

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 18, 2014**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.  
Also present: Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

- I. Chairman Krieger read the following aloud:  
Notice of Public Hearing, Town of Loudon. In accordance with RSA 32:5-1, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold a Public Hearing for review of the Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles for Fiscal Year – 07/01/2014 to 06/30/2015. The Hearing will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 5:30 pm at the Loudon Community Building located behind the Town Offices. The proposed budget will be voted on at the March 2014 Town Meeting. Loudon Board of Selectmen: Robert P. Krieger, Chairman, Steven R. Ives, Selectman and Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman.
  - a. Selectman Ives stated that the only change in the proposed budget is line 01-41531-300-320. He explained that this is the legal line and they changed it from \$20,000. to \$80,000. Selectman Ives said there are no other changes to the budget since the last public hearing. Selectman Ives asked if there were any questions from the public regarding the budget. There were none.
  - b. Selectman Ives stated that there are no changes to the proposed revenues since the last public hearing.
  - c. Selectman Bowles said that since the last public hearing Article 10 was added which was brought forth by petition. Selectman Bowles explained that this article is a resolution regarding tar sands oil and the pipeline from Alberta Canada to S. Portland Maine.
  - d. Chairman Krieger made a motion to adopt the proposed budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 in the amount of \$4,142,211. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion Carries. Selectman Ives said he thinks it is a good budget.

Chairman Krieger closed the budget hearing at 6:02 pm and opened the regular Selectmen's meeting.

- II. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 4, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.
  - a. Chief Wright explained that members of the Fire Department met with members of the Sno-Shakers Club at their annual ride-in on Sunday. The Fire Department demonstrated how the rescue sled works. Selectman Bowles said it's another good connection with the public and good that the Sno-Shakers know the department is there if they need them.

- b. Selectman Bowles asked Chief Wright about the fire on Friday. Chief Wright said it was a fire on Route 129. He said they tried to put it out themselves and then called the department. Chief Wright said it pretty much stayed in the basement; the heat and smoke got up to the main level but he believes it is fixable.
- IV. Selectman Ives moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:05 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles - yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 6:24 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles - yes. All in favor. Motion carries.
- V. Selectman Bowles mentioned the passing of two residents in town. He said that Jim Venne was a Zoning Board member and business owner here in town. Paula Miller worked with the Cate Van for many years. The Board sends their thoughts and prayers to their families.
- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
  - a. The Board received a letter from NH Charitable Foundation regarding the Loudon Veteran’s Memorial/Monument Maintenance Fund.
  - b. The Board received the ESMI Self-report for January 2014.
  - c. The Board received a letter from the Timberman Triathlon; the Selectmen were asked to start and watch the event on August 17, 2014.
  - d. The Board received a letter from Tony Merullo regarding an impact fee and road bond. The Board will look further into this issue.
  - e. The Board received an email from Merrimack Valley School District that states that the Annual School Reports will be delivered to the Loudon Post Office, the Library, the Town Office and the Elementary School on Thursday, February 20. The report will also be available on the school website.
  - f. The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding Moser & Jones v. Loudon & NE Flower Farms.
  - g. The Board received a letter from a Loudon resident regarding Loudon Ledger policies. The resident would like to be able to submit letters to the editor. Selectman Ives said this resident has requested this previously; the policy the Ledger is organized under does not allow them to put editorial comment in their paper. Selectman Bowles said this Board does not have the authority to make that change.
  - h. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.
- VII. The Board received the following reminders:
  - a. Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm is the Planning Board meeting.
  - b. Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm the Selectmen will be meeting with Bryan Christensen from Comcast to discuss the franchise agreement.

Chairman Krieger thanked the Police, Fire, Highway and Town Office employees for coming into work during this weather; he appreciates everything they do.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:40 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