

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Fire Chief Rick Wright and Office Manager Brenda Pearl.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 3, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board met with Chief Wright.
  - a. Chief Wright said a week ago Saturday they had a work detail to clear the station roof of the melting snow and ice. The melting snow and ice caused water to come in to all the rooms on the north side of the building with the exception of the kitchen. He said nine firefighters and one selectman showed up to help clear the roof.
  - b. Chief Wright said last Friday he met with the insurance adjuster to look at the damage from the roof leaks. The adjuster said the carpets in the bunk room and Chiefs office need to be changed soon due to a mold issue and the carpet in the meeting room needs to be cleaned. Chief explained that due to the high moisture content found in the outside wall with his gauge the adjuster said the baseboard trim would have to be stripped off, sheetrock would have to be removed 2' up from the floor; possibly higher depending on the moisture content inside the wall. Chief Wright said they found ice inside the wall and at times have heard water running inside the wall. He said as soon as water stops coming into the building a contractor will be hired. Chairman Ives asked if this will be covered by insurance. Chief Wright said it will be covered minus the \$1,000 deductible. Chief Wright said they also talked about the roof, the adjuster indicated that the screws probably aren't tight and some of the leaks that occur way up are due to that.
  - c. Chief Wright said they have been very busy of the last couple of weeks, including a building fire on Pine Ridge Road, a kitchen fire on Redwood Road, a chimney fire on Route 129 that all happened last week. He said they also have had several serious automobile accidents. Chief Wright thanks everyone that came out on all the calls. Chief Wright said the fire hydrant that was just put in on Pine Ridge worked great; he said they were fortunate that it was in because there would have been nothing in the area.
  - d. Chief Wright explained that the employee that he discussed with the Selectmen previously is on leave of absence. He was asked to turn in all his gear and radios.
  - e. Chief Wright said the position left vacant by the resignation of John Reese was posted on the fire academy website on Friday and is open until Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. He explained that they will continue to hire people per diem to cover shifts. Chairman Ives asked how the budget looks. Chief Wright explained that the part time line is over but they are saving on the full time so they are okay.
  - f. Chief Wright explained that the fire department auxiliary wants to hold a yard sale/flea market type of event in June in the parking lot of the fire station below the library. He said their idea is to sell table space for \$10 to anyone in town. Chief Wright said he asked Brenda to check with the insurance company to see if they had any issues. Brenda explained that she spoke to one person at Property-Liability who suggested that there could be a liability issue. She said the auxiliary get what they call TULIP insurance; insurance for a one- time event. The cost of that would be about

\$105 for the day. Brenda spoke to another person at Property-Liability who is looking further into it and will be in touch later in the week. Selectman Krieger said he isn't too worried about liability and suggested that perhaps it could be held at the rec field where parking would not be an issue. The Board will find out about the insurance; they all agreed they want to support the auxiliary.

- g. Chief Wright said the new ambulance is going to International; it needs an oil change, and a check engine light and the heater need to be checked. He explained that from Manchester he will be going to Bradford to pick up Engine 3, the pump has been rebuilt.

III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District March 2015 invoice in the amount of \$662,830.23.
- b. The Board received the 2014 Equalization Ratio Summary Report. The equalization ratio is 105.1.
- c. The Board received a list of the properties Murdough Assessing Services will be reviewing.
- d. The Board received a copy of a check from Property-Liability Trust in the amount of \$8,380.00 for the Highway Department Plow Truck damage.
- e. The Board received a copy of a check from Property-Liability Trust in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Highway Department Mower damage. Chairman Ives said they will amend the amount requested at town meeting for the mower by \$2,500.00.
- f. The Board received a letter from a resident regarding tax deeded property Map 024, Lot 025. The Board discussed the money due to repurchase the property. The full amount will be forwarded to the resident. Selectman Bowles suggested that the offer be made that she meet with the Board.
- g. The Board received an email from Lisa Laughlin regarding Selectman Ives and the Merrimack Valley School Annual Meeting.
- h. The Board received notice from Liberty Utilities regarding a feasibility study of gas facility expansion in Loudon.
- i. The Board received Unutil's 2015 Inventory of Taxable Property.
- j. The Board received the February and March Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes and copies of the local farm map.
- k. The Board received the November 2014 through January 2015 J. O. Cate Van Meeting Minutes.
- l. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

VIII. The Board reviewed the warrant articles for town meeting and decided which of them would present each article.

- IX. Brenda explained that LYAA still has \$1,990 from the Comcast Cares Day money that they received. She received a request from LYAA for approval of the purchase of soccer goals with that money. The Board reviewed the requests and quote and agreed that the money can be used for the purchase.

- X. Brenda gave the Board information regarding posting the roads for weight limit. The Selectmen will make a motion next Tuesday and the highway department can begin posting the roads the following day.
- XI. Chief Wright said they pumped the hydrant at the dam, it was frozen. He explained that they back flushed it under pressure with tank water; it opened up so it should be good now.
- XII. Chief Wright said he was in the Community Building the other day with Stan Prescott taking balloons down from the ceiling of the building and fixing the light that was falling out of the ceiling. He explained that the fan was on however due to the number of balloon strings that were wrapped around it, it wasn't moving. He said this could have been bad. Selectman Bowles said the Board discussed it and they are going to change the rental policy to say that no balloons will be allowed.
- XIII. Selectman Krieger thanks Mike Labonte for all his years of service as Moderator, particularly the last couple of years coming home from his vacation to do it. Chairman Ives and Selectman Bowles concurred.
- XIV. Selectman Bowles thanks all those that came out to vote yesterday, it was a good turnout. He did say that he wishes more people would vote at the school meeting. Selectman Bowles thanked Chief Wright, Gary Brooks and Stan Prescott for fixing the light and fans in the barn.
- XV. Brenda and the girls thank Selectman Bowles for spending three hours on Monday in the basement blowing out pipes so they have running water in the office again.
- XVI. Chairman Ives thanks the Ballots Clerks and Supervisors of the Checklist for the fine job they did yesterday.
- XVII. Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman