

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

Others present: Richard and Belinda Gleason, Pat Jenkins, Robert Keniston, Tom Fournier, Jud Porter, Shirley McKeon, Harriet Currier, John and Anne Tappan, Dawn-Elynn Tillinghast, John Burke, Lynn Kuegel, Jill Nooney, Bob Munger, John Forti, Bill Humm, Brian Marquis, Scott Grumbling, Jeanne Levermore, John Silva, Elizabeth Salamore, Barbara Wauchope, Caren Rossi, Steve Bullek, Tom Dronsfield, 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.

Shirley McKeon, Riverside Farm Drive, states that she is the volunteer coordinator for the swap shop at the Lee Transfer Station. She asks the Board to reinstate Ken Willey to be a volunteer at the swap shop. Mr. Willey lives over the town line into Durham but has been a Lee resident for many years and has been a faithful volunteer for many years as well. She feels that his friends are here and they would like him back as a volunteer.

The TA says that if the Board is going to discuss this it should be done in nonpublic since it is a personnel matter. The Board indicates that they will take it under advisement.

Belinda Gleason, Pine Knoll Village, has concerns about fireworks being set off there. The homes are so close together they were concerned with all the bottle rockets going up into the air that their homes might catch on fire. She used to live in MO and they banned bottled rockets because of fires. She would like to see an ordinance to ban these types of fireworks in mobile home parks. They have gone through 2 fires already and do not need to go through another one.

Lynn Kuegel, Earle Drive, is a volunteer at the swap shop and has spent many hours watching Ken Willey help people at the swap shop. Not only does Mr. Willey give to the Town but the Town gives support to him at this time.

3. Jud Porter, Lee VFW Representative, states that with the discussions of all the new things that might happen in the area of the Korean monument they thought it might be wise to move it out to the memorial field. He has looked at the area and thinks that between the memorial park memorial that is on the far left facing the flag and the VFW memorial that is on that side would be a good space for it. The other side is pretty wet so it may be problematic. The VFW is asking for permission from the Board to move the Korean memorial. Selectman Brown asks if there was a reason why it was placed at the library to begin with. Mr. Porter said that when the Town received the memorial it was decided it should be near a tree and so it was just decided to put it next to the library. The Board supports putting all the memorials in the same spot. Chairman Bugbee moves to allow the VFW Post 10676 to move the Korean War Memorial which is currently located between the Lee Library and the Lee Historical Society to the Lee Town Field next to Recycling Road and place it next to the other memorials. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
4. Bill Humm, Conservation Commission Chair, states that last winter the commission decided that it should take some steps to reduce a risk on a piece of town-owned property previously owned by Joe Ford on Garrity Road. Much of this property is forested and there is a field that is

being managed between the road and the forest. The house where Joe and Deb lived has perpetual right to obtain water from a spring on the Ford property that the town now owns. This water source has two dug wells into springs that are open and documented. There is a 3rd spring that is currently being used by the owners of the former Estever house. It was a coincidence that these owners experienced a water failure at the same time that the Conservation Commission was looking at covering the other two wells. The well that they are using has a wooden box over it roughly 4' x 4' and it is not a focus at this time. The Conservation Commission is looking for action on the two open wells. They intend to have two wooden covers built to protect anyone or anything from falling in. They have conferred with Steve Bullek and his crew definitely has the skills to build the covers and the commission can buy the supplies and reimburse the public works crew for their time.

Selectman Brown asks if the covers are secured to the ground. Mr. Humm says that the intent is to have covers that are secured in some manner. They are going to conduct a site visit in the morning with Mr. Bullek to decide what would be the best design and construction. Selectman Brown asks if the Town is totally responsible to maintain the well heads forever. Mr. Humm says that there are 3 wells and yes as owners of the property the Town does have an ongoing responsibility to make sure that the wells are secure. The owners of the house do have in their deed and the Town's deed by Joe Ford that there is a right of the owners of the house to continue to obtain water from the property and if need be to dig a new trench out to the active spring and then put back into its original condition. Selectman LaCourse asks if they intend on taking down the structure or just cap the wells. Mr. Humm says they intend to take down the structure. Selectman LaCourse agrees. Mr. Humm says that they will not use pressure treated wood; rather a western cedar or locust. It had been suggested by Mr. Griswold putting a sheet of galvanized aluminum or steel over it to protect from weathering. The Board is ok with this plan.

5. a) Steve Bullek, Public Works Manager, says that they are amassing a big pile of bricks and concrete behind the Transfer Station. It hasn't been disposed of in a few years. Someone in town used to come and take it but for some reason this stopped. He would like to start giving this away again. People use it as fill.

Currently the town is paying \$35/ton to get rid of glass plus a hauling fee. He would like to explore having construction companies coming in to take it. If he has to haul it he wouldn't mind because it would still be a savings. The Board is ok with this.

- b) The Little River Park sign has been discussed in the past. The Rec Commission was going to fix it, but they are no longer going to do it. The sign is worn and can no longer be seen. Mr. Bullek thinks that they need to have a professional do it. Andrew Wilson originally made the sign. The Board asks for Mr. Bullek to contact Mr. Wilson to see if he would be able to fix the sign. Mr. Bullek will do this and come back to the Board with a price.

6. Jill Nooney, Bedrock Gardens High Road, asks for an interim schedule to open from now until the end of October. They would like to take July 15th off the schedule.

Caren Rossi, P & Z Administrator, states that there was an appeal to the Court's decision and the Court upheld the Planning Board's decision so now once the appeal period is over which is next Monday they can start the parking lot construction. Typically in a Planning Board approval you cannot operate until all the conditions of approval are met. In this case there are

18 conditions. Bedrock Gardens is asking to override the Planning Board's decision and to be allowed to operate on an interim schedule while they construct the parking lot. Selectman LaCourse asks Ms. Rossi her recommendation. Ms. Rossi states that she is concerned about precedent being set which the Town's attorney is also concerned with. Ms. Rossi reads the conditions that they have to do before they can begin construction.

1. Submit a landscaping plan to the Planning Board by June 1st. This was not done.
2. Follow all state, local and federal regulations.
3. No parking on High Road when Bedrock Gardens is open. Representatives from Bedrock gardens will take notice and regularly check to ensure that the cars are not parked on High Road. If cars are parked on High Road they will attempt to have them moved into the proposed parking lot. If the lot is full the cars are supposed to be turned away.
4. Not allowed to have buses transporting tour groups except during the week.
5. Not allowed to park in the parking lot on the weekends or during holiday events.
6. No buses are allowed to idle in the parking lot. A significant number of parking lot attendants shall be in the parking lot during open and holiday hours.
7. After 45 days that the parking lot is done they have to provide an as-built to Ms. Rossi.
8. The proposed parking lot shall be compacted and maintained on a regular basis because it is a dirt parking lot.
9. All advertisement for the parking lot has to use #19 High Road.
10. The ticket kiosk booth built up by the house needs to be relocated into the new parking lot.
11. Nobody is allowed to use the smaller parking lot other than employees, house guests and workers.
12. A landscaping/maintenance bond needs to be put into place. That amount to be determined by the Planning Board.
13. The parking spots need to be lined bi-weekly.
14. Handicapped spaces needs to have adequate signage.
15. Hours of operation are M-F 9-5pm and the 1st and 3rd Saturday 9-8pm and the 1st and 3rd Sunday 9-5pm. When there are 5 weekends in a calendar month they are allowed to be open the 5th weekend from Saturday 9-8pm. That Sunday they will be closed. Columbus Day weekend they can be open all 3 days.
16. Must install a 6' high fence on High Road.
17. No amplified outdoor events.
18. No drainage onto High Road. The buffer needs to be agreed upon in the landscaping plan.

TA Glover clarifies that the things that need to happen before they can open are the landscaping plan, parking lot, landscape bond, landscape buffer, the fence and the ticket booth.

Selectman LaCourse does not wish to grant their request and would like to see this move forward; therefore, he moves to deny Bedrock Garden's request to operate until all the Planning Board conditions are met. Selectman Brown, seconds. Selectman Brown and LaCourse vote aye. Chairman Bugbee votes nay. **Motion Carries.**

7. Tom Dronsfield, Police Chief, wants to take the 2014 Ford Explorer offline this year and transfer it to the building inspector. Then take the 2013 Dodge Charger that the building inspector currently has and trade that in to offset the cost of the new cruiser. The Board is ok with this arrangement. Chairman Bugbee moves to approve using the 2013 Dodge Charger

currently used by the building inspector as a trade-in to offset the cost of the new cruiser. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

8. a) TA Glover presents the draft parking ordinance to the Board. This will have to be scheduled for a Public Hearing before it can be put in place. Chief Dronsfield states that this ordinance is just the beginning. All the town's ordinances need to be brought up to date and revised. The changes and additions to the parking ordinance was a collaborative effort on behalf of the TA, P&Z Adm, Public Works Manager, Fire Chief and himself. TA Glover states that the Conservation and Rec Commission Chairs both received copies of this parking ordinance and as of this date no comments have been received. The Board asks if the Public Hearing can be scheduled for the next meeting.

b) TA Glover calculated that the amount of funds to be transferred from the police department budget wages line to the town's budget is \$728. The Board needs to decide where in the town's budget this is going to go. The money has to go into a line that has at least \$1 in it. Chairman Bugbee moves to direct the Finance Officer to transfer \$728 from the Police Department's budget 01.42101.112.02 into the Selectman's Budget Flowers and Awards account. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

c) TA Glover states that she was made aware last week that the tax bills that were issued in May did not reflect the interest rate that was changed and effective April 1st. The interest rate for delinquent taxes was 12% and is now 8%. Along with that the Warrant also reflected the old interest rate. The Auditor said it would be a good idea for the Board to sign a new Warrant with the correct interest rate on it. The Board will sign with the Consent Agenda items.

d) TA Glover met with John Dunster from Revision Energy and members of the Energy Committee to go over what the savings might be for the solar array. The focus is on the PSC because this building has the most electrical use out of all the buildings. Mr. Dunster still needs to do some number crunching so he was not ready to come to tonight's meeting. Based on the preliminary numbers the first year's savings were estimated at maybe \$2000.

TA Glover would like to discuss whether the Board wanted to move forward with the Energy Committee's recommendation to simply work with Revision which, because of the scope of this project she does not have an issue with. Before we go too much further we should know what the Board's thoughts are on this subject. Selectman LaCourse agrees with the TA. He does not think they will get much further if they put this out to bid; therefore, he does not have a problem staying with Revision. Selectman Brown feels the same way. Chairman Bugbee disagrees with them and thinks that they should explore other options. Selectman Brown thinks we have spent enough time on this and we have looked at other options. Chairman Bugbee wants to see the costs and savings in writing. TA Glover says that she was just trying to get a sense of if it is the Board's desire to absolutely not move forward with Revision then we should let them know tomorrow, but if the Board is ok with moving forward with Revision alone then she will move forward with getting more information from them. Chairman Bugbee wants to get more information but he is not willing to lock into any particular provider. The Board agrees to keep moving forward with Revision and see how far we can get. Selectman Brown says that there's got to be a point when we make a decision.

e) TA Glover forwarded a letter from the Governor relative to his reasons for why he vetoed the budget and at the end of the letter there is an invitation to one elected official to attend an informational session on July 19th. No Select Board member is interested in attending.

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

10. Chairman Bugbee moves to enter into Non-Public Session per NH RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) and (l) at approximately **7:27pm**. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. **Roll Call Vote. All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.** The Board returns to public session at **7:56pm**.

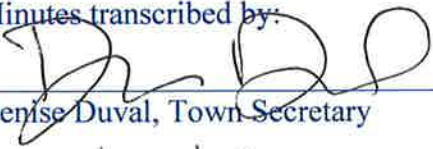
11. Chairman Bugbee moves to seal the nonpublic meeting minutes. Selectman LaCourse, seconds. **Roll Call Vote. All Agree following Roll Call Vote. Motion Carries.**

12. Selectman LaCourse asks if the fireworks issue from earlier this evening was in a private park. TA Glover says yes. The Town has a fireworks ordinance which allows Class C fireworks without a permit. Selectman LaCourse says she (Belinda Gleason) was concerned about the density. TA Glover says she would have to look at the state statutes to know whether we are allowed to restrict in that manner. She specifically said bottle rockets. The question is can we restrict in the parks. TA will ask Jean Howe if they have any rules in place at Pine Knoll Village with regards to firework displays.

Chairman Bugbee states that the Heritage Commission has purchased shelves for the records archive room here at the PSC. They should arrive at the PSC by the end of August, beginning of September. They plan on moving everything from the fireproof safes over to the shelves here.

13. Chairman Bugbee entertains a motion to adjourn at **8:05pm**. Selectman LaCourse so moved. Selectman Brown, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**

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