

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2004

**Present: Selectman Maxfield, Kardaseski, and Bowles.**

**Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Roy Maxfield ZBA Chairman, Tom Dow and Bob Ordway, Planning Board members.**

Selectman Maxfield opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

- I. Selectman Maxfield stated that the first item was to elect a chairman for the ensuing year. Selectman Kardaseski moved to nominate Roger Maxfield as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Maxfield opened the Board of Permit.
  - a. Bob Fiske discussed the gravel pit operation on Currier Road relative to the ESMI soils application. Mr. Fiske stated that the excavation process is almost at a point where the next 2 acres are about to begin excavation. However, the agreement was that, in order for the excavation to move forward, the 2 acres of excavated land that has been the site area must be reclaimed prior to moving on to the next 2 acres. The issue is the ramp the equipment uses for access to the excavation area is part of the original 2 acres of excavated land. The owners are asking if this ramp can be left open for access to the pit and stated that this area would be reclaimed at a later date. It was mentioned that the ZBA would be having a site walk on Saturday regarding this gravel operation. Discussion ensued regarding the bond that was required as well as the owner's plan to move forward. Chairman Maxfield explained what Board of Permit was and stated that some residents of Currier Road, as well as the Road Agent, have some concerns and there have been some issues with the road breaking up. Chairman Maxfield stated he understood that when the excavation was taking place, a test well collapsed. It was stated there were 3 test wells and 1 did collapse. Mr. Roy Maxfield stated he has received some complaints regarding blocking traffic in the morning as well as issues with this area of road being muddy. He stated he felt Bob Manz of ESMI needed to be informed of these issues before any further approvals are given. Mr. Fiske stated the site walk was scheduled for 9:00 AM Saturday. Discussion ensued.
  - b. Mr. Fiske stated he had 1 Hawker and Peddler's application for NHIS and stated that, as usual, the final list of vendors will be supplied as soon as it is available.
  - c. The Selectmen discussed the Zoning Board appointments that will expire March 31, 2004. ZBA Chairman Roy Maxfield recommended re-appointment

for the members. Selectman Bowles moved to re-appoint Roy Maxfield and (John) Jack Towle as full members and Jon Huntington and Roy Merrill as alternate members to the ZBA for a 3-year term. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Motion carried.

- d. Discussion resumed regarding the Currier Road gravel pit operation and traffic issues.

III. The Board met with Bob Ordway.

- a. Mr. Ordway discussed an issue regarding the Town not having a mitigation plan in place. He provided the Board with information from CNHRPC regarding this issue. Mr. Ordway will draft a letter for the Board's review and signature to be forwarded to CNHRPC if the Board agrees to move forward.
- b. Mr. Ordway discussed the need to pick a location for the Bicentennial Quilt and its display case. He discussed his recommendations with the Board. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.
- c. Mr. Ordway inquired as to the speakers on stands in the Community Building. Mr. Ordway suggested getting brackets to hang the speakers on the wall to eliminate the bulky stands the speakers are currently on. Discussion ensued.

IV. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.

- a. Mr. Fiske discussed the issue of the irrigation system for the Staniels Road ball field, as well as the issues with the stairway to the upper floor of the building at the field.
- b. Mr. Fiske stated Robbie Burr, who was the lifeguard at Clough Pond Beach last summer, had contacted him. Mr. Burr was inquiring about the lifeguard position for this coming summer. Mr. Fiske asked if the Board would approve a rate of pay of \$10.00 per hour for Mr. Burr. The Selectmen agreed to increase Mr. Burr's rate of pay to \$10.00 per hour.
- c. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that 3 pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

V. The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rodney Phillips.

- a. Mr. Phillips inquired about the pay increase for FF-EMT-I John Reese relative to his certification of EMT-I level. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed to increase FF-EMT-I John Reese to \$13.82 an hour, per Chief Burr's recommendations.
- b. Mr. Phillips discussed the contract issues that have been ongoing with Concord Hospital regarding the emergency transport license. Mr. Phillips stated there have been revisions to the contract to make adjustments for insurance liability issues and the final contract was to have been mailed to the Town. He stated Chief Burr would be contacting the Selectmen to obtain their signatures on the document as soon as it is available.
- c. Mr. Phillips discussed the changes to the fire department interoperability program relative to the addition of vehicles in need of radio equipment. Discussion ensued. Selectman Kardaseski moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the NH

Radio Interoperability Project application. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. Chairman Maxfield stated that, just as a reminder, the Department Heads should be in attendance the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. If they are unable to attend, they need to let the office staff know so the Chairman can be made aware of it. David Rice, acting Road Agent, is not in attendance due to the stormy conditions.
  - b. The Board reviewed a memo from Merrimack Valley School District with the revised monthly payment amount.
  - c. The Board reviewed the list of committee appointments to expire on March 31, 2004. Discussion ensued. Chairman Maxfield will contact the committee chairmen and verify the re-appointment of the committee members. The Board will discuss this at next week's meeting.
  - d. The Board reviewed a memo from Planning Board Secretary Brenda Pearl regarding the need to appoint a committee for the Village Plan. The Board will take this information under advisement and follow up on this issue.
  - e. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board agreed that Selectman Bowles will be the Ex-Officio to the Planning Board, Selectman Kardaseski will be Chairman of the Capital Improvements Plan, and Chairman Maxfield will continue as Welfare Director.
  - f. The Board reviewed the February monthly report from ESMI.
  - g. Selectman Kardaseski moved to forward past due ambulance billing account #25223 in the amount of \$460.00 to collection. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - h. Chairman Maxfield stated NHMA has been contacted and they see no problem with housing the J.O. Cate Memorial Van at the fire station. However, the Selectmen will follow-up with Fire Chief Burr regarding any other liability issues that may need to be addressed.
  - i. Chairman Maxfield stated there was money in the budget for painting the Town Hall on Clough Hill Road. He advised that the Town's portion is only half as the Freewill Baptist Church will be responsible for the remaining half. Chairman Maxfield also stated the Freewill Baptist Church has paid upfront costs to help keep the total cost down.
  - j. The Board discussed commercial hauler fees. One of the large commercial haulers has questioned the issue of a small hauler not having to pay the tipping fee if he's picking up commercial waste and asked if there would be an explanation of how the Board was going to handle this. Discussion ensued regarding issues at the Transfer Station and hauling to the Penacook facility, as well as recycling issues. Mr. Garp was recognized from the audience and discussed recycling issues. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of re-routing the direction of traffic flow at the Transfer Station to have the recycling building access towards the exit at the Transfer Station. It was also discussed that there could be recycling areas on both sides of the recycling building to alleviate some of the waiting time. The Board will review this information.

- k. Selectman Kardaseski discussed the issue of the discontinuance of Old Cooper Street relative to Marcia Flynn's property. Ms. Flynn inquired about the deed. Discussion ensued.
- l. Selectman Kardaseski moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 2, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles abstained, as he was not in office at that time.
- m. Selectman Kardaseski stated that the final budget including Warrant Articles for 2004-2005 is \$3,498,088.00.
- n. Roy Merrill was recognized from the audience. Mr. Merrill inquired about the money placed in the escrow account for the Lesmerises Road Extension upgrades. He asked if there was any money remaining in that account and if so, would it be returned to him. The Selectmen stated they would have Jean Lee research this and get back to Mr. Merrill.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 8:38 PM. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

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Deborah A. Kardaseski, Selectman

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