that the church is actually a community building used for community services such as the scouts, 4-H, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.

3. Chairman Bugbee reminds the Board that Senator Martha Fuller Clark asked the Board at the last meeting if there was any legislation that they would like to see implemented that she could support. Selectman Brown needs to do further research on his item before he can decide whether it should move forward as legislation. TA Glover indicates that we have not heard back from the Senator regarding any questions from that night. Selectman LaCourse agrees would like to consider this further as well. They agree to postpone until August.
4. a) TA Julie Glover informs the Board that the signs are now up in LRP and the Town Forest reminding people to clean up after their dogs and the pet waste station is installed at LRP. In addition, the Select Board had asked for her to draft a leash law for Lee. There are a variety of State laws that allow the governing body (Select Board) to adopt an ordinance requiring dogs to be restrained. TA asks for the Police Chief to speak on RSA 466:31. This applies in any Town or City and does not require the town or city to adopt a specific ordinance. The Chief indicates that they issue Abate notices or warnings for dog violations first and that usually takes care of the issue. TA Glover informs that Board that the Town adopted the NH RSA 466:30 Dog at Large statute in November 1980 and then rescinded in March of 1981 because the Town did not have a police force sufficient to manage that particular ordinance. This dog at large statute is very similar to what is already in place without adopting an ordinance. The only difference is the statute would allow the Town to impound a dog. The TA suggests consulting with the Cemetery Trustees with regards to restricting dogs in cemeteries. Many other towns and cities do not allow dogs in cemeteries. The Conservation Commission is meeting tonight to discuss this matter amongst themselves. The Chief adds that every lost dog case should be looked at individually due to its surrounding circumstances. They focus on the negligent dog owners who are not doing what they are supposed to be doing to keep their dogs on their property or under their control. The Chief states that dog issues do take up a lot of their time. At some point they will need an animal control officer.

Robin Wunderlich, Alderbrook Way, is less concerned now that he sees and hears what the Board is considering. They have walked their dogs around the dump and in the woods for 25 years and have had no issues with other dogs. They live in the Town of Lee because they like the way this town hasn't put rules in effect just to have a book of rules. It is different than the other surrounding towns that make things difficult for no particular apparent good reason. The way it has been handled by the police department seems to work well. Personally he does not see a need to add rules to a situation that already has a baseline set of rules such as the State rules.

Katrin Kasper, Elder Osborne Drive, has worked with dogs her whole life and understands dog psychology. Dogs need a chance to be dogs. She worries about taking away the opportunity that some dogs will lose if you make them be on a leash. She has been walking the woods of Lee for a long time. It is one of the reasons that she gets out and gets exercise that she so desperately needs and her dog needs. She cannot run with her dog. She supports picking up after your dog. It would be sad if this is taken away because one or two have had a bad experience. Selectman Brown asks her what she thinks the Board is getting ready to do. She said she just was brought into the fold and read about a leash law on all Town property which would include the Town Forest. She adds that dogs are must less aggressive off leash than they are on. When introducing dogs it is much safer to do so with no leashes on.

Caren Rossi asks for clarification with regards to leashes on if on Town property but off if on easement property. TA Glover explains that she was asked to draft a simple leash law. This is a first draft. The Select Board may carve out exceptions such as for the Town Forest. In many other towns, dogs are not allowed in cemeteries.

Ron Pitkin, Wadleigh Falls Road, owns dogs for 30 years and his wife is an animal behaviorist and dog trainer. Mr. Pitkin states that it is unfortunate that because of a handful of dog owners who can't control their dogs ruin it for others who can. Most dog owners do it right. He and his wife always use leashes because they do not want to set their dogs up for possible failure. He understands both sides.

Jonathan Moss, Tuttle Road, has walked in the woods behind the dump for 25 years without leashing their dogs. He says the trails are clear of waste. He has never seen anyone walk back there without a bag. He is concerned about unintended consequences such as if people have to walk with leashed back there then many people will not be going back there and then he has a property with 6 acres of woods, if his dog goes into those woods they are not going to chase after him and the waste is going to end up there rather than picked up.

John Epstein, Little Hook Road, says that he too has been walking back there for 25 years and has never had an issue. It would be a great shame to not be able to let them run and be dogs. The trails are clear. He suggests putting some waste station up at the trail heads in addition to LRP. He says it sounds like from what the Chief said that most of the issues are in neighborhoods and not out in the woods.

Molly Darling, Alder Brook Way and Robin's wife, states that the biggest problem is with the dogs on leashes. If someone or a dog is upset or scared then everyone respects that and would restrain their dog. It is its own community out there. The dogs on leashes are much more aggressive. They opened the doggie daycare in town just recently. She feels that this is connected to the Conservation Commission somehow, but she is not sure what that tie is. She says that the waste found on the trails is usually from dogs on leashes because the other dogs are off in the woods where you can't even find them.

Ann Tappan, Stepping Stones Road, states that she is on the Conservation Commission but she is not speaking for the Commission right now. This did not come about from the Conservation

Commission. She states that an easement is private property and not town owned land. The Town Forest and LRP is town owned land. As far as dog waste goes she thinks people should spend a little bit of time reading what the EPA has to say about it. It is a significant problem whether it is on the trail or off the trail. The more an area is used by dogs, it concentrates the waste. She adds again that this was not a conservation issue. The Commission will be discussing it due to the leash law presented. Selectman Brown says that he thought that in a previous meeting she had stood up originally with a plan for waste stations at trail heads and then a meeting later she backed off of that as the spokesman for the Commission. In that discussion more than once the Conservation Commission said that they found the bags with the waste in it thrown into the vernal pools and scattered around. He asks Ms. Tappan is he not accurate in that. She says yes and no. Ms. Tappan said that the Conservation Commission never asked for waste collection stations. One of the members said that they found considerable dog waste in the Town Forest. It has been a discussion within the Commission but they did not bring it to the Board as an issue. Once this discussion started they thought that signs and education were the most important.

Chris Moss, Tuttle Road, states that most of the dogs live in Town so those dogs are already in this watershed; therefore, their waste is already in the watershed. She does not see how waste in the woods is changing the environment in Lee if these dogs are already here and they are already pooping someplace else. But she thinks that having the waste stations will encourage people to pick it up.

TA Glover reminds the Board that at a previous meeting the Conservation Commission said that they were looking into putting together a program like Dover did to promote picking up after your dog on Town property but also on your own property.

Selectman Brown states that in his mind this all started with LRP. He still feels strongly about dogs being on a leash while they are in LRP. After talking about it, he would look at carving out other areas to allow no leash, but not LRP. Selectman LaCourse states that he is on pretty much the same path. He is more concerned with areas where there is a concentration of children or people with physical limitations.

Robin Wunderlich concurs with the idea that when one is in heavily populated areas such as LRP, ballfields and playgrounds it would be an appropriate request to be on a leash. This is only logical.

The Board agrees to further discuss this matter. TA Glover suggests identifying all the areas by map and lot and asking the Cemetery Trustees if they have an opinion on this matter. TA Glover will provide another draft. Board agrees to postpone this matter until August 15<sup>th</sup>.

b) TA Glover reminds the Board that an RFP went out for the Annual Financial Audit. There were 3 responses and the Select Board agreed that Chairman Bugbee would meet with Joanne Clancy and herself to make a decision. They choose Vachon Clukay and she has the agreement for the Chair to execute today.

c) TA Glover presents the Board with the final Mast Wheel Loan Agreement for Select Board to see.

5. Chairman Bugbee **moves** to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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6. Chairman Bugbee **moves** to accept the Select Board Public and Non Public Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2016. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
7. Chairman Bugbee **moves** to accept Manifest #26 and Weeks Payroll ending July 3, 2016. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
8. Chairman Bugbee **moves** to enter into Non-Public Session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) at 6:50pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

The Board returns to public session at 7:10 pm.

9. The Board agrees to not seal the non-public minutes regarding the personnel issue.
10. Selectman LaCourse wants to discuss the leash law again. He believes that he and Mr. Brown are pretty much in the same spot about LRP but there are other areas in town where there are gatherings of children such as Town Field. He would like the TA to identify all the places that kids play. The other area is Stevens Field. TA Glover suggests that they include town buildings such as Town Hall and the Public Safety Complex. TA Glover will identify the properties by map and lot. Signs will need to be posted.

The Board would like to ask Bill Stevens to move the sign from the Library to Town Hall and either find the sign for the Library or make a new one.

Selectman LaCourse would like to see something done about the abandoned gas station on Route 4, aka Mick and Herbs. TA Glover can meet with Caren Rossi to discuss the options and bring them back to the Board.

Chairman Bugbee gives an update on the 250<sup>th</sup> festivities. They have about 60 entries for the parade. In 1966 they had 90. Transfer Station is open from 6-9am and closed from 9-1:30pm. Bus transportation will be available to LRP from the parade. Route 155 will be closed from Recycling Center Road down to Furber. The Mast Wheels are being tested next Wednesday. There will be 6 pair of oxen. Parade is from 10-11:30 am. There will be an awards ceremony and entertainment in the afternoon from 12-6 pm. The Chicken BBQ is from 5-6:30pm. Hot air balloon will be there from 4:15-6pm. Encampment people set up Friday night. Boy Scouts are staying over Saturday night. Cannons will be firing 3 times per day. Encampment drills all weekend. There is further discussion about other details regarding the parade.

Chairman Bugbee asks TA Glover to ask TA Selig if he would be so kind as to advertise our 250<sup>th</sup> in the Durham Friday Updates.

11. Chairman Bugbee **motions** to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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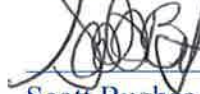


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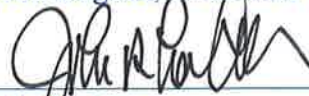
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Date

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board:



Scott Bugbee, Chairman



John LaCourse



Cary Brown



**SELECT BOARD NON-PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
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**Board members present:** Chairman Bugbee, Selectman LaCourse and Selectman Brown

**Others present:** Caren Rossi

1. Chairman Bugbee motions to enter into Non-Public Session at 6:50 pm per RSA 91-A: 3II (a) regarding the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee or the investigation of any charges against him unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote.**
2. The Board discusses filling the position of building inspector. The new employee will work 20 hours per week at \$24.00 per hour and will also be the Assistant Health Officer for the Town.
3. The Board reconvenes to public session at 7:10pm. The Board agrees to not seal these minutes.
4. Minutes recorded by Chairman Bugbee.

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**Minutes accepted by Lee Select Board on** 7/18/16



**Chairman Scott Bugbee**



**Selectman John LaCourse**



**Selectman Cary Brown**