

Board members present: Chairman Bugbee and Selectman LaCourse

Board member absent: Selectman Brown

Others present: James Lonano, Larry Kindberg, Robert and Camellia Knightly, Paul and Kelsey Goodwin, Susan McGettrick, Donna Eisenhard, Lyndi Sargent, Jessica Abrams, John Tappan, Jim Morse, Chief Dronsfield, Toby Van Aken, Town Administrator Julie Glover and Town Secretary Denise Duval.

1. Chairman Bugbee calls the meeting to order at **6:30 pm**.
2. Chairman Bugbee opens the meeting up to public comment

Chairman Bugbee states that he wishes to make a statement in relation to some comments that were made by a Select Board member on social media this week. He states that the opinions of Mr. Cary Brown are not the opinions of the Lee Select Board. Going forward the Select Board will advise him that should he again post on any social media platform he should take steps to specifically state that they are his own opinions and not those of the Select Board.

Paul Goodwin, Newtown Plains Road, states that Mr. Brown's comments were inappropriate and unacceptable from an elected official. There is no excuse for suggesting armed action is necessary for dissuading a religious group from participating in politics. That view is counter to the Constitution of the US and is conduct unbecoming of an official of our town. Terrorism means to disenfranchise the public to violence and intimidation by suggesting that any religious group, of which some of our town residents are members, participating in government bears watching that we lock and load is a lesser version of that disenfranchisement. Mr. Brown's comments are not at all representative of the welcoming nature that this town generally puts forward. He thinks that it is in the best interest of the town that Mr. Brown recants and resigns. If he does not realize the impact that his words and actions have on the people he was elected to represent then the Board should censor him officially and accordingly. If no action is taken then he calls upon the residents of Lee to refuse to vote for bigotry and discrimination and to find another who is more in line with the values they want to uphold.

James Lonano, Fox Garrison Road, states that he finds Mr. Brown's comments to be repugnant and inappropriate. He thinks that for context it is important that everyone know exactly what was said. He reads Mr. Brown's post. "Nothing like waking up in the morning to read that the FBI found an Islamic Jihadist training camp tucked away in the hills of Alabama. Stay aware people. They're out there. Some of them hold office in our governments. Scary. Lock and load." Mr. Lonano states that he then posted a comment on the post quoting his reference to some of them hold office in our government and asking him for proof or citation of his claim. And that he expected better from an elected official in our town. Mr. Brown's response to his comment was "I will start with Ilhan Omar whom I firmly believe is anti-American. The number of Muslims either holding office or running for office is also growing. I am not saying that all Muslims are terrorists but he is saying that it bears watching. Please google Muslims in US government. Sorry if I disappoint you." Mr. Lonano thinks that Mr. Brown's comments are inappropriate for an elected official. He was elected to represent and serve the best interests of all the citizens of this town and his comments are racist and Islamophobic and they make it clear that he is unable to represent each of the citizens equally here. Not only does that post have the potential to incite (violence) against our neighbors it has the potential to suppress or

keep certain members of our town from ever getting involved in running for an elected office simply because of their religion. This cannot stand. Mr. Brown's opinions can remain his own. Racist as they are and unlikely to change given the fact that he has yet to publicly apologize for them or recant them. He thinks that this is possibly a pattern emerging demonstrative of some agenda on Mr. Brown's part to turn neighbor against neighbor. If Mr. Brown cannot equally represent all the citizens of this community then he is not fit to serve on this Board.

- Chairman Bugbee asks if anyone has anymore comments regarding the electronic media postings. Jessica Abrams, Lee Hook Road, asks if Mr. Brown was asked not to come to the meeting tonight. There are some people who would have liked to hear why he said the things he said. Chairman Bugbee says he will be at the next meeting if anyone would like to return them. TA Glover states that Mr. Brown had previously informed the Board that he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting due to a completely unrelated matter.
- Chairman Bugbee opens the Cemetery Fees Public Hearing.

Pete Hoyt, Chair of the Cemetery Trustees, refers to the revised fee schedule that is in the agenda packet. Since they had to find a new grave digger, they needed to increase the fees to cover his cost. He commends Matt Bryant for doing an excellent job so far. The last time they raised the rates was in 2013. Chairman Bugbee reads the rates into the record:

Purchase of Single gravesite (3ft 4in x 10ft w/perpetual care): \$400

Opening Charges for Full Burial – Weekdays \$800 (after 3pm use Sat charge); Saturdays \$850; Sundays; \$1000.

Opening Charges for Cremation Burials – Weekdays \$200; Weekends \$300 (includes after 3pm weekdays, Saturday and Sunday); \$50 additional charge for standard size cremation vault.

Chairman Bugbee closes the Public Hearing.

Chairman Bugbee moves to approve the proposed new cemetery fees as presented. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

- Peter Hoyt, new Cemetery Trustee Chair, introduces Jeff Liporto as the new Cemetery Trustee. They are going to move forward at this time without a Sexton.

Jeff Liporto, Kelsey Road, approaches and formally meets the Board. Chairman Bugbee moves to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Liporto to the Board of Cemetery Trustee to serve until March 2021. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

- Dr. Morse updates the Board on the plan for the new middle school project. They are looking at a net zero energy goal for the new building. The new school will be 4 stories. There will be an entirely new traffic pattern planned for the new school. The field and school layout will be flipped. Dr. Morse briefly describes what each floor will consist of. There will be 2 lunch periods instead of 4. Chairman Bugbee asks about the ability to lock out different floors. Dr. Morse explains that the stairwells can be locked down as well as the elevator in order to have the kids protected from any harm coming into the building. In addition, the rest of the building

may be locked down when an event is taking place on the first floor. Selectman LaCourse asks what the parking situation will be when there is an event. Dr. Morse said that the same parking problems are likely to happen during events at either the HS or the new Middle School. There just isn't enough real estate to build the parking that is needed during the times that there are events happening. Selectman LaCourse asks if there is an expansion plan built in and Dr. Morse says there is. He does not anticipate having to expand but should they need to there is space to do so at 2 different places in the building. He points this out on one of the large poster boards.

Lyndi Sargent, Lee Hook Road, asks if the school has figured out the seating for lunches. She says that lunches can be a stressful time for kids. Dr. Morse says that the current school is very undersized that is why they have 4 lunches. The new lunch space is going to be very inviting and a generous place to eat. It will probably be 3 times the size of the current lunch room. Her second question is whether or not the 5th graders are going to be segregated from the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Dr. Morse shows many different choices that will be offered as far as where the 5th graders can go. The intention is to keep them away from the older kids.

Susan McGettrick, George Bennett Road, asks what the distance is from the road to the athletic field and is there going to be a barrier between the drivers and the kids. There is a discussion surrounding the barriers, drivers, students and possible accidents.

Dr. Morse is hopeful that some of the pressure will be taken off of the high school and shared between the 2 buildings. He also hopes that the high school music program will happen at the middle school rather than at the high school because it is going to be designed for music.

The next time Dr. Morse will update the Board will be in October. The plan is over the course of the next 10 months to go from the concept designs into genuine representations of the new school. The architect is still working with the staff at this time. The projected cost is \$48 million. The Board has been working with Dr. Morse on how to bring the cost of the middle school into their operating budget until they have to pay the bond. They are trying to soften the blow on the taxpayer. The Board and he have been over the past 2 years and will continue to do so over the next 5 years is build the cost of the bond into the operating budget by doing the additions on Mast Way, doing the additions on Moharimet and those kind of capital projects so when the bond is actually due it will have a minimal impact on the taxpayers. He does not believe in dumping a \$48 million bond on the taxpayers overnight. They think that this way when the true cost of the school comes forward it will have less of an impact then it would if they did it all at once.

7. a) Larry Kindberg, Rec Commission Chair has not had time to get sponsors for the doggy waste stations so is asking to table this.

c) Mr. Kindberg states that the Rec Commission has unanimously agreed that there should be no smoking at all at any of the town recreation facilities nor have an area for that.

b) Mr. Kindberg hands out one electrical proposal for LED lighting at the pavilion. He says that he tried to get 3 but only got 1. He did speak to the Chair of the Energy Committee about this project and they are on the same page with the Rec Commission. This proposal cost is \$2800. Mr. Kindberg thinks that they have enough money in the Rec Commission budget to pay for

this. The Board would like the Rec Commission to get another quote/proposal and to check on their account balance with the TA to see if they really do have enough money to pay for this and their bills through June.

Mr. Kindberg says he would like to discuss 3 other items that he did not submit for the agenda tonight. He introduces Cammy Knightly to discuss the survey.

Cammy states that in the fall she conducted a 2 question survey of the residents of Lee with regards to events in Lee. The questions were 1. What events would you like to see hosted by the Rec Commission and 2. How do you find out about events happening in the town? She said that 80-90 people participated. She reviews the results that she handed out to the Board. She has been unable to move forward on most; however, they have raised \$2451 in sponsorships towards Music in the Park. They hope to sell food during the music. The Police Chief offers to help Cammy with the Bike Safety Day.

The Board appreciates her hard work and hopes she keeps it up.

Mr. Kindberg asks permission from the Board to hang the sponsorship banners from eyehooks in the Pavilion during the Music in the Park. The Board is ok with this.

Chairman Bugbee asks if the possibility of putting in a cement floor in the Pavilion is still on their radar. Mr. Kindberg says it is. They are still looking at what to do with the tennis court.

8. Peter Hoyt, Highway Department, presents the 2019 Paving Bids and recommends GMI for the job. They base the award on the price per ton. Chairman Bugbee authorizes the Highway Supervisor to enter into an agreement with GMI Paving for the FY20 paving plan. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
9. TA Glover confirms that the Board wants to move forward with the Smoking Policy. More specifically are they going to accept the recommendation of the Rec Commission and not have smoking areas at all? The Board agrees and does not want smoking areas at all. TA Glover states that a Public Hearing will need to be scheduled and suggests scheduling it out a bit so that the public will be given ample amount of time to make plans so that they can attend and voice their input. The Board is ok with this but wants it to happen before July 1st. TA Glover suggests contacting the news media, but the Board suggests asking “the group” what they have done.

TA Glover informs the Board that the highway department plans on bringing the Western Star Truck to the Fallen Public Works Employee Memorial Dedication on June 5th in Concord, NH. This is a Statewide Memorial Service.

10. Chairman Bugbee moves to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
11. Chairman Bugbee moves to enter into Non-Public Session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) and (c) at approximately **7:39pm**. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.** The Board returns to public session at **8:17pm**.

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12. Chairman Bugbee moves to seal the nonpublic meeting minutes. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. Roll Call Vote. **All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.**

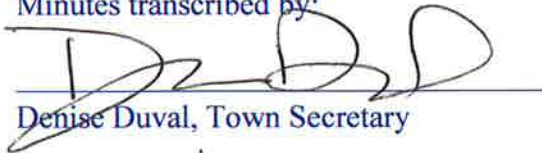
13. Chairman Bugbee informs the Board that he will be doing the greeting for the VFW Memorial Day program following the parade at 1:00 pm on Monday, May 27th.

Selectman LaCourse gives an update on some of the recent real estate transactions in Town. There has been no specific restaurant proposal submitted at this time.

Chairman Bugbee states that the TCVC is still meeting every week and getting their recommendation ready for the Board on June 3rd.

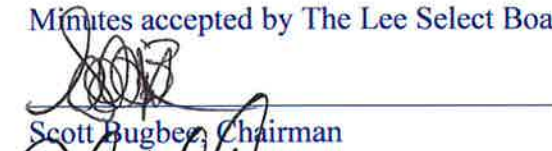
14. Chairman Bugbee moves to adjourn at **8:27pm**. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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Date

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board:


Scott Bugbee, Chairman


John LaCourse


Cary Brown