

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 27, 2014**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.  
Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 21, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectmen Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.
  - a. Chief Wright explained that a letter was submitted to the Board from Lieutenant Reese regarding a subdivision on Pittsfield Road. Chief Wright said this is regarding a certificate of occupancy (CO) request coming up and the fact that there is no cistern in the ground yet. Chief Wright said that Lieutenant Reese said that previously cisterns are put in before houses are built, although the ordinance doesn't specify that, it's just been handled that way. Selectman Bowles said he can't remember what the Planning Board decision was; sometimes it is put in the minutes that the cistern will have to be in before occupancy, he asked Chief Wright to check with Donna about that. Chief Wright said he heard indirectly that the plan is to build all four houses and then put in the cistern. Chairman Krieger said that once the CO's are given there is nothing to hold them responsible for doing it. Selectman Bowles said that they have always requested that the cistern be put in and operable. Chief Wright said they chose to do cisterns rather than sprinklers in the houses so once they start to build the houses without sprinklers there is no fire protection. Selectman Ives stated that in other developments the cistern has gone in before the CO. Chief Wright said they haven't got any submittals other than the site plan that shows the cistern. He said they haven't received any of the typical cistern submittals or detail drawings. Chairman Krieger said he doesn't think they should get a CO until the cistern has been put in. Chief Wright said he doesn't want to set a precedent either way. Selectman Ives said the precedent has been set by them by not giving CO's until the cistern has been put in. Chairman Krieger asked if there is a bond for the cistern. Selectman Bowles said no; they've bonded roads but not cisterns. Selectman Ives said they haven't bonded cisterns because they don't allow occupancy until the cistern is in place. Chairman Krieger said that maybe they need to be bonded if they can fall through the cracks. Selectman Bowles asked Chief Wright to ask Donna for the final decision to see if it's stated in there and also ask her to look through the Planning Board minutes; he's sure the cistern would have been brought up at the meetings because of the size of the subdivision. He said there also might be a note on the final plan. Chief Wright asked if at this point the CO. should be issued. Selectman Bowles said no CO.

- b. Chief Wright said that the lease agreement between the Town of Loudon and the Town of Chichester for old Engine Two runs out February 7. He said he heard they might want to keep it until the middle of March so he spoke to the Chief about it; reminding him the lease would have to be extended if that's what they intended to do. Selectman Ives asked if there's any word as to what they intend to do long term. Chief Wright said their engine with the cracked frame is getting repaired and they expect it back sometime in March.

III. The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.

- a. Mrs. McNeil explained that she wanted to discuss properties that the Town can deed. She gave the Selectman information about the properties that can be deeded. Mrs. McNeil explained that she noted on each property when the last payment was made. Selectman Ives asked if they have to take all or none. Mrs. McNeil explained that if a property proves to be a liability they don't have to take it, if someone is on a payment plan they don't have to take it. Mrs. McNeil explained that if they deed a property and try to sell it within three years the owners have first option to buy it. She said if it does go for sale the town would keep only what is owed plus any expenses such as attorney fees and cleaning of the property. Mrs. McNeil also explained that they can file a claim in small claims court instead of deeding the property. Mrs. McNeil explained the paperwork that would need to be filed for small claims court. Chairman Krieger stated that they owe it to the rest of the taxpayer's to start collecting this. Selectman Ives agreed that they will start deeding properties. The Board will review the information Mrs. McNeil gave to them.

IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received a letter from a resident regarding his property taxes. Chairman Krieger will contact the resident and ask him to come in to speak to the Board.
- b. The Board received an email from the recreation department regarding their Winter Carnival to be held on February 22.
- c. The Board received an email from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission regarding a Broadband Meeting that is open to the public. They will be discussing the status and improvement of broadband internet in the region. The meeting will be held February 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm.
- d. The Board received ESMI's self report for December 2013.
- e. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

VII. The Board received the following reminders:

- a. Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm Bryan Christiansen from Comcast will meet with the Selectmen to discuss the franchise agreement.
- b. Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm is the 2<sup>nd</sup> budget hearing.
- c. Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm is the MVSD public hearing.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:56 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Robert P. Krieger, *Chairman*

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman