

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Fire Chief Dick Wright, Deputy Chief Rick Wright and Road Agent Dave Rice.

Chairman Ives called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 14, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
 - a) Mr. Rice said that they had to replace a broken chain saw.
 - b) Mr. Rice stated that he will be posting the roads on March 1, 2012. Selectman Krieger asked if road waivers will be available at the Police Station, Mr. Rice said they would be. Chairman Ives asked how long the roads will be posted. Mr. Rice explained that they are being posted early, the RSA limits it to 6 weeks and they will be posted at least that long however; he might need to re-notify and extend it longer.
 - c) Mr. Rice said that if the weather holds this week they'll be working on the end of Old Shaker Road.
 - d) Mr. Rice said that the oil burner is working well, they are almost out of oil, so they may have to mix it with diesel fuel, and he has only had to turn on the heating system once this winter.
 - e) Selectman Bowles said that he went down and watched the compactor work and its packing good. Mr. Rice said that they welded a plate onto it; the next project is to pull the plunger and shim it.

- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Dick Wright.
 - a) Chief Wright said this week they've had a few accidents, a kitchen fire and a training session with Chichester and Canterbury.
 - b) Chief Wright explained that he has some concerns with the funding for training for members and new people coming into the department. He isn't able to locate any policy that has to be signed when somebody takes training. Chief Wright explained that they have funds in the budget to pay for Fire Fighter 1, 1st medical responders and basic EMT training however; there is nothing to say that they will come back after the training and he feels there should be an agreement that they are willing to come back and participate for a period of two years. Chief Wright showed the Board a draft policy that he wrote. Selectman Krieger suggested that when the draft is complete that Town Counsel take a look at it.
 - c) The Board asked Chief Wright about thank you letters for the LUCAS 2 devices that were donated. They think that Jeff Burr may have already sent some out. They will check into that.

- d) Selectman Bowles said that they got a letter from the Dept of Transportation and it still lists Jeff Burr as Chief; Chief Wright will make DOT aware of the change at the first meeting.

IV. Chairman Ives stated for the record that he signed two pistol permits.

V. The Board met with Ken Ross-Raymond, a Selectman from Salisbury who requested a meeting with the Board. Mr. Ross explained that an education committee has recently been formed in Salisbury. He explained that his loyalty is to the taxpayers and the feeling in Salisbury is that for many years the town and the school district have been two separate entities yet 2/3 of tax payer's money goes to the school district. The intent of the education committee is to find out how the school budget is being used and to open the lines of communication. Mr. Ross-Raymond explained that about the same time the committee was started he started learning more about the IB program that was introduced to the school district about three years ago. Mr. Ross-Raymond said they met with legislature last week about the IB program. He said that they are trying to get a better understanding of how the program works, what the program is and what the costs are. He said that they recently filed a request under the right to know law with the school office to get cost information. Mr. Ross-Raymond said that they came in to encourage the Board to encourage the residents to become more involved. Mr. Ross-Raymond stated that a member of the committee, Heidi Martin has spent hours researching the IB Program. Roy Merrill asked if they got any real numbers as far as the costs. Mr. Ross-Raymond said that he got about 90 pages, it's hard to understand and the closest they can come is an annual cost of \$200,000.00 but those costs are likely to escalate once you sign up and right now they only have two schools in the PYP Program. Mr. Ross-Raymond said that the committee feels the tax payers have the right to know what these costs are and are likely to be. He said another concern is that some of these costs are being paid for by the federal government and what happens if these funds go away. Mr. Ross-Raymond said it appears in his opinion that the School Board did not do due diligence before they signed up for this program. Mr. Ross-Raymond explained that the IB World School is a school that has been authorized by the IBO, International Baccalaureate Organization, to offer one to three of the programs to students. It complies with the rules and regulations of the programs set forth by the IBO so it must reflect the belief and value system of the IBO the "common standard". It works toward standards established by the IBO...puts practices in place to bring about institutional change...and long-term change. Mr. Ross-Raymond stated that this is a program that was created and managed out of Switzerland. He said tax payer dollars for this program is going to Switzerland when there are comparable programs in the US. Representative Greg Hill said there are things in the program that need to be looked at along with the cost including the values, and the question about who would be running the school, the State of NH Board of Education or the IBO. Troy Cowen, School Board member said that they receive a federal grant for the school fee, as far as control it isn't true that IB will be controlling the school. Mr. Cowen said that really all it is is IBO showing our teachers how to use the instructional methods, different from the traditional way it was done in the past. Selectman Krieger asked Mr. Cowen what happens if the federal funding dries up. Mr. Cowen said it's been pretty solid for years but if that does happen they would have to see if it's worth it to the tax payers to pick it up. Mr. Cowen explained that it take 2-4 years to become an IB school,

teachers need to be trained and during that time it is \$9500.00 per year per school, after the school is approved it drops to \$7,100.00. Heidi Martin from Salisbury spoke about the philosophy, policies and standards of the IBO and explained how she got involved. She stated that she didn't know anything about the IB Program until she joined the education committee in December. Ms. Martin said that she has spent 101 hours researching the MYP Middle Years Program – school geared from 6-10 grade and the PYP Primary Years Program – school geared from 3 years old through 5th grade. She stated that this program is all about money and described the information that she learned about arbitration through Switzerland. Ms. Martin said that she found a connection (addresses and photo's) between the IBO and the UN. Ms. Martin discussed the information that she gained through her research. Chairman Ives asked if it is possible to vote the IB program out at the annual School Board meeting if desired. School Board member Laura Vincent said that she thinks since this is a non money issue there could be a motion to prevent the school from using IB. Troy Cowen stated that there is no line item in the budget for IB because most of the money is coming from the federal government. Chip Cochran asked how many schools in the state are in this program. Troy Cowen responded that 2 schools are doing the diploma program and no schools are doing the MYP and PYP programs. A suggestion was made that more detailed School Board meeting minutes be put in the Loudon Ledger. Selectman Krieger asked Mr. Cowen and Ms. Vincent if they thought since this is something they may not have all the answers too would the School Board wait another year. Ms. Vincent said it's a possibility and the good thing is that they can back out at anytime. Mr. Cowen said that he wouldn't be in favor of stopping the program at this point, but if the School Board finds out that most people are against it, they program can be stopped at any time. Chairman Ives stated that since is a Selectmen's meeting he was going to close this discussion, he thanked the people from Salisbury for coming and for the efforts they've put into this and said he hoped that everyone would attend the School Board meeting, debate this more and get this issue resolved. Chairman Ives also thanked the School Board members for coming. Selectman Bowles asked the School Board members to listen to the people that they represent.

- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a) The Board received a copy of letter from Town Counsel regarding R. Merrill, case is closed
 - b) The Board received a letter from Attorney Jed Callen regarding Bouley and Roy. Mr. Roy is on the March 22nd ZBA agenda. The Board asked that the letter be forwarded to Town Counsel.
 - c) The Board received a copy of letter from Town Counsel regarding B. Theriault.
 - d) The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding Cross Country Appraisal Group.
 - e) The Board received a copy of an anonymous letter regarding Cross Country Appraisal Group.
 - f) The Board received a copy of a letter from DES regarding Fillmore Industries.
 - g) The Board received copies of thank you letters from the Fire Department for the LUCAS 2 devices.
 - h) The Board received a copy of a check from the NH Charitable Foundation regarding the Loudon Veteran's War Memorial Fund.

- i) The Board received a copy of a check from the NH Charitable Foundation regarding the Tewksbury Memorial Fund.
- j) The Board received a copy of an email regarding Old Home Day.
- k) The Board received a copy of a memo regarding LYAA Board members.
- l) The Board received a copy of a letter regarding Legislation impacting Moderators and election-day procedures. The letter was forwarded to Moderator Mike Labonte.
- m) The Board received copies of Legislative Bulletin #09.
- n) The Board received copies of a memo from NH DES Wetlands Bureau regarding the new wetlands permit application form.
- o) The Board received a copy of a letter from the NH Dept of Health & Human Services regarding a meeting on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.
- p) The Board received copies of an email from Municibid.
- q) The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Reminder: Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. is candidate's night

Reminder: MVSD annual meeting is March 8, 2012 - polls open at 6:00 pm for school board member election and the annual meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman