

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright, Road Agent Lance Houle, Transfer Station Manager Dustin Bowles, Police Sergeant Kris Burgess and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 22, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board met with Lance Houle and Dustin Bowles.
  - a. Mr. Houle said he received a call from someone that wants to extend the private road on Terry Drive. He explained that there is one more lot on that road; the road needs to be extended to access that property. Mr. Houle said he meets with the gentleman on Thursday. He explained that guidelines were set for the road when it was previously extended that included a 20' wide gravel with a class B 14' wide t-turnaround. Mr. Houle said the new guidelines ask for 22' wide gravel; he would like to keep it at 20'. Mr. Houle said there is only one more lot so there won't be a lot of traffic. Selectman Ives clarified that it is gravel now. Chairman Krieger asked if this is something that should go before the Zoning or Planning Board. Stanley Prescott, Vice Chairman of the Planning Board suggested that it wouldn't hurt for them to go before the Planning Board. Selectman Ives said Mr. Houle should let the gentleman know that he needs to get on the Planning Board agenda for a discussion.
  - b. Dustin Bowles said he wanted to discuss the warrant article for the skid-steer. He said rather raising the money with taxes in the past they have taken money out of transfer station maintenance line for trailers and things for the transfer station. Selectman Ives said they have a draft of the article and it looks good to him. Selectman Maxfield asked if there is enough money in that maintenance fund. Mr. Bowles said there is. He explained that the fund can be used for the purchase and maintenance of equipment. The Selectmen are good with the article. Selectman Maxfield said it is a wise place to take the money from.
  - c. Chairman Krieger said they received a check from Primex for the damage to the highway department pickup truck. Mr. Houle explained that the quote he received is for more than the insurance check; he will be getting a couple more quotes. Chairman Krieger suggested that he check with a couple of places in town and discuss the amount with the insurance company.
  
- III. The Board recognized James Troon resident of Lovejoy Road from the audience.
  - a. Mr. Troon explained that since Lovejoy Road was paved there is a significant drop off at the end of his driveway. He said his car bottoms out and his wife's breaking safety features are triggered. He would like to know how that can be leveled out and what solutions are available to them. Mr. Houle said they discussed this in the summer when the road was done; he said this is one of the steepest driveways on Lovejoy. He said this is the first time he heard about the breaking issues; he

understood that the front foil hit a couple of times going into the driveway. Mr. Houle said he can't do anything about it now but he can try to lift the driveway in the spring. Mr. Troon said when delivery people, neighbors, friends complained about it and his plow driver said he can't clear the snow out of the end of the driveway he wrote the letter to the Selectmen. Mr. Houle said he backed into the driveway and was able to plow out. Selectman Maxfield asked what will happen with the drainage if they build it up. Mr. Houle said that is the problem and one of the reasons he was trying to keep it down. He explained that there is not enough depth there to put in a culvert so he'll try to lift one side to keep the drainage working. Mr. Houle said he might have to have a paving company come in and grind the edge of the road down. Karen Troon said she can't get her jeep Cherokee in the driveway. Mr. Troon said the paving on Lovejoy Road is great they just need the driveway issue taken care of. He said he appreciates it being looked into.

- b. Chairman Krieger recognized Dan Bartlett from Lovejoy Road. Mr. Bartlett explained that there is a big divot at the end of his driveway. He said the only way he can get out with his plow on is to go on the edge of the driveway and creep out. Mr. Bartlett said he contacted the road agent and set up a time to meet with him about it. He explained that about an hour and a half before the meeting Mr. Houle called him and said he looked at the driveway and didn't see a problem. Mr. Bartlett said that during the snowstorm he couldn't plow out and he couldn't plow up; the only way to plow was sitting in the road and plowing sideways back and forth. Mr. Houle explained that he did stop and look at it; the driveway needs to pitch away 2%, that's the regulations. Mr. Houle explained that the driveway is so steep that if he brought it out level to the pavement he would have so much water on the road he would be dealing with ice all winter. Mr. Houle said the last conversation he had with Mr. Bartlett was that he would work with him in the spring to get this straightened out. Mr. Houle said Mr. Bartlett said sometimes he might need help to get out. Mr. Bartlett agreed and said he will call if he needs help. Selectman Ives said the road agent will deal with both issues on Lovejoy Road in the spring.

#### IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

- a. Chief Wright said he, Selectman Ives and Deputy Lake interviewed three candidates for the vacant full-time position; all were recommended by their Chiefs. Chief Wright said they decided to hire Travis Arel who was highly recommended by his Chief in Amherst. Mr. Arel has worked for Amherst for six years. Chief Wright also spoke to the director of the Milton EMS who had nothing but good things to say about Mr. Arel. Chief Wright said based on that he would like to hire Mr. Arel starting February 1<sup>st</sup> at \$17.00 per hour with a review in six months and he must pass the pre-employment physical. Selectman Ives said the Amherst is a long drive and asked if Mr. Arel will still consider moving closer at some point as he indicated in their interview. Mr. Arel said he will look into it. The Board welcomed Mr. Arel.
- b. Chief Wright said their training committee would like some practice with the aerial tower. They would like to train on the community building and the town office building. The Board agreed they have no problem with them training on those buildings.
- c. Selectman Maxfield said the he was approached by Shawn Jones. Mr. Jones has 10 scouts that are looking for a community service project to do. He asked Chief Wright

is he has anything they could do. Chief Wright and Selectman Maxfield will discuss it further at another time.

