

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 6, 2012

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

Also Present: Police Chief Bob Fiske, Road Agent Dave Rice, Zoning Board Chairman Dave Powelson and Planning Board member Bob Ordway.

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 28, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries.

- II. Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Executive Session Minutes of Tuesday, February 28, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carries.

- III. Chairman Ives opened the Board of Permit.
 - a) Chief Fiske explained that he had a Hawkers and Peddlers application for the American Legion. He said that they've done it in the past, everything is in order and it will be held June 12-13, 2012.

 - b) Dave Powelson explained that there is an 8' x 20' storage container on a property on Lower Ridge Road. He said that according to the owner it is temporary; belongings are being packed into it for a move to Ecuador when Mr. McLaren retires. Selectman Krieger asked about the carts that are being built out of it and the power that is being run to it. Selectman Bowles said that he's been by it when the doors are open and it looks like a little workshop. Mr. Powelson said that if it's permanent it needs a building permit and meet setbacks but if it's temporary it's another issue. Selectman Krieger asked how long temporary is because it's been there since June 2011. Chief Fiske said that there is an added driveway, he then they told needed to go to the Zoning Board for a special exception for a home occupation. Mr. Fiske told the home owner that the container is in the setback, there have been cars parked beside the road, power strung through the trees, there's a separate driveway through the stonewall, and neighbors are complaining. Bob Ordway asked if there is a date for removal of the container. Chief Fiske said the homeowner told him probably October. Mr. Powelson said he was told by Donna White that it could be as early as May. Chairman Ives said that if it's going to be there all summer and they're going to be working out of it they need to have a home occupation. Selectman Krieger said that it needs to meet setbacks. Bob Ordway asked what the home occupation would be.

Chief Fiske said that is unknown except for the fact that they have built and sold garden carts. Chairman Ives said if he's manufacturing there he needs to come before the ZBA, Donna should write a letter telling him he needs to come before the ZBA, he needs to see Dave for a driveway permit and Chief Fiske about setbacks. Mr. Powelson said there is one of these containers a few houses up the road but, it's in the driveway by the garage and meets setbacks and is used for storage. The Board decided Mr. McLaren needs to see the Zoning Board for a discussion.

- IV. Chairman Ives closed the Board of Permit.
- V. Chairman Ives stated for the record that he signed two pistol permits.
- VI. The Board met with Chief Bob Fiske.
 - a) Chief Fiske explained that Officer Martel will be gone for a month for Reserves and asked if the town will take care of Officer Martel's portion of his health insurance, approximately \$80.00. The Board agreed that in this situation the town will take care it.
 - b) Chief Fiske stated that he received the letter from the Kitchen Magician and will address it.
 - c) Chief Fiske stated that he understood the Board received a copy of a letter about reducing rates for copies of reports, he explained that it was a ton of work. Chairman Ives said that the fees were justified to which Chief Fiske agreed. Selectman Bowles stated that an email was going to be sent saying that the fees are the fees due to the amount of work.
- VII. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
 - a) Mr. Rice said they are working on getting the trucks inspected this month.
 - b) Mr. Rice said that the grader is a lot more worn than people think; pins and bushings are on their last legs.
 - c) Mr. Rice said they cut brush on Clough Hill Road last week.
 - d) Selectman Bowles asked that Mr. Rice not forget about painting the bridge. Mr. Rice said they will get to it this spring.
- VIII. The Board met with Rocco Bagone, Rocky Road Campground, Route 106. Mr. Bagone explained that he received a letter last week stating that his property has doubled in value and that without any prior consent or knowledge Selectman Bowles went under his gate, trespassed onto his property and measured everything. Mr. Bagone asked if it common practice for a Selectman to do this. Chairman Ives explained that Selectman Bowles did not go there on his own; he was there with the Town Assessor. Chairman Ives explained that this is a complicated piece of property with part of it in Loudon and part of it in

Canterbury, it was assumed that the buildings were being assessed and taxed in Canterbury but they weren't, after looking at the line they were found to be in Loudon. Mr. Bagone asked if it's common practice to assess one piece of property at a time. Selectman Bowles explained that if someone makes a change, addition or gets a building permit they will look at an individual property, on this particular day he went with the assessor and looked at six or seven properties. Selectman Bowles also said that in the assessor's office if a piece of property is questionable then that is reviewed, Mr. Bagone's property was brought to their attention because it was used for a comparable several times as a commercial property. Mr. Bagone asked Selectman Bowles if he looked at the tag on his park model camper to determine the year. Selectman Bowles explained that he did not look at the tag all he did was measure the buildings with Mr. Wiley and then Mr. Wiley came back and put the information on the card. Mr. Bagone said that it is listed as a 2000 but it is a 1983; the storage containers he has are rentals and moved every year so they shouldn't be taxed. Selectman Krieger explained that they hire an assessor and his company to go around the town and collect the information; they trust that they know what they are doing. He told Mr. Bagone that the Selectmen, assessor and Mr. Bagone can meet to review the card and be sure all the information is correct and come to a resolution. Mr. Bagone will submit a written request for a meeting. The Selectmen explained that they have the authority to meet with Mr. Bagone and make any appropriate changes.

- IX. The Board met with Mike Harris, 485 Lower Ridge Road. Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris explained that he has a situation that is likely to turn violent and he appreciates that the Chief has spent his time at the meeting tonight. Chairman Ives asked what Mr. Harris meant by a violent situation. Mr. Harris explained that he hired for \$500.00 a licensed auctioneer who was threatened with physical violence by a person well known to the Board and certainly to the Chief, this caused a disruption of foreclosure today. Mr. Harris stated that he notified Chief Fiske about a week ago, on Friday, and called on Monday to be sure the Police were going to be on duty today. Mr. Harris stated that the auctioneer stayed until 11:00 AM and no police showed up and he said I'm out of here. Mr. Harris said I'm notifying all of you that there is every indication that this is going to end up in a violent way. Mr. Harris said these people have caused hurt to this town, his children and him; they have not paid him and have not paid their property taxes for four years. Mr. Harris says that he will be inheriting those taxes unless the Board steps in and under a hardship situation eliminates the taxes. Chairman Ives stated that the Board will take this under advisement, speak with Chief Fiske and get a letter to Mr. Harris. Selectman Krieger asked if the auction did happen or if there was an injunction. Mr. Harris said he had the auctioneer there; the auctioneer got a phone call from one of the lawyers who said that the auction was postponed. Selectman Krieger clarified that Mr. Harris will now need to go to court to try and get it redone to which Mr. Harris agreed.

- X. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a) The Board received a copy of a complaint letter from David Lemelin, The Kitchen Magician regarding the Police Department.

- b) The Board received a copy of an “Overview of the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) from David Longnecker, Chair SAU and Mark Hutchins, Chair MV School Board.
- c) The Board received a copy of a memo and IB expense document from Mark Hutchins, Chair MV School Board.
- d) The Board received a copy of an email, memo, and documents from Tom Laliberte regarding the IB Program.
- e) The Board received a copy of an email from Jason Tremblay, NH DOT regarding Bridge rehabilitation. Mr. Tremblay asked to be put on the agenda in May to explain the rehabilitation. The Board will ask Mr. Tremblay to attend the May 22, 2012 meeting.
- f) The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding a request for release of information for Nobis Engineering. The Board agreed that the information can be released.
- g) The Board received a copy of a letter from George Sansoucy regarding a public utility property revaluation report.
- h) The Board received a letter from the State of NH, Division of State Police regarding Reduced FBI Applicant Fees for Criminal History Record Checks.
- i) The Board received a copy of the John O. Cate Memorial Van Association Minutes for January 31, 2012.
- j) The Board received a copy of Legislative Bulletin # 11.
- k) The Board received a copy of an email from ACEC-NH regarding a Transportation and Infrastructure breakfast with Congressman Frank Guinta
- l) The Board received a copy of an email regarding Bridge Preservation.
- m) The Board received a letter from Comcast regarding Tech Support.
- n) The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman