

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

Present: Selectman Maxfield and Little. Selectman Bowles is not present.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Little moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 14, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice stated the Highway Crew would be continuing on picking up after this weekend's windstorm. He stated they were able to take care of all the trees that were in the roads, but there are still some on the sides of the road that will be addressed as they can get to them. Mr. Rice stated he worked with the Emergency Management Team and felt things went very well. Mr. Rice advised the Board that due to the power outage at the Highway Garage they had an issue with one of the overhead doors coming down while backing in one of the trucks. He stated one of the panels and a wheel on the overhead door sustained some damage and he has already called for an estimate to fix the problem.
- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr stated he had been working with the Emergency Management Team this past weekend dealing with the windstorm as well. He stated members of the Fire Department went door to door checking on residents without power seeing if anyone needed to go to an emergency shelter that had been setup. Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little and Deputy Director Greg Wells were out Friday night assessing any damage and possible emergency situations and continued all weekend. The Board commended all the departments involved in dealing with the windstorm.
- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received legal correspondence from Town Counsel.
 - b. The Board received a letter from Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little regarding the windstorm.
 - c. The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

- d. The Board received a memo from Engineer Tony Puntin regarding the fire pond on Bee Hole Road.
 - e. Selectman Little moved to forward past due ambulance bill account #31360 in the amount of \$500.00 and account #31666 in the amount of \$561.02 to collection. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. The Board received information from Primex regarding educational opportunities for Selectmen.
 - g. Selectman Little moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the request to the Local Government Center PLIT to pay Foley Buhl Roberts Associates the amount of \$325.00, which is half of the invoiced amount of \$650.00 directly from the proceeds payable to the Town of Loudon for work on the Loudon Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - h. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record two pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
- V. The Board recognized Alvin Davis III from the audience.
- a. Mr. Davis stated he had forwarded a letter to all Town Officials as well as one to Attorney Mayer regarding a Planning Board issue. He stated he had requested a response by February 21, 2006 and so far has not received one. Mr. Davis stated he did get on the Building Permit List for 2007. He went on to say he received a letter requesting he pay a substantial amount of money that was after he received his approvals and there were no regulations to back up the request. Mr. Davis stated he had suggested a couple of organizations that he was willing to contribute to as required by the Planning Board, but the Planning Board advised him they wanted to place the money in a Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Davis stated he felt he was belittled at the Planning Board Meeting and left before the meeting was adjourned. He stated he wanted the July 21, 2005 Planning Board Meeting Minutes to be re-amended to concur with the official tapes which have been preserved to show the record that supports his side of the issue. Mr. Davis stated his letter was not just about money, as he agreed to donate the money and he feels the DARE program would be worthy of the donation. He agreed to extend his offer until Friday, February 24, 2006 to put the \$500.00 per lot amount towards the DARE program under the conditions in his letter. Mr. Davis stated the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission want to have the land go to the Town, not divided up among the homeowners. He stated if they changed their minds and wanted it to go to the homeowners, he would be fine with that decision also. Chairman Maxfield stated he was aware that a letter would be going out to Mr. Davis from the Planning Board. He went on to discuss the issue with setting up a Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Davis discussed the Conservation Commission Expendable Trust. He asked that the tapes from this meeting be preserved. Discussion ensued regarding donations, the original letter, tapes and minutes, as well as Capital Reserve Funds. Chairman Maxfield asked for clarification on Mr. Davis's extension to Friday. Mr. Davis said his original letter stated he wanted a response by the Board no later

than Midnight on February 21, 2006 or he would not be willing to make any donation. Now he is before the Selectmen offering the \$500.00 donation per lot as they are sold, to the DARE program, if he has a response by Friday, February 24, 2006. Selectman Little asked if the 130 acres he would be preserving by doing this development would be over by the hunting swamp. Mr. Davis stated it would include a good portion of the hunting swamp as well as some dry area. Discussion ensued regarding the State considering this as a standard subdivision; they do not consider Loudon as having a cluster or open space development regulations. Mr. Davis discussed the new proposed zoning amendments and his ideas for this development.

- VI. The Board recognized Ray Cummings from the audience.
- a. Mr. Cummings provided the Board with information for possible funding of a new Town Office Building. Discussion ensued regarding the Town owned land on Foster Road. Mr. Cummings discussed the petition warrant article relative to \$250,000.00 being withdrawn from the Unreserved Fund Balance for land purchase. He discussed his thought that the Unreserved Fund Balance should be utilized for capital projects, not just to reduce the taxes. Discussion ensued regarding the figures Mr. Cummings provided the Board.
 - b. Mr. Cummings discussed the 1.84% increase in the proposed budget. He stated the computer shows the increase of 1.84% but the warrant articles were not taken out of the equation. He stated in order to give the accurate percentage increase over last year's budget the warrant articles need to be removed and the figure needs to be recalculated.
- VII. The Board recognized Steve Ives from the audience.
- a. Mr. Ives discussed the issue of the tradition of voting at the Town Hall. It was discussed there would be elections in the fall therefore the continuation of voting at Town Hall would not be broken as long as the reconstruction was finished.

Selectman Little moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

David M. Little, Selectman