

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008**

**PRESENT: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.
Also present Road Agent David Rice and Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.**

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 4, 2008 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Steven R. Ives, Selectman as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the department is continuing with the maintenance of town roads, patching and filling potholes where possible.
 - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board he needs to purchase tires for the grader. He said it is necessary for him to purchase four tires at a cost of \$400 to \$600 per tire. Mr. Rice said he is planning on purchasing the least expensive tires and they should last at least one year. Chairman Ives advised Mr. Rice that he would prefer purchasing radial tires that would give longer wear as it may be at least two years before the Town could replace the current grader. Mr. Rice said he had spoken with Greg Fillmore regarding the Town's use of Fillmore's grader. He said this option may no longer be available. He also said he had obtained prices to lease a grader should the need arise. The cost would be approximately \$4,000 per month. He said it takes at least six weeks to grade all the town roads. Chairman Ives again said he would prefer Mr. Rice purchase the radial tires and then repair the grader if it becomes necessary. Mr. Rice said obtaining parts to repair the grader will be difficult.
 - c. Mr. Rice stated the town roads will be posted for the six ton limit beginning Friday, March 21st. The notice has appeared in the Concord Monitor and is posted. The posting is until further notice, but hopefully will only be for six weeks.
 - d. Selectman Bowles asked that the crew continue to patch roads when possible, and try to clear back areas where the snow melt puddles so the water will drain away. Chairman Ives asked if the wheeled excavator could be utilized in clearing back the snow instead of the grader to save some wear and tear. Mr. Rice said it can be, but using the excavator is a slower process than the grader. Mr. Rice said there is work to be done on the bridges where potholes are forming as well as getting the snow banks pushed back.

- IV. The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.
- a. Mr. Wright said he was filling in for Chief Burr this evening. Chairman Ives asked if there had been any further problems with flooding issues in the station. Mr. Wright said not at this time but they are monitoring the situation. Chairman Ives advised Mr. Rice this issue should be addressed during the re-paving of the parking area around the safety complex.
- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board discussed the proposed flood maps provided by FEMA for review.
 - b. The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from town counsel regarding an amendment to the Family Medical Leave Act.
 - c. The Board reviewed a memo from Assessor Dave Wiley to Code Enforcement, Planning Board, and Zoning Board members regarding a pond constructed on Route 129 and Bear Hill Road, which has resulted in damage to abutting properties.
 - d. The Board reviewed past due ambulance bills. Selectman Maxfield moved to send the following past due ambulance bills to collection: # 34102 in the amount of \$247.10, #38383 in the amount of \$892.13, # 36791 in the amount of \$100.32, # 37184 in the amount of \$93.38, and #1062 in the amount of \$52.33. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Gregory L. Bavis of Loudon NH to the position of part time patrolman for the Loudon Police Department. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. Chairman Ives acknowledged John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer discussed Saturday's Town Meeting and asked if the refreshments could be located in the gymnasium instead of in the hallway. The Selectmen stated they were following the rules set down by the school but would see if something could be revised for next year.
 - g. Mr. Plummer also addressed the issue of the dam construction on Route 129. He referred to the time when he built his home on Loudon Ridge Road and the fact that there are state requirements for constructing a dam or pond that must be followed. Selectman Bowles said he believes this issue was before the Planning Board or Board of Permit at one time, but the abutters should contact DES if there are problems.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, *Chairman*

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman