

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Present: Selectman Buttrick, Maxfield, and Kardaseski.

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

- I. Chairman Buttrick stated that Board of Permit was cancelled.
- II. The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rodney Phillips.
 - a. Mr. Phillips advised the Board that Fire Fighter/EMT John Reese has been chosen as the successful candidate to fill the vacancy in the fulltime FF/EMT position, which has been vacant for a period of time. Mr. Reese has been a volunteer/intern with the Loudon Fire Department since 1998. Mr. Phillips stated that with the Board's vote to hire Mr. Reese, he would be enrolled in the required course at the Fire Academy, as well as complete the required normal process for a new hire. Mr. Reese is currently testing for EMT-Intermediate level. Mr. Phillips stated that an EMT-I could perform many of the duties a paramedic performs, which can help alleviate some costs associated with the need for a paramedic intercept during transport. Selectman Maxfield inquired about the level of certification regarding Mr. Reese. Mr. Phillips stated that Mr. Reese is being hired at the FF/EMT level, which he is certified; however, since he is in the process of testing for EMT-I, that will be an added advantage for the Town and Department when he becomes certified at that level. Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint John R. Reese, FF/EMT basic level at the hourly rate of \$13.10 per hour effective February 11, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. Chairman Buttrick stated that this is subject to obtaining State of NH required certification within a 1-year period and that the cost associated with this certification will be Mr. Reese's responsibility. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Mr. Phillips advised the Board that he would be sending a memo to the Police Department regarding a Fire Department training scheduled for March 15, 2004. He stated that the Dartmouth Hitchcock helicopter will be landing at the Recreation Field for training purposes and he invited the Board to attend. Discussion ensued.
- III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. Selectman Kardaseski moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, February 4, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Selectman Kardaseski moved to accept the Petition and Pole License #9AAKFZ03-2214. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Buttrick stated that this form does not have signature lines for the Selectmen, just a line for the Town Clerk. He stated that the Board approved the petition and pole license and if the Town Clerk is suppose to sign the form then to go ahead. If the Selectmen are to sign the form, it needs to be corrected. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board met with David Larrabee and discussed Town Meeting preparation and procedures.
- IV. Chairman Buttrick opened the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed Warrant Article for a \$300,000 bond for repairs and reconstruction of the Soucook River Dam and Mill Pond.
- a. Chairman Buttrick stated that if this bond passes at Town Meeting there would be 1 payment per year for 10 years. He stated that the Town has received preliminary figures from Bank of NH, but will contact NH Municipal Association and other bond companies for interest rates.
 - b. Mr. Bob Ordway stated that he had written an article for the *Ledger* and explained the background of the dam. Mr. Ordway discussed the deterioration of the bridge abutment and stated this issue, as well as the deterioration to the dam, needs to be addressed before it becomes more dangerous. He also discussed the need to dredge the Mill Pond, the issues with the storm water drainage system in the Village relative to siltation, and the landing area issues. Mr. Ordway stated that approximately 6 feet of siltation would need to be removed from the Mill Pond; this would bring it back to the way it was in the 30's. He discussed the Village Plan study, which addresses the Mill Pond and Soucook River.
 - c. Rodney Phillips and Dick Wright discussed water supply issues relative to fire suppression. Discussion ensued regarding previous fires in Loudon as well as the difficulty the Fire Department has with the limited depth of the Mill Pond. Chairman Buttrick stated that the depth is what is important for access for the fire department. Dry hydrants were discussed as well as the issues faced in the winter regarding the Mill Pond. Due to the lack of depth, when the water freezes, there is very little water unfrozen to access for fire suppression.
 - d. Tom McCue inquired about access issues with regard to crowding and parking at the landing area during emergencies.
 - e. Selectman Maxfield inquired about the amount of siltation to be removed during the dredging phase. Mr. Ordway said 3,000 – 4,000

cubic yards would need to be removed and that it would be very difficult to determine how many years it would take to fill back in. He stated that the issue with the siltation is a naturally occurring process; however, there are things that the Town could do to help minimize this occurrence.

- f. Mr. Ramsay asked about dredging further up the river. Mr. Ordway explained about wetlands issues and what the State would agree to. He said that he had asked about dredging further up stream but, since the State has to agree to the plan, this is what was approved.
- g. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of sand and salt that is used on Route 106 and Route 129, which can end up in the river.
- h. Selectman Maxfield asked about the installation of the newest bridge in that area and if the installation has had a big impact on the siltation issue. Mr. Ordway said he had checked into this, but it did not appear to be an issue.
- i. Mr. Ramsay said he wasn't suggesting the dredging be extended, but just that if the dredging occurs at the Mill Pond, the siltation from higher up the river will flow back down to the Mill Pond and fill in where the dredging took place. Mr. Ordway said that this is a naturally occurring process that will probably happen over time and the Town would have to address it. It had taken 70 years to get to this point and he wasn't sure how long it would take before it would need to be addressed again.
- j. Mr. Dale Kilmister suggested that maybe large granite stones could be placed back into the river in the area which would be dredged to help keep out some of the siltation. He also asked if there were any State funds that could be used for this project. Mr. Ordway said he had checked into grant monies, but because this is mainly a maintenance project, there doesn't appear to be grants available. Discussion ensued regarding if there had been previous dredging projects in this area. Mr. Ordway stated he had not uncovered any information to indicate there had been.
- k. Chairman Buttrick said it appeared there were three things that needed to be done: fix the bridge, fix the abutment, and fix the dam. In order to do this you have to dig out the silt. The Board thanked Mr. Ordway for all his hard work on the preparation for this project.
- l. Selectman Maxfield advised those present that this bond issue will be on the Saturday portion of Town Meeting. There are 2 bond issues this year and they are the first two items to be discussed at the second session of Town Meeting. He also stated that the polls must remain open for 1 hour after discussion has taken place for each bond vote.
- m. Tom McCue stated that there is one other Warrant Article relative to a bond issue on the Town Warrant this year that will be discussed at the bond hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2004 for the proposed Town Office Building. Mr. McCue also inquired as to when Candidates

Night was going to be held. Selectman Kardaseski said the first Wednesday in March.

- n. Selectman Maxfield stated that if everything passed at Town Meeting, including both bond issues, the amount per thousand would be approximately \$0.97.
- V. The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board discussed the issue of the “old” J.O. Cate Memorial Van relative to sending it to the State Auction. Any money received from the sale to be placed back into the J.O. Cate Memorial Van account.
- VI. The Board met with Barbara and Larry Hemphill regarding a hardship-building permit.
- a. Selectman Kardaseski stated she had been in attendance at the Zoning Board meeting when Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill came to discuss building a 1-story home on their property due to medical hardship. Due to the building permits being unavailable until January 2006, the ZBA suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill obtain a 2006 building permit, then approach the Selectmen about using the building permit this year but have the permit count for the 2006 total. Selectman Maxfield asked where the new house would be built. Mr. Hemphill stated it would be on a portion of the 31-acre lot they own directly across the street from Clark Avenue. This would be a separate lot from where they reside now. The Board discussed this issue and inquired if all the documents were in order for the 2006 building permit. Mr. Hemphill stated the only thing he had been waiting for was the driveway permit from the Road Agent. Selectman Maxfield stated the acting Road Agent and Fire Chief are handling this issue now. Mr. Steve Deldeo was recognized from the audience. He stated that he is an abutter to this property and wanted to let the Board know of his support of this request. He stated that he felt a 1-story home with handicap characteristics would be in both of their interests. Selectman Kardaseski moved to allow Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill to use their 2006 building permit in 2004. The building permit will still count towards the 2006 total but will allow them to back up the use of it. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. The Board will forward a letter to the Code Enforcement Office. Selectman Kardaseski moved to amend the motion to include: this is due to a medical hardship. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion and amendment carried.
- VII. The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board reviewed the recommendation from Assessor Rod Wood regarding Heffron Materials. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.
 - b. The Board discussed meeting with representatives of NHIS relative to the State Police coverage in the RV Camping area.

- c. Selectman Maxfield stated he had met with a representative of Senator Judd Greg's office and discussed Loudon's need and desire for a full-service Post Office in Town. This information will be submitted to Senator Greg's office for review.

Selectman Kardaseski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

C. R. Buttrick, Chairman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Deborah A. Kardaseski, Selectman