

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Board members present: Chairman LaCourse and Selectman Bugbee

Board members absent: Selectman Brown

Others present: Randy Stevens, John and Anne Tappan, Joe Bassett, Mike Vardaro, Sue Caswell, Jim Rozycki, John and Judy MacDonald, Patrick Hotaling, 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. Joe Bassett, Racetrack Manager, is requesting permission from the Board to hold the Monster Truck Show Event on Sunday, 5/20/2018 and the Demolition Derby Event on Saturday, 10/13/2018. Chief Dronsfield does not have an issue with these events. He has spoken with Chief Nemet who does not have any issues with these events either. Chairman LaCourse moves to accept the Lee USA Speedway's request to hold a Monster Truck Show Event on May 20, 2018 and a Demolition Derby Event on October 13, 2018. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
4. Jim Rozycki, Facilities Director, is presenting a request on behalf of the ORCSD to remove a tree from the Town of Lee property which borders the Town Field next to the Mast Way School. The tree in question is right on the edge and they feel the tree is going to be compromised as the vehicles drive over the root systems; therefore, they believe it would be beneficial to remove that tree. They present pictures. Mr. Rozycki does not think that they will be driving on the (town) property itself. They will be cleaning up and reseeding any part that they do drive on. They are thinking about creating a paved walkway so they can get full access around the school site. They anticipate starting the project during the first week of April. There has been no objection made by the Conservation Commission and they were present for the site walk. Town Administrator Glover states that during the site walk the school did indicate that they would be using the school property for staging and that is the property to the right of the school and to the left of the ball field. They indicated putting up a snow fence to delineate that line. Chairman LaCourse asked if they would normally use construction fence. Mr. Rozycki states that is what they were referring to. He said the fencing is not going to be a chain link or metal fence. Chairman LaCourse asks why. Mr. Rozycki says because there isn't going to be a lot of access back there, but if that is the Select Board's recommendation then he can bring it to the general contractor's attention. Chairman LaCourse says he would like that.

Larry Kindberg states that this is the first he has heard of this and he is concerned about the Easter Egg Hunt that is scheduled to take place in that area on March 31st. The construction would not start until April 1st per Mr. Rozycki. Selectman Bugbee asks Mr. Rozycki to share with the Board who is going to be using this access road and also more about where the large trucks will be accessing. Mr. Rozycki wants to access light utility and box trucks through the front due to school still being in session. All larger vehicles will access in the back through the playground area. They may recommend that the steel and concrete be delivered during the April vacation. Selectman Bugbee asks about the cafeteria addition. Mr. Rozycki states that this hasn't really been put out to the community yet, but they do want to campaign for adding 700-

800 square feet to the cafeteria. They need to discuss this with Chief Nemet due to it going into the fire lane. They would have to ask for an exception.

The school received an 80% security grant from the State of NH to go towards the front office addition. Chairman LaCourse moves to allow the Oyster River Cooperative School District to cut down one tree on the Town of Lee property located on the northerly side of the Mast Way School as marked. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

5. a & b) Move this to later in meeting.
6. Larry Kindberg, Rec Commission Chair, introduces Mike Vardaro who has applied to be a member of the Rec Commission. The Commission has approved his application and hopes that the Board will as well. Mr. Vardaro has been a resident of Lee for about 1½ years. He states he is looking to get more involved with the town and this seems like a good place to start. The Board accepts his application.

Mr. Kindberg updates the Board on the program schedule for 2018. The Easter Egg hunt is planned for March 31st, the Fishing Derby is set for May 12th at Stevens' Field, Model Rocket Day is scheduled for July 21st and Two Family Movie Nights (one for children and one for adults/family) are to be determined. They have talked about having a Model Drone Day and Music in the Park under the Pavilion.

They are still working on a solution to prevent vandalism should they put signs up for the trees at Little River Park. They are planning a work day at Little River Park to fertilize the trees.

7. a) Randy Stevens, Highway Supervisor, asks the Board if they want to post weight limits on town roads again this year. The Board does. The Highway Supervisor may give written exemptions to vendors. The roads included on this list are Snell Road, Newtown Plains Road, Hayes Road, Pinkham Road, Garrity Road, Packers Falls Road, Jenkins Road, Wednesday Hill Road, Stepping Stones East, West and South Road, Mitchell Road, Tuttle Road, Campground Road, Fox Garrison Road, Kelsey Road, West Mill Pond Road, Thompson Road, Lee Hill Road, Cartland Road, Demeritt Avenue, Gile Road, High Road, Birch Hill Road and Old Mill Road. Chairman LaCourse moves to authorize the Highway Supervisor to post weight limits on certain roads as presented to be in effect from the date of posting to April 30, 2018. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
- b) Mr. Stevens presents the Board with a draft paving plan. He discusses a variety of options and the related costs. He asks the Board what they would like to see happen during this next year. He would recommend doing reconstruction on Snell Road next year from Rte.155 (5 corners) to the bridge. The Town should start doing some reconstruction. He can hone this paving plan down for the next meeting. The Board agrees to bid for the shim and wait on everything else. Mr. Stevens states that they would not be able to afford shimming without the State SB38 money. Mr. Stevens will provide a list of roads that will get shimmed.

Selectman Bugbee asks Mr. Stevens if he is giving his notice of retirement. Mr. Stevens states that by the end of March he will present the Board with a letter giving a date.

Mr. Stevens informs the Board that the new truck is going back to the equipment dealer in Maine to fix a few things. The plow sticks out 10-12 inches into the other lane and there is a hydraulic problem. If the sander is on and you try to pick your wing up it barely creeps up and the sander goes twice as fast. Putting a priority flow divider valve in should fix the problem. All of this at no cost to the Town. The truck itself is powerful, good traction, good visibility and looks nice.

8. a) TA Glover reminds the Board of the letter that the Town received from the NHDOT with regards to the crosswalk at Mast Way. The State has plans to pave a portion of that road and they have made a determination that the crosswalk does not meet standards; therefore, they will not continue to maintain the crosswalk. The Board and Superintendent Morse asked TA Glover to send a letter to NHDOT saying that we were unhappy with that decision and the response back was the lengthy letter presented today. TA Glover spoke to Primex (the Town's insurance carrier) and laid the issue out to them and the response was the Town would be liable if it proceeded to put the crosswalk back in should something happen. TA Glover also spoke to DOT who said we could hire our own engineer for a 2nd opinion. TA Glover recommends that the Town does not continue that crosswalk. Even if the school were to go ahead, Towns are responsible for roads so the Town of Lee could not put that responsibility on the school. Chief Dronsfield states that he is concerned with taking on this responsibility and for as long as he has been here he has seen maybe 3 people cross using that crosswalk. The Board agrees to let the crosswalk go in front of Mast Way School.

b) The coverage for the ballot session on March 13th will be as follows:

Selectman Brown – 7am – 12pm

Selectman Bugbee – 12pm – 5pm

Chairman LaCourse – 5pm – close

5. TA Glover spoke briefly with regards to the changes in the MOU. Most of the recommended changes come from OYRA relating to issues that they had last year with 2 private recreation leagues. Mr. Glode also thinks that we are not charging enough for the use of our fields in comparison to other towns; therefore, he recommends increases and actually charging to use Stevens Field and the Town Field. TA Glover will ask the Rec Commission to take these changes up at their next meeting so that the Board can finalize this at the next meeting in March. Mr. Glode was also at the site walk as ORYA uses the Town Field. This is why there is concern with not having a substantial fence between the field and the construction rather than just a snow fence. She will speak to the school again about this.

Selectman Bugbee discusses the timing of the contract and wonders if the renewal discussion should be moved up to November just in case the Town should ever decide to end this agreement with OYRA to use the fields. There is a discussion and no decision is made at this time.

9. Selectman Bugbee removes the Manifest from the Consent Agenda. Chairman LaCourse moves to accept the Consent Agenda with the removal of the Manifest as presented. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Selectman Bugbee asks about a bill from Eastern Alarms and Communication that was very

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expensive. Chief Dronsfield states the security cameras just stopped working. Eastern said it was a power surge but there is no way of knowing for sure. The PD could not go without the cameras.

10. Chairman LaCourse moves to enter into Non-Public Session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) at approximately **7:19pm**. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.** The Board returns to public session at **7:35pm**.

11. Chairman LaCourse moves to seal the non public meeting minutes. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.**


12. Selectman Bugbee presents Chairman LaCourse with the pamphlet that the Town Center Vision Committee (TCVC) has created with regards to the Town Center Building Project. They will be handing these out at the Transfer Station on March 3rd and the 10th. The TCVC is meeting tomorrow to finalize it. These will be available at the Town Hall, Library, Public Safety Complex and local businesses.

Selectman Bugbee is interested in attending the Community Engagement Academy put on by the UNH Extension.

Selectman Bugbee states that the Lamprey Cooperative Trucking Group had an emergency meeting about their truck and driver. They are looking to sell the truck. The Cooperative lent the Trucking Group the money to buy the truck. If they charge interest they will owe \$10,000 to pay off the truck. If they don't they will owe \$6800. They do not know what the truck is worth. The balance owed is \$53,000. Someone in the trucking group is interested in buying the truck. They are looking at the Shipyard Waste Company to do the hauling.

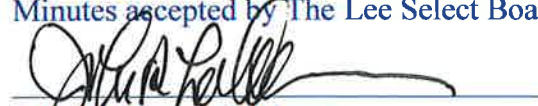
13. Chairman LaCourse moves to adjourn at **7:41pm**. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Minutes transcribed by:


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3/12/18
Date

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board:


John LaCourse, Chairman


Cary Brown


Scott Bugbee