

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009**

PRESENT: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Selectman Dustin J. Bowles as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield clarified the wording should be "nominate". Majority vote. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 3, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. Chairman Bowles stated he wanted to congratulate all of the candidates on their re-election, including Selectman Ives. He said he would also like to thank all of those who came out to vote and attend town meeting. The Board agreed it is important to continue to look to ways to cut expenditures to hold the tax rate down.
- IV. Selectman Ives advised the board of a request from Recreation Committee chair Alicia Grimaldi to appoint LeeAnn Childress as a member of the Recreation Committee. Chairman Bowles moved to approve the appointment of LeeAnn Childress to the Recreation Committee through March 31, 2010. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles expressed his appreciation to Ms. Childress for stepping forward and offering to serve on the committee. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. Selectman Maxfield moved to award the 18 month assessing contract to Cross Country Appraisal Group, LLC, in the amount of \$64,410.00. Second by Chairman Bowles. Payments to be made monthly in the amount of \$3,347.50. All in favor. Motion carried.
- VI. The Board met with Cynthia Balcius of Stoney Ridge Environmental to discuss the wetlands application for NH Motor Speedway. Ms. Balcius explained that the proposed work for replacing the culvert contained in the application requires an authorization from the town be included with their application in order for NHMS to proceed with the project. She explained that approximately 800 square feet of grading will take place within the town's right-of-way. Selectman Ives stated the minutes will reflect the Selectmen have signed the authorization for Stoney Ridge Environmental to proceed with the wetlands application to Department of Environmental Services on behalf of NH Motor Speedway. Chairman Bowles authorized Selectman Maxfield to sign on behalf of the Board as he must remove himself from any action on this proposal due to a business association with the applicant.

- VII. Selectman Ives stated the Tax Collector has provided the Board with a preliminary list of properties included in the deeding list for their review.
- VIII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a memo from contract assessor David Wiley regarding building permit values.
  - b. The Board received a list of committee members and officers due to be re-appointed for another term. Once approved, appointment papers will be prepared for signature by the Board.
  - c. The Board was advised that an approval has been requested from Pentucket Bank regarding the Irrevocable Letter of Credit for Wellington Way Properties, LLC. This letter of credit will serve as the maintenance bond for Wellington Lane. The Board agreed to have town counsel review the wording prior to approval.
  - d. The Board received the 2009 traffic count program from Central NH Regional Planning commission.
  - e. The Board received the scholarship applications for review and updates if necessary. Selectman Maxfield will provide additional information to the Board for next week.
  - f. The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Comcast regarding the franchise renewal as well as a second letter regarding rate changes.
  - g. The Board acknowledged receipt of a second letter from Dennis Lampman regarding a tax payment he mailed which was not received by the town.
  - h. The Board received two past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Maxfield moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collection; Account # 38202 in the amount of \$501.60, and Account #41472 in the amount of \$510.10. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - i. The Board acknowledged certificates of completion for Robert Fiske and Janice Morin, one for Homeland Security Exercise Program Evaluator training, and one for Sex Offender Registry training.
  - j. The Board received the current 2009 building permit list for review.
  - k. Selectman Maxfield shared information with the Board regarding the NHMA membership meeting he attended. He referenced Senator Peterson's proposal to implement a homestead exemption.
- IX. Selectman Ives stated the Board had received a request to meet with a resident in executive session to discuss a personal matter. Selectman Maxfield moved to enter into executive session at 7:05 PM. Second by Selectman Ives. Due to the content to be discussed Chairman Bowles was asked to recuse himself. Roll call vote; Maxfield yes, Ives yes. Motion carried.
- X. The Board recognized John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer stated he had received information that Comcast would be offering combined packages that would

include telephone, internet, and cable. Mr. Plummer said he contacted Comcast the following day, as he was interested in the telephone package, and was told it was not available. Selectman Maxfield said the Board would be looking very closely at Comcast's current options that are available to the residents of Loudon and their overall performance with the current franchise agreement. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dustin J. Bowles, *Chairman*

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Roger A. Maxfield, *Selectman*

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Steven R. Ives, *Selectman*