

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 25, 2014**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.  
Also present: Road Agent Dave Rice and Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 18, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice said they had a tough week last week; a couple of trucks got stuck.
  - b. Mr. Rice said they are patching holes.
  - c. Mr. Rice said they have three more loads of salt to get and that's all they can get. He thinks they will be ok.
  - d. Chairman Krieger asked how the new guy is working out. Mr. Rice said great.
  - e. Mr. Rice said he is working with Chief Fiske on something regarding people plowing into and across the roads. Chief Fiske suggested that the 1982 minutes regarding this issue be incorporated into this, he also suggested that the fine be raised from \$25.00 to \$100.00. Chairman Krieger asked if there would a warning before the fine. Mr. Rice said they have spoken to most of the people that are doing it; he doesn't think they should be given another warning. Mr. Rice said that it's too late to get something into the Ledger for March so this is something they will work on for next winter. Selectman Ives said they need to get something in the Ledger next fall stating that they will be enforcing this ordinance and the fine will be \$100.00.
  
- III. The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.
  - a. Chief Fiske introduced John Mortimer from Millennium Running. Mr. Mortimer explained that Millennium Running is his company and he puts on running events. Mr. Mortimer said the company is a for-profit company however they bring in non-profits for each event they produce. He stated that last year, their second year in business, they donated \$137,000.00 to local non-profits through their charity program.
  - b. Mr. Mortimer said he came up with an event working with the speedway. He said this event will run from the speedway to the state capital. Mr. Mortimer said he is here to get permission and permits to start the race at the track. Chairman Krieger asked how long it will affect traffic. Mr. Mortimer said about 30 minutes; he explained that the race would start at the track and his crew would follow and clean up so that as the runners leave town so does any evidence that they were here. Selectman Ives asked how many runners they expect. Mr. Mortimer said they don't know because it's a new event. Mr. Mortimer said it takes about 3 minutes to get 2000 people over the starting line. He explained that they will start at the entrance of the speedway, cone off either the center line or breakdown lane of the southbound lane, close the road for 3-4 minutes so the runners can get out of the track and across 106. Chief Fiske asked if they would then run in the breakdown lane. Mr. Mortimer said ideally he would like the runners to

have the southbound lane and the breakdown lane for two miles and delay the traffic. Selectman Ives explained that the issue is that they are having more and more of these events at the track and our citizens are getting fed up with the impact. Mr. Mortimer says he realizes the impact and it's something they don't take lightly. Chief Fiske asked Mr. Mortimer how long it will take for the last person to get from the track to the Loudon town line at Old Shaker Road. He said that it will take the first person about 15 minutes and the last person about 30 minutes. Mr. Mortimer said they have proposed 9am as a start time but it could be 8am if that would be better. Chief Fiske asked if DOT has been contacted about this. Mr. Mortimer said they have; they don't approve anything until the town does. Selectman Bowles asked if they intend to shut down the dirt roads also. Mr. Mortimer said no it would be open course at that point but what they do is hire local charities to be "course marshals" in areas that don't have police details. The "course marshals" would be in reflective vests to help monitor traffic. Selectman Ives said he is concerned with people trying to get out of their driveways. Mr. Mortimer said they will contact every resident on the route with a flyer and knock on their door to tell them the time of impact. Chairman Krieger said he would like to take it under advisement. Mr. Mortimer said that the proposed date is September 28. Mr. Mortimer said that if they need to change things or edit timetables anything to facilitate the process he's willing. Mr. Mortimer said that Concord would take over from the Concord line and have already approved this unanimously. He also explained that the runners would park in Concord and be bused to the start so they have their vehicles in Concord at the end of the race. Chairman Krieger said he would like to talk with the Fire and Police Chief about it, talk to the track to see how many other events they are planning and they will get back to Mr. Mortimer soon.

IV. Chairman Krieger recognized Bryan Christiansen from Comcast.

Mr. Christiansen explained that he forwarded a draft franchise agreement to the Selectmen for their review. The agreement Comcast has with the town has expired. Chairman Krieger explained that the roomful of people is because most these people want cable and feel there are enough houses in the area to get it. Chairman Krieger said that is one thing they would like to talk about. Mr. Christiansen said he suspects a lot of them are from the County Club area. Chairman Krieger said they are also from Currier Road and Coaster Road. Mr. Christiansen said that the franchise agreement they are operating under now is for 20 houses per aerial mile and 25 houses per underground mile. He said they are about one to one and half houses short of that for Greenview Drive. Mr. Christiansen said they want to get as many customers as they can but it needs to make economic sense. He explained that it's roughly \$25,000.00 – \$35,000.00 per aerial mile to install and underground is a case to case basis. Selectman Ives asked if all 25 houses have to subscribe in order for it to go in or can just one house. Mr. Christiansen said one and that's why there is a density requirement; because there is no guarantee on investment. Roger Maxfield said the draft agreement has a franchise fee, which the old agreement did not have. He asked what the franchise fee would be and asked if in lieu of a franchise fee can they just hook up the entire town. Mr. Christiansen explained that the fee is a percentage that is collected by Comcast from the subscriber and submitted to the town. Selectman Bowles clarified that the fee would be part of the contract, so the Selectmen would actually be imposing the fee if they

decided to include it in the contract. Mr. Christiansen agreed. Mr. Christiansen said other than Chichester and Concord not a lot of other communities have the fee. Mr. Christiansen said that Greenview Drive will cost about \$100,000.00; they are about \$21,000.00 short because they don't have the density. Mr. Christiansen there could be a mechanism in place that if people on Greenview would sign up for a minimum amount of service for a minimum amount of time it could be installed. Kathy Whedon said that since she moved to Greenview she has been talking to Comcast, she was told that once they get the association in place Comcast would talk to them. George Hunton from Currier Road related his experience over the years. He explained that he has received offers from Comcast he calls them; they show up to install and then tell him they can't install it. He said they gave him a quote of \$24,000.00 to get to his house so he had given up. He then noticed that they extended towards his house so he called for another quote and got one for \$13,000.00. He said that due to where he lives and the minimum lot sizes he feels there is never going to be the minimum number of houses per square mile. Mr. Hunton said there are about a dozen houses in the area without it. He said he's willing to chip in for it but can't pay \$13,000.00. Mr. Christiansen said that there can be a mechanism put in the franchise agreement that says something like if you have 10-15 people willing to sign up for basic service for two years Comcast will install it. Mike Moffett from Greenview Drive said he wanted to clarify that they are 1-2 houses short of getting cable. Mr. Christiansen said they are 1.4 houses short on Greenview Dr. Selectman Ives said what they have learned tonight is that if a group of people get together and make a commitment Comcast will work with the numbers. Mr. Christiansen said yes; they will work with that in the agreement. A resident from Greenview Drive asked the Selectmen if they have entertained bids from any competing cable companies. Selectman Ives said he contacted MetroCast and they are not interested in Loudon. Mr. Christiansen said that the wires on the poles belong to Comcast so if MetroCast were to come in they would have to run their own wires. Chairman Krieger asked if he has a commitment letter for residents to fill out, Mr. Christiansen said he can develop one and he welcomes working with somebody to come up with a formula. Selectman Bowles said that since Greenview Drive is a private road and they are forming an association Mr. Christiansen should work with them directly. The Board agreed that Mr. Christiansen should work directly with the Greenview Drive residents and offered the Community Building for meetings if they need it. George Hunton said that Comcast is really his only option for high speed internet without going broke or getting junk. He said he doesn't have an association but he can talk to his neighbors. Chairman Krieger suggested that Mr. Hunton contact his neighbors. Selectman Bowles said they will help out anyway they can. Beth from 144 Greenview thanked the Selectmen for giving the taxpayers time tonight, she also asked when Mr. Christiansen can have the number for commitment that they would need. Mr. Christiansen said by the end of March and then they will move forward with a new franchise agreement that says if "x" number of subscribers sign up they meet the density. Mr. Moffett asked Mr. Christiansen what his title is and suggested that he is tuned into PR implications and if someone from Greenview Drive wrote a letter that ended up in the Monitor saying that Greenview is one house short of getting service, that whoever reads these things will say "Bryan why did you let it get into the paper when we could have worked something out from within the company", it would look

kind of bad. Chairman Krieger told Mr. Moffett that Bryan has already agreed to work with them without the number of houses needed so they don't need to go there. Mr. Christiansen said they are in 100% compliance with the franchise agreement. Chairman Krieger suggested that they have their association meeting and then Ms. Whedon will contact Mr. Christiansen. Chairman Krieger said he can't tell Mr. Moffett what to put in the paper, he wouldn't want to violate his first amendment right but it sounds like Bryan is going to work with them anyhow. Mr. Hunton asked if he can meet with Bryan. Mr. Christiansen agreed. A Greenview resident pointed out that she doesn't need Comcast for entertainment, she needs it for business. The Board thanked Mr. Christiansen for coming in.

- V. Chairman Krieger recognized Iain Wilson from the Concord Monitor.
- a. Mr. Wilson explained that he is new to the paper and wanted to introduce himself.
  - b. Mr. Wilson explained that he noticed that the Legion has been torn down and according to Monitor files a new town office will be built there. Selectman Bowles explained that the Legion became available, after public hearings and discussion the property was bought with the understanding that the building would come down to make way for the future town office. Selectman Ives added that another reason they wanted that lot was to protect the parking for the rec field behind it. Selectman Bowles explained that they tried to sell the building with no luck so they made a deal with Mr. Cabot that if he removed it he could have it and he will reconstruct it in the future on his site. Mr. Wilson asked if they have solicited proposals for the new office. Selectman Ives said they are forming a committee. He explained that the town has been putting away \$100,000 per year in a capital reserve fund for this building. Selectman Ives said the plan is to build it with what they have; they don't want to bond it. Selectman Ives said they hope to use local people to help keep cost down. He said that they built Fire Station 2 for about a quarter of a million due to volunteered time and local contractors; he's hoping they can do the same thing with this building. Mr. Wilson asked the Board to talk a little bit about the need for a new town office. Chairman Krieger suggested that Mr. Wilson tour the building. He explained that after the earthquake last fall, the cracks got bigger, the building is old, very narrow, there is a storage container outside, Chairman Krieger said that the town has very good people that work for them and the people in that building deserve to work in something better, the town has outgrown the building. Selectman Ives said the building was supposed to be temporary. Mr. Wilson asked what the building was originally. Selectman Bowles said it was a house and the community building was a cow barn. Chairman Krieger said the goal is also to make it safer. Mr. Wilson asked how old the Legion building was. Selectman Bowles said that Mr. Fifield who took done the building dated it at about 1830. Mr. Wilson asked if it was always a Legion. Selectman Bowles said they believe it was a church, academy, grange hall and legion. Mr. Wilson asked what will happen to the Town Office. Selectman Ives said the Town will keep it, the Historical Society is crammed into their space so they might expand into it.
  - c. Mr. Wilson asked what happens to the tank. Selectman Ives explained that the federal government owns it and it is going to Whitefield.
  - d. Mr. Wilson said he would like to keep in touch with the Board and asked the Board to let him know if there is anything going on.

- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a letter from Canterbury ZBA the appeal for a rehearing regarding Mourning Dove Holdings, LLC has been denied.
  - b. The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding Moser & Jones v. Loudon and NE Flower Farms regarding a Motion for Reconsideration was denied.
  - c. The Board received a letter from Town Council regarding Fairpoint Litigation.
  - d. The Board received a letter from State of NH Division of Forests regarding the appointment of Richard D. Wright to Forest Fire Warden.
  - e. The Board received a letter from PSNH regarding their payment of property taxes.
  - f. The Board received information from NH Department of Agriculture regarding emerald ash borer. Information will be handed out to with Intent to Cuts.
  - g. The Board received information from HealthTrust regarding scholarship applications. The John B. Andrews Scholarship is open to any high school senior of a NH municipal, school, county and village district employee that is covered by HealthTrust or NH Municipal Association. Seventeen scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 will be awarded. Scholarship information is available at [www.healthtrustnh.org](http://www.healthtrustnh.org) or Lisa at 230-3315.
  - h. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

- VII. The Board received the following reminder:
- a. Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm is the Loudon Zoning Board meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:39 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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