- V. The Board recognized Hunter Blake from the audience. Hunter from Lower Ridge Road explained that he is a Boy Scout looking for an Eagle Scout project. He asked if he could replace the town sign near Cascade Park. Selectman Ives explained that his sister-in-law made the sign that is there, his father put up the frame work and he put the sign up many years ago. Chairman Krieger said that they have been talking about replacing the sign. Selectman Ives said he is all for replacing it however when his sister-in-law painted the sign she asked that if it was ever taken down that she get it back so he would like to be sure she gets it. Selectman Ives said he thinks this is a great project and offered his help if Hunter needs anything. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to appoint Selectman Ives to be the contact person for Hunter to go to regarding the replacement and establishment of the new Town of Loudon sign by Cascade Park and to make decisions on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield commended Hunter for taking on this worthy project.
- VI. The Board met with Sergeant Kris Burgess.
- a. Sergeant Burgess updated the board on the bank robbery. He said the suspect turned himself in and is incarcerated in Vermont.
  - b. Sergeant Burgess explained that he received quotes for the deadbolt on the evidence door that they have talked about.
  - c. Sergeant Burgess said they had some budget items to discuss. Janice Morin explained that they got a quote from Ossipee Mountain regarding a maintenance agreement on their grant cameras. She explained that they received two quotes; the first for \$4680. The second is an hourly option; \$85 per hour unless it is after hours or race weekend which would be \$125 per hour with a four hour minimum. She said there is also \$100 service charge each time. Ms. Morin said she recommends putting \$2500 in the outside services line of the budget for this; they have had issues with the cameras the last two race weekends. Chairman Krieger agreed.
  - d. Ms. Morin said she spoke with Ossipee Mountain, Deputy Lake and the Homeland Security Director about cleaning the lenses on the camera's at the 106/129 intersection. She believes that Homeland Security will come through in the spring. Deputy Lake said they can do it if necessary with traffic control for safety.
  - e. Sergeant Burgess said he looked into cell phones for the officers. Due to this he is requesting an additional \$300 be added to their telephone budget line. He explained that the phones would be at the station and available to the officers during their working hours. Chairman Krieger explained that the officers are taking pictures with their own phones and then defense wants their phones. He further explained that if there is a bank robbery or shooting or anything the AG's office will take their phone. Chairman Krieger said this would protect the town and the officer's.
  - f. Sergeant Burgess explained that they want to add a module to their IMC program for evidence. He said he would like to increase the computer maintenance line by \$2500 for this.

- VII. Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:47 PM.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield moved to come out of non-public session at 6:23 PM; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. Motion carries.
- VIII. Chairman Krieger signed three pistol permits.
- IX. Sergeant Burgess said to complete their roster he has one more part-time position to fill. He recommends Anthony Strout who is a correctional officer at the New Hampshire State prison. Sergeant Burgess said his background is complete, he received all positive feedback; he would like to hire him and send him to the part-time academy in February. He was told that his rate of pay would be \$10 per hour while at the academy and then be raised to \$19. Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint Anthony G. Strout as a part-time patrolman for the Town of Loudon, starting January 5, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- X. Chairman Krieger explained that he has a neighbor that is concerned with someone parking in the road while operating a sap business. Chairman Krieger told this person that he would pass the message on to the Police Department. Chairman Krieger said he doesn't know if they are even hampering the road or if they need to pull further off the road; but he is asking that they keep an eye on it.
- XI. The Board recognized Stanley Prescott from the audience.
- a. Mr. Prescott said he received call from the kid working on the cemetery by the Fire Station. He asked Mr. Prescott as a member of the historical society what the name of the cemetery is. Mr. Prescott said he doesn't know and he doesn't think the historical society should be naming cemeteries. Selectman Maxfield said it has always been known as the Loudon Village Cemetery. Selectman Ives suggested asking Arthur Colby. Mr. Prescott said that Bob Ordway thought it was the Loudon Village Cemetery too but he didn't want to say anything without first talking to the Board. Mr. Prescott will talk to Mr. Colby. The Board agreed unless Mr. Colby knows something different it is the Loudon Village Cemetery.
  - b. Mr. Prescott said he submitted two warrant articles.
- XII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received information from the town attorney regarding Fairpoint's Tax Abatement Appeal.
  - b. The Board received the Ladd Conservation Easement paperwork. Selectman Ives stated that Julie Robinson from the Conservation Commission did an excellent job on this easement. Selectman Maxfield was thanked by the board for taking care of the paperwork with Ms. Robinson.

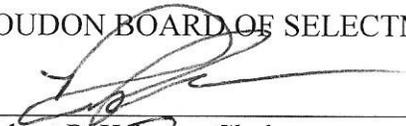
- c. The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District Revised Assessment for 2015-2016. The revised amount is \$622,890.83 for January – May, 2016. The old amount was \$722,040.64.
- d. The Board received a copy of the Loudon VOA annual payment.
- e. The Board received the Maxfield library Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015. The Board expressed their pleasure in the way they and the library are communicating and working together.
- f. The Board received a thank you letter from Community Action Program.

XIII. The Board received the following reminder:

- a. Monday, January 11 at 7:15pm is a School Board meeting.

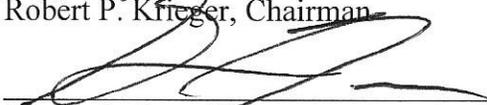
XIV. Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:47 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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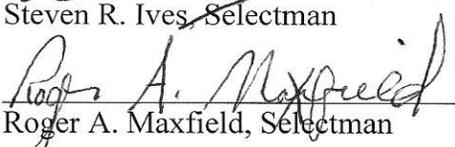
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Robert P. Krieger, Chairman



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Steven R. Ives, Selectman



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Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman