

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles.

Also present: Fire Chief Rick Wright and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 25, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright said they have pumped the dry hydrant at the dam a couple of times and its working. He explained that they are trying to keep it active and ready in case they need it.
 - b. Chief Wright said he got the details of the Millennium Race. Selectman Ives asked Chief Wright what he thought about it. Chief Wright said as they do with the Timberman Triathlon they would want to staff a second ambulance one hour before the race starts until everyone crosses the Loudon Town line. Selectman Ives said they aren't sure about approving it due to it being the week after the NASCAR race. Chairman Krieger said they need to consider whether the event is a benefit or hindrance to the town; there are so many of these events and they keep adding more and more of them throughout the year. He said that the runners will leave the track, run though the dirt roads in Loudon into Concord; they won't be stopping at Loudon's stores or businesses. Deputy Lake pointed out that they will be shuttled in from Concord so they won't be stopping anywhere in Loudon. Selectman Ives said they talked about possibly 1000 runners; how will people get out of their driveways. Chairman Krieger said they need to talk to the track to see how many events like this they are putting together for the entire season.
 - c. Chief Wright said they have talked a lot about the twenty year plan for the three engines and the tanker. He said they have talked in the past about setting up a capital reserve fund for a ladder truck replacement. Chief Wright said the one they have now is 33 years old, for reference he looked into what a ten-year old truck would cost and found that it would be about \$325,000.00. He explained that they would be able to afford to do this in a year or two out of the capital reserve fund apparatus line that they have if the town voted for it. Chief Wright said that would push back the next engine to 2020 so instead of 20 years it would be 24. Selectman Ives clarified that Chief Wright would add another apparatus to the rotation and extend it out 24 years instead of 20. Chief Wright agreed. Chairman Krieger said with the work the fire department has done and the way things are going since Chief Wright has been there he thinks the town will be pretty receptive to something like this. He has heard nothing but good comments. Chairman Krieger said this plan is something he would support, Selectman Ives agreed. Deputy Lake said that this would alleviate putting away extra money as they have discussed at the Capital Improvement meetings it would just mean pushing back the engines. Selectman Ives asked if the ladder would continue in the rotation.

Chief Wright said it wouldn't necessarily have to be replaced then; they would see how it's going. Chief Wright said he doesn't want to ask the taxpayer's to put away \$100,000 for the engine and another \$100,000 for a ladder; he said they haven't done that yet but it was the plan. Selectman Ives said we definitely don't need a million dollar ladder truck. Chief Wright agreed saying that he doesn't think we use it enough to justify that kind of money. Selectman Bowles asked if they put this plan in place would the engines remain on the 24 year cycle, he said he thinks that would be good. Chief Wright said that is how it would work out to be.

- d. Chief Wright said that he also wants to talk about the old engine 2. This is the engine that Chichester has been leasing; it could be coming back as early as next week. Their truck is supposed to be fixed and back to them this week. Chief Wright said they will have to decide whether to sell it. Chief Wright said engine 3 has a pump problem; the estimate to fix it is \$9500-13500.00 and they would be without it for 30-50 days. Chief Wright suggested that they hang onto engine 2 until they get engine 3 fixed. Chairman Krieger said that makes sense. Selectman Ives asked if there is money in the budget this year for the repairs. Chief Wright said there is not, it will have to be after July 1. Selectman Ives suggested that if there is any money left in this year's budget that it be encumbered. Selectman Ives agreed that engine 2 should stay until the other is repaired but the end game is to sell it.
- e. Selectman Bowles said a question that might come up during town meeting is the possibility of replacing the chassis and cab and keeping the body of the ambulance. Selectman Bowles said they know the truck and whether it's falling apart or not, he doesn't; but he thinks they should be prepared in case the question comes up. Deputy Lake said it's something they will look into.

- III. Chairman Krieger recognized Bill Palmer from the Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club. Mr. Palmer explained that there is a snowmobile bridge on Wiggins Road that they would like to replace. He explained that it is on town property; a class 6 road, right before Bee Hole Road. Mr. Palmer said the project is state funded; they are asking for permission to replace and upgrade the bridge. He explained that the state has changed the laws for tracked ATV's to use snowmobile trails so the bridge needs to be wider. Mr. Palmer said eventually they would like to upgrade all of their bridges so they can get a larger groomer. Selectman Ives asked who would be doing the bridge. Mr. Palmer said the Bee Hole Beavers would be. Selectman Ives asked if they have spoken to DES. Mr. Palmer said they have not; this is the first step. Mr. Palmer said they will gate it off so vehicles can't get on it; they will allow ATV's and dirt bikes to use it. Joshua Sheehy submitted paperwork for the Selectman to sign as Landowner.
- IV. Chairman Krieger recognized Dan Plourde from the audience. Mr. Plourde said he met with Mary Pinkham-Langer and he went over on one of his lots, he would like to take some land out of current use to square it off and then seed the lot. The Board asked Mr. Plourde to put something on paper and bring it back to them. Mr. Plourde agreed.
- V. Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:36 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger- yes; Ives – yes; Bowles – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles 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 Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Bowles - yes. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 6:59 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Bowles - yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received copies of the current expenditure report.
 - b. The Board received a check from the NH Charitable Foundation for the Tewksbury Memorial Fund, in the amount of \$355.09.
 - c. The Board received a check from the NH Charitable Foundation for the Veteran’s War Memorial in the amount of \$1967.49.
 - d. The Board received a leave request from an employee.
 - e. The Board received a News Release from State of NH DOT regarding a meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 to discuss the widening of Route 106 at the Staniels Road/Josiah Bartlett Road intersection and installation of traffic signals.
 - f. The Board received an email from Representative Lorrie Carey regarding a bill about “The Right to Know”.
 - g. The Board received an invitation from the Town of Tilton and Town of Sanbornton to a meeting to discuss welfare issues. A copy will be forwarded to Welfare Director Roger Maxfield.
 - h. The Board received a copy of the January 23, 2014 ZBA minutes.
 - i. The Board received a copy of ESMI’s 2013 Tier II submittal to NH Dept of Homeland Security.
 - j. The Board received a Notice to Mortgagee of impending tax deed from the Loudon Tax Collector.
 - k. The Board received information from Central and South NH Planning Commissions regarding a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
 - l. The Board received a scholarship memo from Brenda. The Board decided to set the deadline for high school applications for May 13, 2014 and the college deadline for June 13, 2014. Selectman Ives said the committee needs to meet to discuss the guidelines.
 - m. The Board received the 2014 Block Grant Aid Roadway Inventory from NHDOT.
 - n. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.
- VII. The Board received the following reminders:
- a. Wednesday, March 5, 2014 - Town meeting set-up at LES at 4:00 pm and Candidate’s Night at 7:00 pm.
 - b. Thursday, March 6 – MVSD Annual Meeting. Polls are open 6-7:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
 - c. Monday, March 10 – Selectmen’s Meeting and Board of Permit at 6:00 pm.
 - d. Tuesday, March 11 – Town Elections, polls are open 8am to 7pm.
 - e. Saturday, March 15 – Town meeting starts at 9 am at Loudon Elementary School.
 - f. Tuesday, March 18, 2014 – Selectmen’s meeting at 6:00 pm and Public hearing with DOT regarding 106/Staniels/Josiah Bartlett Roads at 6:30 pm.

Selectman Bowles said Town Reports are out, he thanked the girls in the office for their time and effort in putting it together; it came out very good. Chairman Krieger agreed 100%.

Selectman Ives encourages everyone to attend candidate's night and ask questions.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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