

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2011

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Tax Collector Helen McNeil and Deputy Chief Rich Edgecomb.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes and 2011 – 2012 Second Budget Hearing Minutes of Thursday, February 3, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil to discuss a request from a taxpayer to waive past interest as long as the full principal amount is paid in full. The Board reviewed the request and agreed that as long as the principal is paid in full, they would be willing to waive the interest. Mrs. McNeil will prepare the documents for the Board to review and approve.
- III. The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rich Edgecomb.
 - a. Deputy Chief Edgecomb provided draft correspondence for NHMS relative to proposed coverage for the Indy Car Race for review and discussion.
 - b. Deputy Chief Edgecomb advised the Board 6-1 Ladder 1 has been out of service for the past three weeks. He said it should be back this week and will then go to ladder testing before it will go back in service. Discussion ensued regarding the electrical problems as well as a hydraulic issue.
 - c. Selectman Ives asked if the Fire Department had been having any problems with access to the dry hydrants relative to the amount of snowfall received. Deputy Chief Edgecomb stated that the Highway Department, Fulltime Fire Department personnel, and Fire Department volunteers have been working on digging out the hydrants.
 - d. Selectman Ives stated he commended Fire Chief Jeff Burr for being proactive relative to the fire coverage for the Indy Race at NHMS.
 - e. Selectman Bowles talked about the need to have volunteers around town check on their neighbors and the elderly to be sure that there are two exits cleared for safety purposes. He said that with all the snow accumulation he has noticed that many entrances have become blocked with snow and ice. Deputy Chief Edgecomb stated that the Fire Department has been helping with roof issues as well.
- IV. The Board met with landowner Peter Dumont of 1616 NH Route 106 relative to a NH Dealer Plate application.
 - a. Mr. Dumont stated that he had gone to the State to turn in his dealer plate approval and found out that the laws relating to this issue had changed. He stated he was advised by the State he did not have to turn in his plates as the changes to the law have reduced the requirements of square footage. Selectman Ives stated that he felt he wanted to speak with Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow prior to any approval being given. He discussed his

concerns relative to the changes and discussions brought before the Planning Board. Selectman Ives stated he felt like Mr. Dumont had not presented this information to the Planning Board during the discussions. Mr. Dumont stated he did not have this discussion as he thought he would no longer be eligible to continue with this service due to the square footage issues in the building in Loudon. He said once he realized the laws changed, he did not want to give up his dealer plates. Discussion ensued. It was stated that Selectman Ives would contact Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow and discuss if Mr. Dumont should meet with the Planning Board again to discuss any changes to his plan. Planning Board Administrative Assistant Donna White will contact Mr. Dumont with the results of the conversation. Discussion ensued regarding hours of operation, square footage requirements, and the wording on the application. The Board will take this under advisement pending further research.

- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received copies of a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee relative to changes in proposed Warrant Article #4.
 - b. The Board received copies of a memo from Office Assistant Bonnie Theriault relative to Town Meeting. The Board agreed to have Board of Permit scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2011 and to cancel their March 8, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting due to the first session of Town Meeting. Discussion ensued.
 - c. The Board received a petition to accept Fieldview Lane from Hermel and Denyse Fortier as a town road. The Selectmen stated currently there is only one house on this road and the second house has not been built to date. Selectman Bowles moved to deny the petition to accept Fieldview Lane as a town road due to only one home being constructed at this time. Selectman Ives seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Selectman Ives stated that even when the second home is built he is not sure the road would be accepted (if a petition were submitted) as a town road due to only having two homes on the road. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Board received a memo from Town Clerk Wendy Walsh regarding RSA 540:1-b, which became effective January 1, 2011 requiring landlords to provide contact information. Discussion ensued regarding the option to establish a fee for this service as well as what the exact requirements of this RSA are. The Board will take this under advisement at this time until more information can be obtained.
 - e. The Board received copies of a letter sent from Jim McNeil to Fire Chief Jeff Burr for review.
 - f. The Board received copies of the 4th Quarter 2010 War Memorial Fund information from NH Charitable Foundation.
 - g. The Board received copies of a new bill signed by Governor Lynch regarding SB2.
 - h. The Board received notification from NH Retirement System on proposed legislation that could have an impact on employers for review.

- i. The Board received a request from Service Link to meet with the Selectmen.
- j. The Board received copies of programming changes from Comcast.
Chairman Maxfield discussed the cable contract for 2012.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 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