

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

Others present: Joe Bassett, Brian Cisneros, Jim Morse, Todd Allen, David and Sharon Meeker, Judy MacDonald, Bill Humm, Sue Caswell, Anne Tappan, Chief Dronsfield, Town Administrator Julie Glover and Town Secretary Denise Duval.

1. Chairman LaCourse calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. Chairman LaCourse opens the meeting up to public comment. There is none.
3. Chairman LaCourse opens the Racetrack Public Hearing.

Joe Bassett, General Manager, presents the 23 week schedule with 3 test and tunes. They do have several TBD's events and realize that they need to come to the Board as soon as they know what they are going to be.

Chairman LaCourse closes the Racetrack Public Budget Hearing at 6:33 pm.

Chairman LaCourse moves to accept the Lee USA Speedway's 2018 proposed operation schedule and grant them a license, subject to the conditions imposed by the Lee Racetrack Ordinance, including inspections by the Building Inspector, Fire Chief, Police Chief and submission of certificate of insurance to the Town Administrator. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

4. Dr. Morse, Superintendent of Schools, invites the Select Board and the TA to the Strategic Plan Meeting on Wednesday night, January 31st at the High School.

This year the School Board wanted the negotiated contracts inside the budget. This year the new revenue generated from the Barrington tuition may be used to offset increases in the budget. The School Board will start replenishing the expendable trust funds that were used in FY18 by \$100,000 each year. There were no petition warrants. Dr. Morse discusses the districts accomplishments, highlights and goals including what to do with the Middle School. Oyster River will be the 1st High School in the State that offers an early college program with the university. The first course will be free and the following courses thereafter will be \$800.

Dr. Morse goes over the projected enrollments as set out by the Long Range Planning Committee which leads into the discussion surrounding the Mast Way School expansion project. With him, Dr. Morse has two large plans printed on boards (now on display at the Lee Library) which he refers to as he describes the 3 new classrooms, the new music room and the enlarged entryway that is included in the proposed renovation and expansion plan. They will need a variance from the Select Board in terms of allowing vehicles to enter the property via Town owned land during the construction. The new classrooms (shown in pink) will cost \$1.1 million. He states that they are not bonding this project. Instead they are shifting all of their Capital account to the Mast Way School for this upcoming school year. Normally that \$1 million would be spread between the High School, Middle School, Moharimet School and Mast Way School. But they believe that this need is so great that they will redirect their entire Capital account to Lee. The blue section is another project that will be going on this summer and that is a result of a Homeland Security Analysis of Mast Way School done 4 years ago.

Homeland Security determined that the key employees do not have a clear view of the outside. The analysis found us to be eligible for \$572,000 worth of State grant money. In the last legislative session, the State had \$19 million that they wanted to commit to schools which had to be based on safety or technology. Of all the school systems in the state, Mast Way was one of the ones that got the biggest reward from Concord because it was the most ready. Dr. Morse states that while the school is improving the safety will be able to improve the looks of the front of the building as well.

The District entered into a lease purchase arrangement with Siemens for all new windows in Mast Way and Moharimet along with switching all the fluorescent bulbs to LED's. LED's are better for your eyes and more cost effective. Overall this is about a \$4 million investment in the Mast Way School through grants, leases and direct tax payer funding.

Dr. Morse reviews the FY19 increases which included negotiated agreements with the bus drivers and ORPaSS, health insurance, Capital Account, Technology Lease, Elementary Staffing and Teaching Guild Agreement. The FY19 Budget total impact is 3.2%. The tax impact on Lee per \$1000 is proposed to be an increase of \$0.23.

Chairman LaCourse asks about the time schedule surrounding the Mast Way project. Dr. Morse says starting in April and going through October maybe November. He informs Dr. Morse that he sits on the Planning Board as well and would like to speak about what is being proposed with regards to access to the project area. There is an issue with having to go through the town of Lee's land to get to the school in the back. There has been a presentation to the Planning Board which included taking down some trees in order to get to the project area. Dr. Morse uses the large drawing to show the two options on how to come in, both of which involve Town land and cutting trees. According to Dr. Morse the trees are dead and need to come down anyway. Chairman LaCourse will be asking the Conservation Commission to work on this to determine the best route.

David Meeker confirms that this would not be a permanent access and that the school would be restoring it after the construction is completed with some new trees. Dr. Morse says they would do whatever is required of them. It would not be a permanent access. They would work with the town in relation to replacement for sure. Selectman Bugbee asks if they will need a staging area. Dr. Morse states it will all depend on which access point they decide to use.

Selectman Bugbee asks who the number 1 performing school district is if we are number 2. The answer is Hanover. He asks if Barrington has reached its highest level of participants at 168. The most they can send according to the contract is 200. Dr. Morse thinks it will settle at 175/180. Every year there is a waiting list and they have to go through a lottery for kids to go to ORHS. If a sibling gets in, then the other siblings get put at the top of the list.

The stage at Mast Way will go back to being a stage again once they move into their new classroom.

For FY20, the school board budget will be proposing an expansion to the cafeteria at Mast Way.

There might be one new classroom that will be undesignated in the next school year.

The school board policy allows 372 kids into Mast Way School.

5. a) TA Glover presents the VRC's Tax Exemption request dated 1/18/2018 for tax year 2018. Chairman LaCourse moves to deny the request made by the Veterans Resort Chapel for tax exemption based upon the following: An organization may not claim multiple exemptions under separate provision of RSA 72:23. The application submitted indicates a request for both a religious exemption under RSA 72:23 III and a charitable exemption under RSA 72:23 V. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

b) TA Glover presents an amendment to the pole license language issued for poles and conduit in the public rights-of-way, which require payment of properly assessed property taxes and require utility companies to notify the Town of additional attachers, as required by the NH law. These changes are recommended by the Town's attorney. Chairman LaCourse moves to approve the Pole and Conduit License Template as presented. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

c) TA Glover explains that now the front furnace in the Library needs to be replaced. The Board asks what is wrong with it and how much will it cost to fix. There has been a problem with the pilot light and keeping the pipes cleaned. The age of the furnace is not known at this time. Selectman Bugbee wants to know what is wrong with it before it is replaced. The Board agrees.

d) TA Glover asks to review the Warrant and assign people to present each one. Warrant Articles 1, 2, 3 - the Moderator; Article 4 - Selectman Brown; Article 5, 6 - Selectman Bugbee; Article 7 - Chief Nemet; Article 8 - Selectman Bugbee; Article 9 - Chief Nemet; Article 10 - Randy Stevens; Article 11 - Chairman LaCourse; Article 12 - Randy Stevens; Article 13 - Chief Nemet; Article 14 - Chairman LaCourse; Article 15 - Toby Van Aken; Article 16 - Selectman Brown; Article 17 - Chairman LaCourse; Article 18 - Chief Nemet; Article 19, 20 - Bill Humm; Article 21, 22 - Selectman Brown; Article 23 - Chairman LaCourse

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

Chairman LaCourse discusses the trees and the school access. He wants to clarify that they can remove their own trees in their right of way as they see fit, but there are healthy trees where they are wanting to enter so he would ask that the Board consider requiring them to stump the trees they cut down. The cost to be borne by the school district and not by the Town of Lee. He also wishes the Conservation Commission to be a part of these discussions. Mr. Humm will be present for the walk of the property. Maybe the temporary road could go through the tennis courts. The school did not realize that they needed to come to the Select Board for permission to cut down trees.

7. Chairman LaCourse moves to enter into Non-Public Session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (d) at approximately **7:34pm**. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll**

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Call Vote. Motion Carries. The Board returns to public session at **7:53pm**.

- 8. Chairman LaCourse states that there is nothing to seal at this time.
- 9. Selectman Bugbee reminds everyone that the Town Center Vision Committee (TCVC) is conducting a dry run of their presentation tomorrow (1/30/18) at 6pm.

The Board would like to see the drawings and the documents from the school in the E-Crier.

Selectman Bugbee reminds every one of the department head training this Thursday 2-5pm.

- 10. Chairman LaCourse moves to adjourn at **7:57pm**. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor.
Motion Carries.

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Date

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board:



John LaCourse, Chairman



Cary Brown



Scott Bugbee

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Others present: Town Administrator Julie Glover


1. Chairman LaCourse motions to enter into Non-Public Session at 7:34 pm per RSA 91-A: 3II (d). Selectman Bugbee, seconds. To consider the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. **Roll Call Vote to enter into nonpublic session. All Agree following Roll Call Vote.**
2. The Board discusses the church property purchase.
3. A Motion will not be made to seal the minutes back in public session.
4. Chairman LaCourse moves to leave nonpublic session and return to public session. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.** The Board reconvenes to public session at 7:53pm.
5. Minutes recorded by Chairman LaCourse.

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Chairman John LaCourse



Selectman Cary Brown



Selectman Scott Bugbee