

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD & ADVISORY BUDGET  
COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**October 12, 2017**

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**Board & Committee members present:** Chairman LaCourse, Selectman Brown and Selectman Bugbee, Pat Barbour, Brian Burke and Thomas Murdoch

**Members not present:** Chairwoman MacKinnon, Cord Blomquist

**Others present:** Town Administrator Julie Glover, Larry Kindberg, Paul Gasowski

1. Chairman LaCourse calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and turns the budget presentations over to Brian Burke.
2. Larry Kindberg hands out a revised budget saying that there have been two changes. One is ORYA is requesting an increase from \$27,875 to \$28,700 and the second is \$100 for tree fertilizer for the new trees at LRP. Mr. Kindberg indicates that they are going to try movie night again next year. The Rec Commission still has 2 empty seats and Mr. Kindberg states that it is difficult for the 3 of them to run any more programs than what they do. The commission is requesting \$10k to be put in the trust fund towards tennis court repairs. Selectman Brown has noticed that there are several kids at LRP and the Racetrack interested in drones. He is wondering if there could be an event for that. Mr. Kindberg says they have talked about it, but they need people to help organize and put it together. Selectman Bugbee confirms that the Rec Commission will continue to sponsor the men's basketball league at Mast Way School. Mr. Kindberg indicates that Caren Rossi has asked him to sponsor Yoga.

Mr. Kindberg says that ORYA is running a deficit. He said he was approached by someone else who claims they could run the sports program better than OYRA, but Mr. Kindberg can't remember who this person was.

There is more tennis court discussion.

3. Brian Burke and Chairman LaCourse move to accept the meeting minutes from October 5<sup>th</sup>. Selectmen Bugbee, seconds. All in favor. **Motion Carries.**
4. Selectman Bugbee states that he had a meeting today with the Superintendent who indicated that enrollment is up in Lee. According to Dr. Morse's research the older residents in Lee are either moving or passing away and their houses are being purchased by people with families. Mr. Morse said that because of this our tax burden will be going up. The Representatives are not making any headway with getting the school aid program back. They are looking at the new middle school coming in 4 years. Newmarket had to pay for their entire new school.
5. TA Glover asks if anyone has any questions regarding the revenue data in the back of the budget book. There are no questions.

Selectman Bugbee states that the school may relocate the middle school. They are looking at a Cheney lot near Market Basket and over near Sullivan Tire on Route 4. If they do move off site, Madbury is proposing they move to where Eliot Rose used to be. This would be more central for all towns. Cheney lot would bring in \$60k in tax revenue if left in private use.

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6. Paul Gasowski, Sustainability Committee, presents the budget. The committee started in May 2016. Last year they asked for \$1000 for operating expenses and outreach. This year they are asking for the same. The committee has not spent anything to date. They will have expenditures coming up shortly. They are joining the Ag Commission and the Library to Co-Sponsor the Backyard Farming Initiatives. They voted at their last meeting to offer to assist the Ag Commission in paying for some of the costs to host these events. They also voted to offer Amy Daskal an honorarium for using the 250<sup>th</sup> logo as their logo. Their largest project to roll out will be a Water Awareness Project prompted by the latest drought. Help land owners to develop a record of their property and water usage. They hope to produce a formal document or flier for the committee in the next year or so. They have been working on composting and the history of composting in Lee. They are in the early stages of a mentorship program. Mr. Gasowski thinks it will take 2-3 years to figure out what their budget lines will be. This committee is not going to have any profit making ventures such as the Ag Commission has with the harvest dinner. This is more of an outreach committee with sustainability and resilience as the focus so he does not see it exceeding \$2000 any time soon. Selectman Bugbee confirms he is asking for \$1000.
  
7. The Town Clerk's presentation will need to be rescheduled.  
  
The Ag Commission is asking for \$1000 (no one is present.)
  
8. Selectman Bugbee asks if some of the \$19k in the Conservation Commission's account is part of the David Allen Fund. TA Glover will find out. Selectman Bugbee is not inclined to give the CC \$5000 if they have \$19k. The AG Commission has over \$8k. Selectman Bugbee is not inclined to give the AG Commission another \$1000. The purpose of the Rec Commission Revolving Fund is to pay for programs. Selectman Bugbee asks for details on the Rec, AG and Conservation Commission Revolving Funds. The Board agrees that if they have this money available to spend then why are they asking for more to go into their operating budget.
  
9. The Energy Committee will need to be rescheduled.
  
10. Brian Burke makes **motion** to adjourn at 7:59pm. Selectman Bugbee, seconds. All in favor.  
**Motion Carries.**

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10/19/17  
Date

Minutes accepted by The Lee Select Board and  
the Advisory Budget Committee:

  
John LaCourse, Chairman

  
Alice MacKinnon, Chairwoman