

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes and 2nd Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012
Thursday, February 3, 2011

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Moderator Mike LaBonte.

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

- I. Chairman Maxfield opened the Budget Hearing for the 2011 – 2012 Fiscal Year and read the public notice for those present.
 - a. Selectman Ives began the review of the proposed budget and stated there were five changes to the budget since the first hearing on January 19, 2011. The changes are as follows:
 1. PD Regular Salary line 01-42100-100-110: to adjust the COLA for one officer and add \$4,000.00 for possible future promotions to bring the line total to \$342,610.00.
 2. PD Overtime Wages line 01-42100-100-115: add \$4,270.00 to adjust for overtime wages for an officer to attend the Police Academy to bring the line total to \$6,361.00. Selectman Ives stated that the officers have to be compensated for 16 hours per day while they are attending the Police Academy. He said other towns have been sued and Town Counsel has advised the Board that they need to address this issue.
 3. FICA/Medicare line 01-41552-200-220: add \$120.00 to adjust for the increases in salary lines.
 4. NH Retirement System line 01-41552-200-230: add \$710.00 to adjust for the increases in the salary lines.
 5. Library Fuel Oil line 01-45500-400-411: add \$8,000.00 to the fuel line for possible increases in cost. Selectman Bowles stated this adjustment had been discussed with the Library Trustees and was discussed at the first Budget Hearing January 19, 2011 as well.
 - b. Chairman Maxfield stated that there were no changes to the Estimated Revenues for 2011 – 2012.
 - c. Selectman Bowles discussed the changes to the Warrant Articles.
 1. Selectman Bowles read the new warrant article for those present as follows:
ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,625.00 for the purpose of purchasing the development rights to conserve valuable farmland and forestland and authorize the withdrawal from the Loudon Conservation Commission Land Fund Expendable Trust established for this purpose at the 2002 Annual Meeting. (Majority vote required) This article will not affect the tax rate. *The Selectmen recommend this article.* Selectman Bowles explained that this project is a large parcel on the Ridge.
 2. Selectman Bowles stated that Article 4 relative to the Household Hazardous Waste Day is still being worked on. He stated that Town Counsel and DRA have advised the Board that the wording of the article has to be more specific regarding where the funds are coming from. Selectman Bowles stated that it appears the funds will be from the Transfer Station Resident Sticker Fees and those fees will

more than likely be increasing next January to cover the costs associated with the Household Hazardous Waste Day events.

3. Chairman Maxfield stated that DRA has advised the Board that they do not want the wording "This article will affect the tax rate by 1 cent per \$1,000 value" included in any of the warrant articles. Discussion ensued regarding including the word "approximately" in the statement. The Board will follow up on this issue with DRA.
- d. Sue Kowalski asked which property is being addressed in Warrant Article 7. Selectman Bowles said it is the property Larry and Melissa Moore purchased from Ralph Bennett. The Board commended the Conservation Commission for their hard work in obtaining this type of easement.
- e. Selectman Bowles moved to adopt the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$4,602,598.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Maxfield closed the Budget Hearing and opened the Selectmen's Meeting.

II. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 25, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that four pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received copies of the Town Report Cover proof for approval. The Board agreed and approved the cover.
- b. The Board received copies of the Historical Society's submission for Town Report for review.
- c. The Board received information from NH City and Town Clerk's Association regarding legislation to allow dealerships to process motor vehicle registrations electronically. The Board will review this information and stated they did not like the idea as it could cost the towns a lot of revenue.
- d. The Board received information from NHMA regarding State Aid to Municipalities.
- e. The Board received notification from DRED regarding a timber harvest at the Soucook State Forest.
- f. The Board received copies of a thank you note from the American Legion Post 88.
- g. The Board received the Notice of Decision from the Planning Board on the Bond for Tax Map 28, Lot 012 as well as a copy of the letter of credit for review.
- h. The Board received notification of a meeting with Mike Tardiff of CNHRPC and the Planning Board, scheduled for February 17, 2011.
- i. The Board received copies of a quote from Harry O Electrical Corp. regarding the Highway Garage paddle fan replacement. The Board agreed to have Road Agent David Rice move forward with this project.
- j. The Board received notification from NH the Beautiful of the grant award in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the waste oil heater for the Highway Garage.
- k. The Board received copies of the CNHRPC 2013 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program.
- l. The Board received copies of the ESMI 4th Quarter Host Community Fee calculation.
- m. The Board received correspondence from Michael Harris for review.

- n. The Board received correspondence from U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte.
- o. The Board received information from NH Retirement System regarding proposed legislation for review.
- p. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman