

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.  
Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 5, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.
  - a. Selectman Ives made a motion to hire Travis Arel to fill the position of Firefighter/EMT for the Loudon Fire Department at the rate of pay of \$17.00 per hour starting February 1, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - b. Chief Wright submitted a grant support letter for the Board to sign, which they did. Chief Wright explained that they are looking at two sets of extrication equipment one for Engine 1 that is at Station 2 and one for Engine 2 that is at Station 1. He said the total estimated cost for that is \$59,000. They are looking at a heating/cooling upgrade at Station 2 for \$46,000 and the third thing is a UTV vehicle, something like the gator only better for off road; this would cost about \$40,000. Chief Wright said this would be a total of \$145,000 if they are fortunate enough to get this grant. He explained that if they get the grant it would be 95% FEMA and the town would have to contribute 5%. Chief Wright said he would find the 5% in his budget.
  - c. Chief Wright asked about a meeting with the Triathlon people. A meeting has been set for February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30.
  - d. Chief Wright told the Selectmen that he thinks the town should be thinking about an alarm system for the highway garage. Selectman Maxfield said that he thinks a Capital Reserve Fund should be established for a new garage in the future. Chairman Krieger stated that in the meantime they should look into the feasibility and cost of an alarm system. Chief Wright said he has spoken to the road agent about it and will get a couple of prices.
  - e. Chief Wright said he met with the Chichester Fire Chief last week regarding the ambulance coverage. Chief Wright explained that Chichester transports nights for two weeks and Loudon transports two weeks. He said that Chichester wants to do their transport all the time which means that Loudon would do all their own. Chief Wright said they would still back each other up if there is two calls at once or a bad accident. Chief Wright said this would start in February. Chairman Krieger asked that Chief Wright look into what kind of agreement the Town of Loudon has with the Town of Chichester.
  - f. Chief Wright explained that 23 months ago they set up a plan for fire department compensation. Chief Wright said he'd like to up the rates to get them more in line with where they should be. He explained that with a 25% increase they would still have about \$11,000 left for a buffer. Selectman Ives said he is looking at about 20% more. Chief Wright said that originally they talked about bonuses but he is not in favor of that. Selectman Maxfield stated that we are lucky to have these volunteers;

- they'd be paying a lot more if they had to hire people. Chairman Krieger said Chief Wright has done an exceptional job and he supports him. After reviewing the paperwork and considering the numbers the Board agreed to a 20% increase. Chairman Krieger stated that they appreciate everything these people do. Selectman Ives said a 20% increase would be about \$3500. Chief Wright asked that the increase go into effect February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Board agreed.
- g. The Board discussed Chief Wright's pickup truck. Chairman Krieger said they would have to look into replacing it in the next few years. Chief Wright said it is good for now.
- III. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to authorize Chairman Krieger to sign an agreement between the Town of Loudon and Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc. for the Household Hazardous Waste Collections agreement for the amount of no more than \$10,000. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - IV. The Board received an application for a highway Department employee from the road agent. The Board reviewed the application. Selectman Ives made a motion to hire Mark Stevens to fill the position at the highway garage at the hourly rate of \$16.50. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Ives explained that this is to fill a position that was vacated; they are not creating a new position. All in favor. Motion carried. The start date will be as soon as possible.
  - V. Selectman Ives made a motion to authorize Chairman Krieger to sign the Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement, Central NH Special Operations Unit. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield said he believes this is a worthy program and he's glad to see it in place. Selectman Ives said this is authorized with the approval of Sergeant Burgess.
  - VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
    - a. The Board received a memo from Sergeant Burgess. Sergeant Burgess submitted an appointment paper for a full-time patrolman. Chairman Krieger stated that Juan Posada is currently a full-time patrolman for Boscawen. Sergeant Burgess said the background is complete and requests that Officer Posada starts at \$20.50 per hour. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to appoint Juan Posada as a full-time patrolman for the Loudon Police Department with a 12-month probationary period beginning January 12, 2016. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
    - b. Chairman Krieger signed twelve pistol permits.
    - c. The Board received a petition from Dan Aversa for acceptance of Bert Lane. Selectman Maxfield said he drove Bert Lane and it appears that three houses are built and two are under construction. Selectman Ives made a motion to accept the petition from Dan Aversa for the acceptance of Bert Lane. Selectman Ives said they will schedule a public hearing and he would like to get the road agents thoughts on the road. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
    - d. The Board received a letter from a resident of Old Shaker Road regarding the condition of road. The Road agent will receive a copy of the letter. Selectman

Maxfield said for the record that he saw the road agent working on that road the week before Christmas; doing the best he can at this time of the year.

- e. The Board received twelve (12) overdue ambulance bills. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to forward the following ambulance bills to collection: Acct. #9333 for \$108.39, Acct. #8006 for \$528.75, Acct. #8280 for \$24.55, Acct #2047 for \$250.00, Acct. #9025 for \$687.20, Acct. #8852 for \$58.32, Acct. #8093 for \$99.58, Acct. #9128 for \$64.28, Acct. #9220 for \$338.47, Acct. #9256 for \$112.73, Acct. #5749 for \$112.73, and Acct# 9343 for \$548.70. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. The Board received the Loudon Agriculture Commission September Meeting Minutes.

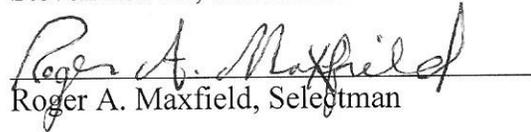
- VII. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Robert P. Krieger, Chairman



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Steven R. Ives, Selectman



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Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman