

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

Others present: Caren Rossi, Jim Banks, Jen Messeder, Paul Gasowski, Randy Stevens, Toby Van Aken, Lou Grondin, Anne and John Tappan, Bill Humm, Scott Carlson, Town Administrator Julie Glover and Town Secretary Denise Duval.

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

Chairman Brown says that the Lee Fair on Saturday was very successful. He thanks Caren Rossi, the Lee Fair Committee, Erick and Tina Sawtelle and everyone else who volunteered to cook the food, put the tent up, etc. He did not stay for the fireworks but has heard that they were absolutely spectacular.

Chairman Brown states that there was a practice drill last week of the Emergency Operations Center. Two people from the State came for an emergency scenario which was that a tanker overturned and exploded at the traffic circle. He said that the group did very well and hopefully we will be able to get grant money to improve on any of our weak areas.

2. Chairman Brown opens the meeting up to public comment. There is none.
3. Chairman Brown moves to approve a full 3 year membership appointment for Jen Messeder to serve on the Sustainability Committee. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
4. Selectman Bugbee would like the Highway Department to continue doing the cemetery maintenance for this FY since the budget process has started for this year. The Trustees can discuss how things can change with the ABC and the Select Board. Randy Stevens states that since Little River Park was added to the work load it does take quite a bit of time to get all the properties mowed. The department could find plenty to do without having to mow. He agrees that the mowing could be kept until the end of the season. There should only be 2 more mows this season.

There is a short discussion surrounding burials. The Highway Department has been doing the burials for cremations. The Town pays to have a mini excavator come in to dig the holes for a full burial. The family pays one flat fee. The fees have not been raised in many many years. The Board decides to table this until the ABC can discuss this with the Cemetery Trustees.

5. Scott Carlson, NHEC Utility Arborist, talks about their integrated vegetative management programs specifically herbicide applications that happen after their mechanical clearing operations. Mr. Carlson brought additional handouts. Town Secretary handed them out to the audience and the Board. He goes over the program along with the accompanying map. Vegetation Control Service, Inc handles all their herbicide applications in NH. They survey the lines and notify the abutters of where the applications are appropriate to happen. The purpose of the application is to control resprouts of hardwoods trees cut during mechanical operations. The application is very specific to the targeted area. Chairman Brown asks about the use of Round Up. He mentions the recent court settlement for \$280 million stemming from the use of

Round Up. He asks if this was taken into consideration before the decision was made to use Round Up. Mr. Carlson said no, not in this case. They applied for the permit in January and received it back before this settlement was made. They do this application to promote the growth of low growing, herbaceous plants and shrubs in the ROW corridors. These plant communities are effective at shading out the tall growing tree species that they do not want growing under the wires. Chairman LaCourse asks who are the members who can opt out of this application. Mr. Carson states that any customer who receives power from NHEC. Those members can refuse this treatment on their property. They do not push it on any members. NHEC holds easements on most of the property surrounding their lines but not all properties. Eversource, Unittel, etc. do not. The cutting has started last week and should be wrapped up by November. The spraying needs to be done by the time there is snow on the ground. Notifications should start in the next couple of weeks.

6. Caren Rossi presents a request that the Board accept a Bond or Letter of Credit which has been approved by the Town Engineer for the Chinburg Subdivision in the amount of \$650,000. Selectman Bugbee asks what specific items the \$650,000 would cover. Ms. Rossi says the remainder of the roadway finishing, shoulders, drainage and detention pond. Chairman Brown moves to accept a Bond or Letter of Credit for the Chinburg Subdivision on Pinkham Road in the amount of \$650,000. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries. Ms. Rossi states that one property has sold and there will be 35 single families built.
7. Lou Grondin gives a history on the LED project which has been discussed for over a year now and then introduces Jim Banks to talk about his opinion on the LED project. Mr. Grondin mentions that the Energy Committee would like to have Jim join their committee and he would like that also. Mr. Banks states that about 10 years ago he and Bill Stevens upgraded the lights at the Transfer Station and the Fire bays for far less money than it would have costed the Town had it used a contractor. He is looking at the possibility of doing the same thing now. He says that changing out the florescent lights with LED's as long as the LED tubes are UL listed for use with the ballast that is in there and he would coordinate that with the building inspector. He estimates payback being less than a year. The other expense would be disposing of the florescent lamps. Chairman Brown suggests that the Energy Committee reconvene and present a report with specific numbers based on what Mr. Banks has presented today. TA Glover thinks that the Board should continue forward with the RFP. There is more to this project then plugging in a light bulb. Both proposals recommend replacing some fixtures entirely but they also recommend retrofitting others. In order to get the most energy efficiency you would replace all the fixtures; however, that is the most expensive. These companies are not proposing this. There are 316 lights that need to be worked on. TA Glover is not comfortable having Town employees doing all the work. TA Glover adds if the Energy Committee had trouble analyzing the bids then how are they going to determine what to buy for 316 lights and then have the staff install it. The solution that the Board decided on was to go out to bid and get a professional company who does this type of work. There are disagreements on what the proposals are offering. Chairman Brown and Selectman Bugbee would still like to see what Mr. Banks can present for numbers. Selectman LaCourse is concerned with liability. He asks if the Energy Committee is guaranteeing that the building inspector will grace this project and will that remove the liability from the employees? He would like the TA to look into this issue but he agrees to look at further information.

8. After a short discussion, Chairman Brown moves to approve all the legislative proposals put forth by NHMA except #3 referencing electronic poll books. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

9. a) TA Glover presents results of the fuel re-bid and recommends awarding the #2 heating oil and diesel to Hartmann and the propane to DF Richard. She states there was no difference in the price whether the Town stayed with the decision of the church and/or the school or whether we went out on our own. Chairman Brown moves to award the FY19 Annual Fuel Bid to Hartmann Oil for #2 heating oil and off road diesel for a 1 year period and move to award the FY19 Annual fuel bid for propane to D.F. Richard for a 3 year period. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

b) TA Glover reminds the Board that there was a Warrant Article #20 to secure an easement on a smallish piece of property in the Town Forest and to have the Society for the Protection of NH Forests as the easement holder. The Society is requesting that the Board attest that they are not aware of any problems concerning solid or hazardous wastes which are on the property. TA Glover checked with the department heads and the Conservation Commission and no one is aware of any problems on the property. Anne Tappan, Conservation Commission, states that Catherine Fisher is regularly on that property along with hikers and dog walkers and states that it is extremely unlikely that there is anything that would be cause for concern. The Board is not aware of any and signs the form.

c) TA Glover talks about the Safety Complex Sign. It is old and cumbersome to change out events. LED signs are expensive. The Board asks the Town Secretary to put together some prices on a smaller sign that might attach to the existing sign that is electronic. The Board does not want a huge, bright, unattractive sign.

d) TA Glover informs the Board that a room request came in from the school to use the 1st floor of the PSC for 3 days in a row in October all day and they anticipated having 30 people each day. The Chiefs have great concerns about parking, disruptions to staff and cleaning up. Selectman Bugbee would like to explore why we have to pay to use their facility (once a year) but they get to use ours for free. Chairman Brown agrees. TA Glover states that they don't charge us to use the room, but they charge us \$200+ to bring in a custodian on a Saturday. Selectman LaCourse is not enthusiastic about 3 days in a row all day each day. TA Glover states that this felt like an extraordinary request. Town Secretary reiterates what the Chiefs have said to her about this request. The Board agrees that they are not comfortable tying up the facility for 3 days with 30 people given the parking and emergency egress etc.

e) TA Glover gives the Board two temporary construction easements to sign which are for the purpose of constructing improvements to the Tamarack Fire Pond.

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

11. Selectman Bugbee updates the Board on TCVC events. The TCVC had a skype session with LBA. The space surveys have been handed out and are due back on September 14th. The TCVC had a booth at the Lee Fair and had lots of nice people visit with good comments and no

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complaints.

Selectman Bugbee wanted to mention this machine he saw recently that he thought was cool. It is a glass crusher which makes sand out of crushed glass. Chairman Brown says that the Solid Waste Committee has it on their list of things to discuss.

Selectman LaCourse states that the Planning Board is meeting on Thursday and the church property is on the agenda. Bedrock Gardens is also on the agenda to discuss the additional activities that they have added to the calendar through the Zoning Board. There have not been any further violations, but there are still some questions about the fencing that was supposed to be between the Gardens and Grumbling property.

12. Chairman Brown moves to adjourn at 7:56pm. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor.
Motion Carries.

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