

**LUDLOW ENTERPRISE FUND COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Town Hall Conference Room  
September 20, 2010**

**Board Members Present:**

Frank Heald, Joan Frangoise, Jim Fuller, Ted Reeves, Marji Graf, Jim Rumrill, Fred Glover

**Others Present:**

Jill Tofferi, Howie Paul, Ralph Pace

**Call to Order:**

Frank Heald called the regular meeting of the Ludlow Enterprise Fund Committee to order at 4:00 pm.

**Approve Minutes:**

Motion by Jim Fuller and seconded by Marji Graf to approve the minutes from January 21, 2010. All in favor and the motion passed.

**Review Fund Balance:**

- a. Frank Heald reported there is an unaudited fund balance of \$32,566.00.
- b. Jim Fuller asked what the difference in the income vs expenditures.
- c. Frank Heald said the expenditures should be \$557,682.
- d. Ted Reeves asked if the unaudited available balance was correct.
- e. Frank Heald said yes and the auditors will be here this week and will update the balance total including any interest.

**Consider Applications:**

- a. Frank Heald said the LEF Committee will need to confirm the annual contribution to the Public Safety Building.
- b. Motion by Ted Reeves and seconded by Fred Glover to confirm the LEF annual expenditure and allocation of \$43,250 to the Public Safety Building. All in favor and the motion passed.
- c. Frank Heald reminded members that the LEF Committee serves to make recommendations to the Select Board and Village Trustees for their approval.
- d. Frank Heald recommended the committee run through the requests one at a time and come back to vote after the discussion.

**Black River Academy Museum - \$15,000 for roof and heating/furnace:**

- a. Frank Heald said that the museum's boiler was recently red-tagged so they are not able to operate it.
- b. Jim Fuller asked if the figure requested represents 100% of the cost.
- c. Fred Glover asked if any other avenues for funds have been exhausted.
- d. Frank Heald said he was not sure.

- e. Ralph Pace said he serves on the museum board and last Saturday they attempted to turn of the furnace, but there was smoke and other problems. They were told by Irving Oil not to use it.
- f. Jill Tofferi asked if they had looked into the Preservation Trust for emergency funds.
- g. Jim Fuller said the museum has already received \$20,000 in the past from LEF.

**Black River Good Neighbor Services - \$25,000 for interior work in the new facility:**

- a. Frank Heald said that Jim Fuller is President of BRGNS and would abstain from voting.
- b. Jim Fuller said BRGNS has never asked for help before and will need funds to finish the inside work in their new facility which is expected to cost \$50,000. He said painting, interior wallboard, walk-in freezer are among the items.
- c. Frank Heald asked what support they receive from Proctorsville, Cavendish, Plymouth and if they have been asked to consider additional funds.
- d. Jim Fuller said \$200 to \$300 from the towns and they have all been asked to consider additional funds.

**Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium - \$3,000 for a movie projector and other technology:**

- a. Frank Heald said FOLA is asking for \$3,000 and Ralph Pace is the President/Chair of the committee.
- b. Ralph said they had a fundraising drive that was better than expected so they are only asking for \$750 to help with the purchase of the equipment.

**Fletcher Memorial Library - \$21,386 to repave the parking lot:**

- a. Frank Heald said Jill Tofferi is here representing the Library.
- b. Ted Reeves asked if the request was for the parking lot on the backside of the building.
- c. Jill Tofferi said yes, it needs to be repaved.

**Parks & Recreation - \$34,829.49 for Cardiovascular and Weight Equipment for the Armory:**

- a. Frank Heald said the money is for the fit-up for the cardio and weight room at the new Community Center. He said the center is coming along rapidly and the cardio/weight room will be a multi-purpose room.
- b. Howie Paul said the room will be used by the school, community and students. Right now the kids don't have a space. They have done fundraisers with sporting events such as rag ball, the sale of sweatshirts, etc. and have already raised \$9,000.
- c. Frank Heald said that for the record any non-school use will be by membership so they will not undercut any other businesses, which is anticipated to be the case here.
- d. Jim Fuller asked if there was any other equipment available so they don't duplicate what they already have.
- e. Howie Paul said all of the equipment will be commercial grade.
- f. Marji Graf how much money they are asking for if \$9,000 has already been raised.
- g. Howie Paul said \$15,000.
- h. Ted Reeves asked if the LEF form could be modified so the amount requested was more visible.

**Consider Applications – Additional Comments:**

- a. Frank Heald said the requests total \$77,136 with an available balance of \$32,566.
- b. Fred Glover suggested that a pro-rated amount would be a way to approach this. He said they could also consider those that have asked for funds and received in the past.
- c. Frank Heald said that in the past they have funded no more than 1/2 of the request.
- d. Frank Heald said in consideration of the purpose of the LEF it was to mitigate the expansion of Okemo. He added the committee has found this difficult over the years.
- e. Frank Heald said Public Safety and Recreation have been the closest to the budget needs proposed in prior years. He said over the years there have been more indirect funding proposals.
- f. Jim Fuller said that since the inception of the LEF fund the museum, library and others have all received money.
- g. Howie Paul said his request follows along with what the LEF has asked.
- h. Jill Tofferi said most communities have municipal branches and the library is fortunate to be incorporated. They do receive money from the town, but feels that the library is truly a municipal service and the impact from Jackson Gore is a direct impact. She said second homeowners and visitors all use the library services.
- i. Marji Graf proposed \$350 to FOLA; \$7,000 to the museum; \$9,216 to BRGNS; \$9,000 to the library; and \$7,000 to Parks & Recreation.
- j. Frank Heald reminded the committee that the Town Manager is a LEF member who moderates the meeting, but does not vote.
- k. Ted Reeves said Parks & Recreation is funded through taxpayers and others are not-for-profit. He said he has a problem with this.
- l. Howie Paul said that on this particular project, it was not budgeted and any assistance would be a great help.
- m. Frank Heald said with the thought process 9-10 years ago, the bulk of the budget items were publically funded such as the Public Safety, Highway, with some discussion about beautification in the downtown.
- n. Jim Fuller said that on behalf of BRGNS they have become more involved in the community with food and clothing disbursement. They raise money from what is sold through the store. He added that resort employees rely on BRGNS for clothing in the winter, so they have a lot of involvement. Jim said that anyone involved with the armory would not have money in their budgets.
- o. Frank Heald suggested the committee look at the timeliness of these monies and the immediate need.
- p. Ted Reeves asked Jill Tofferi if she had received more than one bid for the paving.
- q. Jill Tofferi said yes and they were comfortable with M & M.
- r. Jim Rumrill said Cota & Cota did bid on the museum's boiler, but their bid was for much more.
- s. Marji Graf suggested funding the following which amounts to \$32,566:
 

Black River Academy Museum	\$7,000
Friends of the Ludlow Auditorium	\$350
Black River Good Neighbor Services	\$9,216
Fletcher Memorial Library	\$9,000
Parks & Recreation	\$7,000
- t. Marji Graf made a motion to fund five projects as stated in the amount of \$32,566. Motion was seconded by Fred Glover.
- u. Frank Heald asked for discussion on the motion.

- v. Jim Rumrill questioned if the museum and library or others would be able to do their projects with the monies proposed.
- w. Jill Tofferi said in the case of the library it may need to happen next year instead of this year, but the board would have to decide that.
- x. Fred Glover said the thinking is that everyone has come in good faith and assumes they would qualify as an impact that the LEF was set up for. He asked if someone can't use the money for whatever reason what they do.
- y. Frank Heald said there is a motion on the table.
- z. All in favor with none opposed, the motion passed. Let the record indicate that Jim Fuller did not vote.
- aa. Frank Heald said that the LEF Committee's recommendation will be considered at the Select Board and Village Trustee's meetings on October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business:**

- a. Frank Heald said they will need to formally re-elect the chair at the next meeting.

**Adjourn:**

- a. Motion by Ted Reeves and seconded by Jim Fuller to adjourn. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank  
Acting Clerk