

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

Others present: Joe Hannon, J. Roberts, Kevin and Janet Crawford, Caren Rossi, Tom Seubert, Roger Rice, Alan Jacobsen, Chief Dronsfield, Chief Nemet, 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.

Tom Seubert, 10 Sheppard Lane, is a 25 year-plus retired navy commander. He thanks the Police and Fire Chiefs for all that they do. Mr. Seubert shows a building permit for Mr. Macdonald to build a shed at 101 Stepping Stones Road, signed by Alan Dennis on May 16, 2016. This document states shed only. Mr. Seubert presents print outs of various articles about the VRC and quotes by Peter Macdonald from Facebook, Fosters and television stations. Chairman Bugbee asks Mr. Seubert to finish up; he has surpassed his 3 minutes. Mr. Seubert states that he has been in contact with the Attorney General's Office regarding this matter. The Town is being misrepresented by Macdonald in his quest to build tiny homes for vets. Mr. Seubert states that he has collected thousands of dollars under false pretenses. Mr. Seubert has been in contact with WBZ to investigate this matter.

Alan Jacobson, 99 Stepping Stones Road, adds that he is a volunteer sampler of the lake and there were cyno bacteria blooms last year in the water. These are poisonous to people and animals. He hopes that if 100 Stepping Stones is going to have more than one house that a very careful and serious assessment of the environmental impact takes place.

Selectman Brown clarifies that when he met with Mr. Macdonald on his property back in May with Ms. Rossi he thought they could find another way to deal with this situation other than this constant back and forth battle. He did say that he would like to be able to work with him and he is sure that the Town would like to be able to work with him but the first thing he needs to do is be a good neighbor. The property is an eye sore and he told him that. Mr. Macdonald indicated that he would clean it up by the end of the month and he has not done it even as of now. The Board is well aware of all the problems and issues but is not aware of any answers at least Selectman Brown is not. The Board is not anti-veteran but Mr. Macdonald can legally say whatever he wants. Until he breaks the law there is nothing the Board can do.

Tom Seubert adds that Mr. Macdonald is taking advantage of the public. He is collecting thousands and thousands of dollars and he is building nothing. Where is this money going?

Chairman Bugbee agrees with Selectman Brown. Until he breaks the law there is not too much the Board can do. He has freedom of speech.

Tom Seubert states that he has contacted WBZ to set up an interview and get them up here to investigate.

Chairman Bugbee asks Ms. Rossi if the foundation pictured in one of the articles is for his shed. Ms. Rossi says that is what Mr. Macdonald told her and Selectman Brown when they

were there in May. The conduit has been there for a while now. He started building the sheds a few years ago and her office issued a cease and desist order at that time and he stopped. His shed permit indicates that he will NOT have electrical or plumbing. He could but his permit does not allow for this. So far he hasn't done anything wrong per Caren Rossi.

Selectman Brown would like to see the American Legion or the VFW come out and check things out. Tom Seubert has a contact and will see to it. Alan Jacobson quickly adds that sometimes when people are breaking the law on their own property it is awfully hard for anyone to prove it and the damage can still be done.

3. Kevin Crawford, 100 Stepping Stones Road, passes out a plan with Allan Dennis' note on it confirming that Mr. Macdonald wrote "no plumbing, no electrical, no life" for shed permit. Ms. Rossi clarifies that the plan Mr. Crawford is referring to was submitted as part of Mr. Macdonald's planning board submittal which he withdrew and was not approved. He then passes out the VRC's 2013 and 2014 tax return. There are comments regarding how much he has collected over these years and where this money has gone. Mr. Crawford's mission is to make sure that people he collects from know that he has no permits and he's not building tiny homes. He is completely convinced that Mr. Macdonald has no ambition to get along with anybody. He understands the position the Board is in. He knows the Board cares and appreciates the Board listening to their concerns. Mr. Crawford asks the Board if they would try to get rid of the part on his (VRC) website that indicates that the Town of Lee supports what he is doing. Chairman Bugbee says that he believes Mr. Seubert is on the right track alerting those who do these types of investigations would be prudent. The public should know if he is doing something deceptive. Chairman Bugbee asks the TA if there is a way to get that comment off on his website or Facebook, maybe have our Attorney send a cease and desist letter.
4. Chief Dronsfield was asked to come in to discuss the heroin issue in Lee. In 2013 there were 24 drug arrests - only a few were heroin with no overdoses. In 2014 there were 16 arrests with 2 overdoses. In 2015 there were 40 drug arrests with a good number being heroin and 6 overdoses. This year so far there have been 8 arrests most of them heroin with 2 overdoses, one resulting in death. Most of this has been transient cases. The death was an actual resident. He does not believe Lee has a problem but there is a problem with people passing through or visiting. They are reactive to what is happening. They work closely with the Strafford County Drug Task Force. The Lee Fire Department has administered Narcan 4 times.

Joe Hannon speaks on the State's response to the heroin epidemic in NH. In 2010 there were 177 overdoses statewide. 19 were from fentanyl and 18 from heroin. In 2015 there were 439 drug overdose deaths overall; 283 were fentanyl related and 88 heroin related. In 2014 there were 1921 administrations of Narcan by EMS and in 2015 after the bill went through there were 2724. As of April of this year there have been 866. To imprison someone in Strafford County per year is \$34-35k. Outpatient treatment is around \$7k. The State has had many programs implemented over the years such as the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. More stringent guidelines are presently being added to this program. There are additional Continuing Medical Education Requirements that doctors are required to earn 3 credits for addiction and dependence education for their license renewals. There was insurance reform with regards to

the waiting period to get into inpatient and outpatient drug and/or alcohol treatment programs. The gap was closed between needing help and getting that approval from your doctor.

5. a) TA Glover informs the Board that the deadline for the NHMA Floor Proposals is August 12th and then they have until the Legislative Policy Conference on 9/23rd to vote on the Final Policy Recommendations. The Board will come to the meeting on August 29th prepared to discuss the policy recommendations in detail.

b) TA Glover informs the Board that in order for them to take action on a “hazardous and dilapidated building” the first thing that has to be determined is that it is a hazardous building which essentially means that it is a fire hazard or a hazard to public safety or health. If this can be met then there is large process that is laid out in the statutes. Based on the preliminary research the TA has done, it takes a long time and costs a lot of money. Selectman Brown adds that after reading all the information, the Board would have to be really careful with how it proceeded. TA Glover states that it was for sale recently and according to the way it was advertised the pumps and tanks have been removed. She indicates that the Fire Chief has contacted the State Fire Marshall on this issue. Chief Dronsfield states that they have not had any problems with people breaking in or vandalizing the property. Ms. Rossi states that the owner is out of Boston, they pay their taxes and it is zoned residential at this time.

c) TA Glover presents the updated fair application and insurance waiver for the Board to approve. Chairman Bugbee moves to accept the application and insurance waiver as presented. Selectman LaCourse so moves. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

d) TA Glover and Highway Supervisor Randy Stevens recommends staying with the same companies for fuel this year. Chairman Bugbee moves to award the FY17 Annual Fuel Bid to Hartman Oil for #2 heating oil and Hanscom’s for Off Road Diesel. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
6. Chairman Bugbee **moves** to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
7. Chairman Bugbee **moves** to accept the Select Board Public and Non Public Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2016 and the Public Meeting Minutes from July 5, 2016. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
8. Chairman Bugbee **moves** to accept Manifest #1 and Weeks Payroll ending July 17, 2016. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
9. Chairman Bugbee **moves** to enter into Non-Public Session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) at 7:20pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor.

Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.**

The Board returns to public session at 8:08 pm.

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10. Chairman Bugbee moves to seal the minutes from the non-public meeting. Selectman LaCourse, seconds.

Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.**

After a discussion the Board would like the TA to draft a letter to all salaried employees indicating that they will be paid for the 2 days they were missing at the end of FY16. Selectman Brown states that this is a one-time deal. The Board makes it clear that in the future salaried employees will get paid what they are owed for the year and that is it.

11. Chairman Bugbee comments on the 250th weekend event and thanks everyone who was involved and helped make it such a success. Selectman Brown says a special thanks to Erick Sawtelle and his group in getting the Mast Wheels down here from Webster, NH. It was a huge task and a great deal of hard work! The Webster Historical Society was very impressed with how well everyone from Lee worked together to make all of this happen. Selectman LaCourse asks if the 250th Committee is going to come out with a book after this is all over with.

The next events are the Ice Cream Smorgasbord on August 9th, the Settlers' JubiLee on the 25th, the Fair on September 10th and then a Closing Ceremony in the first part of December. They still need to wrap up the Time Capsule and they are also looking into another Lee Remembers Evening.

There was a brief discussion about holding the Fair at LRP this year. Both Chiefs believe that if there are going to be fireworks then LRP would be the place to have them.

12. Chairman Bugbee **motions** to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Minutes transcribed by:



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8/15/16

Date

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board:



Scott Bugbee, Chairman



John LaCourse



Cary Brown