

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

**Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.**

**Also present: Fire Chief Jeff Burr.**

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 18, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Budget Work Session Meeting Minutes of Friday, December 28, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the updated Welfare Assistance Guidelines effective January 9, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Bowles stated that the Selectmen are required to review and update the Welfare Guidelines to keep in line with local and state regulations and to keep the budget in line with any changes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
  - a. Chief Burr discussed the Capital Area Health Network with regard to a training that the Selectmen and members of the Town Office should attend. He stated that the meeting would be approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours long and will address the roles that key players would have if there were a pandemic outbreak in this area. The Board agreed that the training should be scheduled some time in April. Chief Burr will setup the training and let the Board know of the official date and time.
  - b. The Board advised Chief Burr that the approval for the grant application for the permanently installed base radio at Emergency Operations Center at Station 2 has been received.
  - c. Chief Burr advised the Board that the emergency snow declaration information was received from Homeland Security and it gives the information on how and when to apply for reimbursement after a snow emergency has been declared.
  - d. Discussion ensued regarding the letter to Tom Dow from Chief Burr regarding the Volunteers of America Project.
  - e. The Board received a copy of the CDL license for Pearson Souther.
  - f. Selectman Bowles thanked Chief Burr for shoveling out the cellar door area at the Community Building.
- IV. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that four pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a quote from Harry-O Electrical for a photocell dusk to dawn light for the parking lot at the Recreation Field. Selectman Ives moved to approve the proposal from Harry-O Electrical to install a photocell dusk to dawn light in the parking lot at the Recreation Field and to remove the existing fixture in the amount of \$550.00; funds to come from 01-45200-700-710 Rec. Department Park Maintenance and Supplies. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - b. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board had received copies of the revised 2007 – 2008 Merrimack Valley School District Assessment and the assessment went from \$6,997,314.00 to \$6,440,133.00.
  - c. The Board received notification that Mr. Day of East Ricker Road had contacted the Town Office and left a complaint regarding the snow plowing this year and that Road Agent David Rice had left Mr. Day a message regarding this issue. The Board asked that Mr. Rice follow up and let the Board know what the discussion was and how it is being addressed.
  - d. The Board received copies of the findings from the alarm activation at the Community Building.
  - e. The Board received copies of an e-mail regarding the ban on disposal of mercury-added products at a solid waste landfill, transfer station, or incinerator.
  - f. The Board received copies of the insurance reimbursement for the damage to a fire truck in the amount of \$3,681.20.
  - g. The Board received the notice of decision to reduce the bond on Thistle Hill Road to \$23,000.00. Selectman Bowles stated that Mr. Thistle has completed much of the work on the road and that the Planning Board was unable to view the work due to the snow. He stated that the bond was not reduced to the amount that Mr. Thistle had requested, but the Board agreed to the \$23,000.00 amount.
  - h. The Board received a request to waive ambulance service billings for two individuals.
  - i. The Board received information on House Bill 503 regarding a Solid Waste Management Fund.
  - j. The Board received information regarding Public Works in the Granite State.
  - k. The Board reviewed the Nextel contract proposal information.
  - l. The Board received information regarding Brownfield's Cleanup Grant Applications.
  - m. The Board received copies of information from Comcast regarding program changes and pricing changes. The Board discussed need to have cable service throughout town.
  - n. The Board received copies of the Legislative Bulletin and DRA Newsletters for review.

- VI. Chairman Maxfield recognized John Plumer from the audience.
- a. Mr. Plumer asked about the placement of the base station radio grant that was approved by Homeland Security. The Board advised Mr. Plumer that the radio would be permanently installed at Station 2, which is the Emergency Operations Center for Emergency Management.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Bowles said there was a huge turnout at the polls for the Presidential Primary on Tuesday and there was an additional 290+ new-registered voters, which means Loudon has over 3,600 registered voters. He said that he hopes to see a large turnout at Town Meeting. Selectman Ives thanked the election workers for staying until almost 11:00 PM tallying up the votes. It was stated that there was approximately 2200 ballots cast for the Primary. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

#### THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman