

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

Others present: Kitty Marple, Todd Selig, Kenny Rotner, Larry Kindberg, John and Anne Tappan, Tonya Carlton, Sharon Meeker, Ted Mulligan, Susan Mattioni, Chief Dronsfield, Town Administrator Julie Glover and Town Secretary Denise Duval.

1. Chairman Brown calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Brown states that the Fishing Derby last Saturday was very successful and for the first time all the tagged fish (15) were caught. He thanks everyone involved in the event; especially the Stevens' family for letting the Town use their property and the Fire Department for hosting the BBQ following the derby.

Chairman Brown states that the Big Wheel Truck Event at the Speedway over the weekend drew in 4500 people not including the children. It went very well and after monitoring the noise there were no violations. The event was done by 4pm. The new owners are doing a lot of work at the track and working hard on several improvements.

2. Chairman Brown opens the meeting up to public comment. There is none.
3. Todd Selig, Durham Town Administrator, welcomes Kitty Marple, Durham Town Council Chairperson and Kenny Rotner, Town Council Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Selig would like the 3 communities to work more closely together and he has compiled a few examples of what they do already. The new fire chief David Emanuel reports that he has had terrific conversations with Chief Nemet about a whole host of areas such as working together as a fire service. For example, aligning our fire and EMS fire training efforts and funding a jointly shared training position. The Durham Fire Department is also trying to align their response efforts during actual emergencies to include mutual aid. The Durham Police Department reports an outstanding working relationship with the Lee Police Department and Chief Dronsfield. The Lee Police helps out with all sorts of special details and events such as graduation, homecoming, school opening and closing and Cinco de Mayo. Durham's School Resource Officer has a green light from Lee PD to pursue any school related cases that may cross the boundary into Lee and vice versa. Mr. Selig has spoken to Durham's Parks and Recreation Director, Rachael Gasowski, about working more closely together with Lee and she thought it may be possible to co-host some functions such as the annual egg hunt or the tree lighting or even fireworks. If we didn't do the events together then at least coordinate the events so they did not happen at the same time.

Mr. Selig briefly refers to the conversations that have taken place over the last month regarding the ORYA and states that he will be meeting in the morning with Ben Genes, Chairperson of ORYA Board of Directors, to try to map out a general process going forward so that the 3 communities in ORYA can really move forward in a positive direction. At the last meeting that was held regarding this matter he believes that everyone was interested in getting together again to try to look forward in a positive way.

At the Public Works Department, Director Mike Lynch indicates that he has a positive relationship with the Road Agent in Lee and the one major project that they have been talking about for a few years now is the potential extension of the Durham/Lee Water System to the Lee Traffic Circle. He states that they are in the early stages of circulating a new MOU between Durham and Lee. At the Durham Library, the Director is open to hearing more ideas on how to work more closely together with Lee.

Kenny Rotner who is also on the Parks and Rec Committee states that in the last few years they have had a robust growth in the Durham Parks and Rec Committee. They have a full time director and in the last budget approved money for an assistant. He states that they do not distinguish which town the school children are from within Parks and Rec. He thanks Lee for agreeing to the Solar Array Project that Durham has on Lee land.

Selectman Bugbee suggests sharing Library activities with each other. Maybe each town could promote each other's events. Selectman Bugbee asks if there is an agreement between Durham Fire Department and Lee for mutual aid in the eastern part of the town. Mr. Selig will look into it. Selectman Bugbee asks Chief Emanuel to share any tips he may have on finding fire fighters.

Selectman LaCourse asks if there is a coordinated effort between the towns if there is an active shooter event. Chief Dronsfield states that all the mutual aid departments came to the active shooter training that they hosted last year. He adds that there is a lot of cross training between Durham and Lee Police Departments.

Selectman Bugbee asks Mr. Selig to update everyone on the Durham Ambulance in their search for a new facility. Mr. Selig states that McGregor Memorial is interested in a new facility and so is the Durham Fire Department. Durham Fire services the Town of Durham and UNH and UNH funds half of the cost of the department. They have been looking for years for a site and believe they have finally found one on Waterworks Road. They have done preliminary engineering and architectural design for a combined facility that would include Durham Fire, UNH Police Department and McGregor. They need to discuss the details with regards to the land and how much McGregor can absorb for costs. They haven't really discussed cost but for just Durham Fire the price tag would be \$6-10 million. They are looking at a 3-5 year time frame. The current arrangement with regards to where the present fire department and McGregor is located was always a temporary plan. It has been this way for decades now.

4. Sharon Meeker, Energy Commission Chair, states that the Commission had hoped that the \$5000 towards the new swap shop was going to include insulation. She is confused about the mention of electric heaters in the older part of the swap shop because they had talked about getting rid of them. She thinks that the whole building including the new part should be insulated. She doesn't think that it would be terribly expensive to insulate both parts. She says that Mr. Van Aken is not convinced that they should insulate the new part of the building. Selectman Bugbee states that it is his understanding that propane heaters are going into the smaller building, not electric. Selectman Bugbee thinks that there has already been a gas line run into that area. It is also his understanding that during the times that the swap shop is open the large garage door is going to be open; therefore, heat will not be kept in. Ms. Meeker says if that is the case then forget about the insulation. This topic is tabled until Mr. Van Aken is back

from bereavement leave. The Board still needs to discuss insulating the office and hydraulic tanks.

5. a) Julie Glover, Town Administrator, could not find any files at Town Hall on the Solid Waste Committee. She did learn that a dump committee was created in 1970 and by 1975 the name was changed to the solid waste disposal committee. This committee existing until 2006 or 2007 according to the Town Reports. After the new Transfer Station was constructed the committee must have disbanded. Selectman Bugbee wants someone to take a look at whether it makes sense to charge people to get rid of a TV for example vs just taking care of it. Selectman Bugbee wants to put together a committee that would be tasked with a charge to look at these types of things. The Board wants to start advertising for a committee of 5 people. Selectman LaCourse asks the TA to develop a charge for this committee.
 - b) Since the last Records Retention Policy was approved there have been a number of legislative changes to the retention law so this would be a good time to review and update our policy. The Heritage Commission is working on both a time limit to review records before they are disposed of and also to narrow down what records they might be interested in because right now it is very open ended and unworkable. Selectman Bugbee would like the committee members that the Board at this time has designated to be on this committee in the policy. This would be in addition to the statutory members. TA will make this change and bring back to the next meeting.
 - c) Selectman Bugbee will forward a name to add to the distribution list for the Town Center Project RFP. Selectman Bugbee moves to approve the RFP as presented with the changes that were sent previously. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
 - d) TA Glover informs that Board that on May 25th the Racetrack will be doing a Test & Tune from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. This was a date already on the approved license as a TBD.
6. Chairman Brown moves to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
7. Selectman Bugbee states that the TCVC meets every other week now. For the next meeting the Lee Historical Society is coming to talk about their space needs and prioritization of those needs. They are getting ready for the design firm. Per the TA, the surveyor is going to do the field work in May and be finished by the end of June. At that time they can transfer the legal description to the attorney to complete the purchase and sales agreement.

Selectman LaCourse states that Coppal Farm came in about the Agricultural Tourism. There has to be a site walk done by the Planning Board. The Peters want to do a farm stand on Old Mill Road. Demeritt Hill Farm has to come before the Planning Board as well. Bedrock Gardens is going in front of the Zoning Board.

Chairman Brown is all set for Memorial Day. He will run his poem by Mr. Hardy.

Susan Mattioni came in late to the meeting and Chairman Brown asks if she would like to comment on the ORYA issue. Ms. Mattioni says that she doesn't think it should have been

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such a public matter but when town governments got involved she thinks that there should have been more of an open forum. Once it hit the media it went down a path that you can't back up from. Pitting citizens against each other is not a good thing for town governments to do. There was one side that wanted a platform and just kept going while there was silence on the other side. She was happy to see that this Board chose not to do that. She was surprised that no one recused themselves from Durham since there were councilmen that served on the school board choosing sides because they know one better than the other. ORYA has issues but the parents in this community with youth sports are out of control.

Chairman Brown thought that Mr. Selig was going to broach this subject but he didn't. He mentions that there have been emails and people who have stopped into the office to express their viewpoint which was not in agreement with Durham's. Selectman Bugbee states that it is his understanding that the next step is that Mr. Selig is going to have a conversation with Ben Genes to see if he is interested in moving this conversation forward in terms of how do we proceed. Selectman Bugbee states that there are always two sides to a story.

- 8. Chairman Brown moves to adjourn at 7:43pm. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board:


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Scott Bugbee


John LaCourse