

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

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

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, January 28, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Chairman Ives discussed the issue of the miscommunication relative to the PD Part-Time Secretary increase request by Chief Fiske. He said the Board thought the increase was for a \$1,500.00 increase, but it was actually for \$101.00 to increase the line to \$1,500.00. Chairman Ives said this will also be addressed at the Budget Hearing on Wednesday. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
  - a. Chairman Ives stated for the record three pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
  - b. The Board received a petitioned warrant article from Carol Soule regarding establishing an Agricultural Commission. The Board agreed to include it on the Warrant. Chairman Ives stated he hopes that the individuals that signed and submitted the petition are planning on joining this commission if it passes. He said it is very difficult for the Board to find volunteers to fill these positions.
  - c. The Board received copies of the year-to-date expenditure report from the Library. The Board agreed to have Office Manager Jean Lee re-class the expenditures to the proper lines as was done last year.
  - d. The Board received a request from Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett to increase the Electronics Disposal line based on recent information of an increase in cost from 0.10 to 0.15 cents per pound. The Board agreed to increase this line by \$2,000.00.
  - e. The Board received information from Reuben Goldblatt on the NHMS evacuation plan meeting for review. The Board will take this information under advisement at this time.
  - f. The Board received the Transportation Improvement Plan annual update form.
  - g. The Board received the annual statement from NH Charitable Foundation on the Veterans War Memorial Maintenance Fund for review.
  - h. The Board received the 2009 Exemption Comparison Chart for review.
  - i. The Board received copies of the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #5 for review.

- j. The Board received November and December meeting minutes for the J. O. Cate Memorial Van Committee for review.
  - k. The Board received copies of an e-mail regarding the RGGI funds for municipal projects.
  - l. The Board received copies of the Winter Safety Brochures from Local Government Center for review.
  - m. The Board received copies of Budget Revision #5 for review.
- III. The Board met with Dave Collier of Richard Bartlett & Associates, Cindy Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental Services, and John Zudell, Vice-President of Operations for NHMS to discuss the culvert replacement on Gues Meadow Road on the Route 106 side. Chairman Ives stated this meeting was rescheduled from the January 28, 2009 meeting due to the snow storm.
- a. Cindy Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental Services stated that she is working with NHMS to file a Wetlands Application for the Race Track. Ms. Balcius stated that originally it was thought that the town would need to sign a waiver to allow NHMS to file the Wetlands Application for the replacement of the culvert. She said it has been determined that the placement of the culvert is such that it does not fall in the town's right-of-way. Ms. Balcius reviewed plans with the Board. She discussed the possibility of the Track talking with the Board about widening Gues Meadow Road as part of the Homeland Security Evacuation Plan. Ms. Balcius stated that John Zudell would be addressing this issue with the Board. Discussion ensued.
  - b. John Zudell discussed the possibility of widening Gues Meadow Road. Discussion ensued regarding the town's right-of-way, land owned by the Track, the possibility of changing Gues Meadow Road to three lanes and widening the town's right-of-way, as well as traffic routes and the impact on other roads and bridges in town. Mr. Zudell stated that NHMS would like to install a 36-38 foot culvert to replace the existing culvert, in an effort to plan for the possibility of future expansion of this road. Discussion ensued regarding traffic flow. Chairman Ives stated that he does not want to see the town liable for replacing or expanding the bridge on Lower Ridge Road. He said he does not have a problem with expanding the culvert. Selectman Bowles said the Track would have to get approvals and permits so he does not have any problem with the culvert. He said he can only be part of the discussion, that he would remove himself from any vote. The Board agreed that it was important to be prepared. Selectman Maxfield stated there needs to be a note that states the town still owns the road. Selectman Bowles said the town needs to maintain access.
  - c. Discussion ensued regarding the snowmobile industry and the possibility of having events at NHMS in the future.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman