

Town of Lee Ad Hoc Racetrack Committee Meeting Minutes August 4, 2015

Attendees: C Brown, W Lehman, A Lelio, T Loureiro, B. Callen, T Dronsfield, D Cedarholm

1. Group accepted meeting minutes from June 9 and June 19 meetings.
2. Tom L stated that Eric Reuter of Reuter Associates has asked for direction regarding his next steps. Chief D and Tom L suggested main objective be for Eric to validate well cap as the proper sound test location, and work on a transfer function formula to relate measurements at that location to measurements at the property line. Cary also suggested that as a secondary objective, Eric should gather more sound data around town during races (possible locations: Tamarack and Cartland Road). Group also discussed several other objectives with which Eric may help: establishing formal measurement procedures which the LPD may follow in the future; training LPD personnel in sound measurement; and validating the Town's sound measurement equipment.
3. Bill suggested that LPD personnel join Eric at his next measurement session, not only to learn his measurement techniques but also to ascertain whether the Town's own sound meters calibrate with Eric's sound measurement equipment. Chief D agreed.
4. Group authorized Tom L to contact Eric to review objectives listed in items 2 and 3 above.
5. Group generally discussed proper interval to measure sound during monitoring of racing. Eric's recent measurement intervals have ranged from 1 and 2 minutes. Bill suggested it would be more appropriate to measure and average over an entire racing session. Andy disagreed with measuring sound over such a long interval, as that would necessarily lower the average due to yellow flags and other stops in racing action. Chief D stated that Eric should suggest the proper measurement interval, and this interval and all measurement procedures should then be codified in the Lee Racing Ordinance to make sure it holds up in court if necessary. Group noted that the current Ordinance language references sound as measured at any interval. Bill noted that race cars can typically traverse the entire track in about 15 seconds.
6. Bill noted that ISMA big block supers are racing on Friday Aug 7, but he didn't think these cars would be any louder than the modifieds.
7. Tom L asked group if they felt it was an appropriate time to provide the Select Board with an update on the Ad Hoc Committee's recent progress. Group agreed, and authorized Tom L to do so. Tom L will contact the Board to get on the next agenda. Group authorized Tom L to provide the following update: monies spent to date against budget; major steps taken to date by the committee; status of potential measurement location (the well head); and planned next steps including further validation of test location and suggestions on amending the Ordinance to include a specified measurement location and revised measurement procedures.
8. Meeting adjourned, and no future meeting date was set.