

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

Others present: Larry Kindberg, Toby Van Aken, John and Anne Tappan, Lou Grondin, Paul Gasowski, Warren Hatch, Pete Hoyt, Deborah Schanda, Cord Blomquist, Katrinka Pellecchia, and Town Secretary Denise Duval.

Absent: Town Administrator Julie Glover

1. Chairman Brown calls the meeting to order at **6:30 pm**.
2. Chairman Brown opens the meeting up to public comment. There is none.
3. a) Chairman Brown moves to elect Selectman Bugbee as the new Chair. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. Selectman Bugbee abstains. **Motion Carries.**

b) Chairman Bugbee recommends that everyone remain on the same committees and boards. Selectman Brown and LaCourse agree. Selectman Brown would like to see an Economic Development Committee started to look at drawing businesses into Lee. Selectman LaCourse states that the expansion of the commercial zone was only 4 or 5 lots. Selectman Brown and LaCourse would like to see if the public is interested in something like this. They suggest putting a feeler in the E-Crier. Selectman Brown would also like to be the aviation point of contact for the Board with specific regards to drone activity. The Board is ok with this. Larry Kindberg has nothing to report on the drone club at this time.

The Board wishes to continue the Operational Guidelines to the next meeting for further review and final approval.

- c) The Board wishes to continue the Goals and Objectives to the next meeting.
4. a) Lou Grondin, Energy Committee Chair, states that they acquired one bid from GDS and tried to get another from Shakes to Shingles who came to look at the building but never gave them a bid. He adds that Town Secretary Denise found a company to present a bid that was cheaper, but he didn't think it covered a full blower door test. The Committee would like to go with GDS even though the price is \$1500 which is what they have in their budget. Mr. Grondin thinks they can get a grant to cover up to 75% of this cost from Community Development Finance Adm. (CDFA). The Committee is asking permission from the Board to enter into a contract to get this done. Even though GDS gave their bid 6 months ago they will still honor it and can do it within 2 weeks. Chairman Bugbee moves to grant the TA authority to enter into a contract with GDS to conduct a blower door test at the PSC. Said contract not to exceed the amount of \$1500 and funds to come from the Energy Committee budget. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries.

John Tappan, Stepping Stones Road, looked at the quotes and would like an explanation of why one is better than the other. Mr. Grondin says that GDS came highly recommended by several sources and the other bid did not specify what they were actually going to do so they want to go with GDS. Selectman Brown said that GDS said that they would do a test after and the other

one ignored that completely. Mr. Tappan agrees but at an additional cost of \$1200. Mr. Grondin then says we can finance through On Bill Financing through the power company. Mr. Tappan questions what interest the electric power company would have in this project. Mr. Grondin did not know except to say that he received a rebate from the NH Coop when he insulated his house. Mr. Tappan does not see a reason for paying the extra cost when the 2nd bid is \$850 and the one they want to go with is \$1500. Mr. Grondin says that Mary Woodward says that the GDS contract has more specifics and they are more highly recommended.

b) Mr. Grondin states that at the Energy Meeting last Thursday a rep from Revision Energy came to discuss solar again. He talked about ground mounts and roof mounts at the Transfer Station and reminds everyone that there was a Warrant Article that gave the Board authority to enter into a purchase agreement for solar either at the Transfer Station or PSC. Mr. Grondin goes into an explanation of net metering and how the Town would get credit for power it did not use. He indicates that the Town would now get full reimbursement for net metering. They will redo the numbers on the TS and present a new proposal. There would be more ground sites available according to Revision Energy if we cut down some trees there.

Toby Van Aken states that if they are going to be doing a new proposal for the ground mounts then he ask that they have an engineer design the roof proposal to make sure it is structurally sound. Selectman Bugbee states that the Fire Chief has already spoken with regards to roof mounted solar systems and he is against it. Mr. Grondin states that he spoke to the Fire Chief and he said it would be better at the TS because it is a metal roof. Selectman Bugbee said he is not in favor of putting them on the roof. He adds that the Board has already discussed this subject and made a decision on it and they said no. The Board reiterated no proposals with anything going on the roofs of town buildings.

5. Toby Van Aken, Transfer Station Manager, produces a list of TS projects with completion dates that the Board requested he produce after the last meeting. He doesn't see why he won't be able to complete these projects by the dates listed. Selectman Bugbee thinks that researching a generator should be on his list. Mr. Van Aken said that the fencing issue should be on the list also. He wants to coordinate that with the highway supervisor. Selectman Bugbee says that the Energy Committee also wanted to have the compactors insulated. Mr. Van Aken said that he had a professional come in to look at the tanks and he said not to insulate them.

Chief Dronsfield states that the generator that is in the PSC is too big. Milton Cat indicates that this building can be taken care of with a 50 rather than a 100. He thinks we can move the 100 that they have to the TS and get a 50 for the PD. Selectman Brown questions reducing and still being able to take care of the building if it is used as an emergency management facility. He would like to see it in writing. Toby says that the input he received indicates that 100kw would be more than enough for them. The Board would also like to see the cost for moving the one here at the PSC to the TS.

Toby Van Aken says there are 2 projects that he will have to hire a contractor to do but he will discuss with the highway supervisor first.

Selectman LaCourse states that when he was at the TS recently everyone was parked all over the place over near the swap shop. Toby says it is brutal and blames the volunteers. He tells the

Board that he told them at their last meeting that they need to fix this. He will do the best he can. They are talking about opening up more, but they do not have enough staff.

6. Chairman Bugbee presents the Board with a letter from the TCVC that outlines recommendations that they approved on 2-20-19. This was as a result of Warrant Article #3 not passing and the TCVC wanting to submit ideas of where to go from here.
 1. We recommend that the TCVC be continued and an updated charge be developed after the delivery of item 2.
 2. We propose to provide the Select Board with a list of options for town center buildings and an analysis of “Pros” and Cons” for each option. This list of options would be delivered to the Select Board on or before June 1, 2019.
 3. We request that a determination be made on the remaining monies from ballot article 6, approved on March 13, 2018, for Design Services totaling \$115,000. There should be about \$35,000 left of that funding. The Committee would like to know if the remaining funding could be used to support further Town Center Project efforts.

Selectman Brown confirms with Chairman Bugbee that the TCVC was not satisfied with what they received from the architect. The TCVC received many comments since the vote. The TCVC needs direction from the Board on how they would want them to proceed. The Board is ok with the TCVC continuing until June 30, 2019 and with the TCVC delivering pros and cons by 6/1/2019. The Board decides to instruct the TA to look into the TCVC using the left over \$35k towards next year project efforts. Chairman Bugbee indicates that the architect will owe the Town money for not attending the deliberative session. He states that the TA is in charge of the invoicing part of the project so he would like to consult with her first and go from there.

Annie Gasowski states that the Library Trustees want to move forward with the projects on the existing Library. They would like to have a workshop with the Select Board so they can look at what they can do and get their approval. Annie will send some dates to the Town Secretary who will go from there.

7. a) Town Secretary Denise Duval recently went to Epsom Central School to see their electronic sign that they purchased from TV Liquidators. The principal there loves their sign and has not had any problems with it since they bought it 5-6 years ago. He does; however, have to go outside to the sign in order to program it with a remote. The one that she hopes to get would be wireless and programmable from inside the building. TS Duval called Coe Brown when she returned to ask about their sign that she saw on the way home. They purchased theirs from Barlo Signs International. They are very expensive, but she did leave a message for someone to get back to her.

Chief Dronsfield suggested calling the State to find out who they buy their electronic signs from.

b) TS Duval informed the Board that we received reimbursement from ORCSD for the use of the school for the deliberative session this year. Chairman Bugbee states that Dr. Morse is writing a letter to cover this situation in the future.

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- 8. Chairman Bugbee moves to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. 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) and (c) at approximately **7:33pm**. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.** The Board returns to public session at **8:27pm**.
- 10. Chairman Bugbee moves to seal both of the nonpublic meeting minutes. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.**
- 11. Selectman Brown was interested to see in Nottingham’s ballot that they were buying the same capital equipment items as we were looking to buy. He thinks there is a lot of commonality with other departments and why don’t we coop with other towns when purchasing certain items such as in the solid waste area and rescue equipment. Chairman Bugbee suggests talking to Nottingham and possibly buying things with them for less.

Selectman LaCourse states that there has been an appeal filed by the abutters in the Bedrock Gardens case. This means everything stops while this appeal is being heard. Bedrock Gardens cannot open.

- 12. Chairman Bugbee moves to adjourn at **8:32pm**. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

Minutes transcribed by:


Denise Duval, Town Secretary

Date

4/8/19

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board:


Scott Bugbee, Chairman


John LaCourse


Cary Brown