

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Kardaseski, and Bowles.

Also Present: Acting Road Agent David Rice, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, and Dick Wright.

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

- I. The Board met with Acting Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice stated that as long as there is no rain, the Highway crew would begin working on dirt roads at the end of the week. He stated they would be top dressing certain trouble spots with gravel to get the washboards out and will get to the other dirt roads as soon as he can depending on the weather and muddy conditions.

- II. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a letter of congratulations to Dustin Bowles on his recent election as Selectman from Senator Judd Gregg.
 - b. Chairman Maxfield discussed a conversation he had with the owners of Northern Design Precast regarding the increase in fees that are being passed on to commercial businesses since the Selectmen voted to charge the commercial haulers fees for hauling to Penacook. The Board will review this information.
 - c. Chairman Maxfield discussed the discontinuance of roads and stated that this information will be forwarded to Marcia Flynn.
 - d. Chairman Maxfield stated a check in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the 2004 Town of Loudon/NHIS Scholarships has been received. He thanked NHIS for their continued support.

- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr introduced Brian Newell of NH Forests and Lands Bureau. Mr. Newell stated he was in attendance to present the 2003 Al W. Britain Award for Outstanding Service of Forest Fire Protection in the State of NH to Forest Fire Warden Dick Wright. He stated Mr. Wright was chosen by his peers to receive this award. Mr. Newell explained that this award was named after Al W. Britain, who was a NH State Fire Marshall and who worked extensively with State Forestry, Fire Prevention, Smokey the Bear, etc. Mr. Newell stated that Dick Wright has been an asset to the State of NH and to the Town of Loudon, and thanked him for his hard work and efforts over the years.
 - b. Chief Burr inquired if the Board had reviewed the information regarding the ambulance replacement. Discussion ensued regarding the payment of the chassis. Selectman Kardaseski moved to authorize the Fire Department to purchase an ambulance from PL Custom Ambulance for a bid price of

- \$125,498.00, and to prepay the chassis to allow for the \$1,000.00 savings. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Chief Burr inquired if he could move forward with the purchase of the ¾ ton pickup truck, which was voted in at the 2004 Town Meeting. The Board discussed the fact that the vote was for money to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund and did not need to wait, that this could be treated as a prepaid expense. Selectman Kardaseski inquired if Chief Burr had checked around to dealers or did he plan on going with the company that the State uses. Chief Burr stated that he could check around but the quote he had obtained included the light package needed for the vehicle.
 - d. Chief Burr discussed the Emergency Management Plan. He stated that he felt the plan needed to be updated and would like to work with the Road Agent and Police Chief to incorporate those departments in the revised plan. Discussion ensued.
 - e. Dick Wright stated that there had been some changes in how Fire Wardens are chosen in the State. He stated that Mr. Newell had that information. Mr. Newell explained what the duties of a Fire Warden were, as well as advised the Board that, at such time as Dick Wright retires as a Fire Warden, the Board would receive a recommendation from the State on his replacement. It would then be up to the Selectmen to appoint that person if they agreed with the State's recommendation.
- IV. The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. Selectman Kardaseski moved to return engineering fees in the amount of \$1,665.00 to Roy Merrill. The fees are what were left in the escrow account. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Board reviewed a copy of the Annual Post Closure Inspection report on the Landfill. Discussion ensued.
 - c. The Board reviewed the draft copy of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting Minutes. The Board will review and get back to the Town Clerk with any recommended changes.
 - d. Selectman Kardaseski moved to enter into executive session with Acting Road Agent David Rice to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes, Kardaseski yes, Bowles yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board was out of executive session at 7:35 PM and the results of the session are that the Board discussed a personnel issue with Acting Road Agent David Rice.
 - e. Selectman Kardaseski moved to appoint David Rice as Road Agent at the rate of \$20.00 per hour and appoint Lennie Boudrias as Assistant Road Agent at a rate of \$13.72 per hour beginning Sunday, March 28, 2004. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. The Board met with Mr. Dennis Stewart of Zero Waste.
- a. Mr. Stewart discussed his concerns regarding the local hauler not being charged the \$39.15 tipping fee that the large commercial haulers are going to be required to pay. He stated that, if the local hauler is able to pick up

commercial waste and not be required to pay the \$39.15 tipping fee, he could charge the customer about half what the large hauler would charge that same customer due to the new tipping fee charge they will be required to pay starting April 1, 2004. Chairman Maxfield inquired if the Board were to reverse their decision and not charge the \$39.15 would the commercial haulers not increase their rates to the local businesses. Mr. Stewart stated that he thought the commercial haulers would agree to that. Selectman Kardaseski stated she would question reversing the decision that was made by the Board as there has been an income line added to the budget regarding the anticipated revenues from this decision. She stated there was a public hearing regarding this subject and that, along with the published notice in the newspaper, the haulers were duly noticed; however, not one commercial hauler was in attendance at that meeting. Mr. Stewart said he had been notified of the meeting and did not attend as felt this was "business as usual." He stated it did not become a problem until he found out there was a hauler in Loudon who was not going to be charged the same fee as the large haulers would be charged. Mr. Stewart said he is only interested in a level playing field. He said the local hauler has already either been approached by, or has approached, Loudon businesses with this information and has offered lower bids for services to some of Mr. Stewart's commercial customers in Loudon. Mr. Stewart said he has no problems with the residential pickup, his concerns are relative to commercial pickup only. Discussion ensued. Selectman Kardaseski stated she felt if the local hauler begins to add commercial businesses to his customer list, then he must comply with the same rules the commercial haulers are required to follow. She will draft a policy for the Board to consider.

- VI. The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 16, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Selectman Kardaseski moved to appoint Linda Verville and Colin Cabot to the Conservation Commission for 3-year terms with an expiration date of March 31, 2007. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Selectman Kardaseski moved to appoint Dorothy Mulkhey as Deputy Tax Collector for a 1-year term with an expiration date of March 31, 2005. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Chairman Maxfield stated that Colette Garside declined to be reappointed as Chairman of the Loudon Recreation Committee and stated the Board will search for a replacement for this position.
 - e. Chairman Maxfield stated the Stephen Bennett has agreed to join the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee and asked that an appointment paper be available for next week's meeting.
 - f. Selectman Kardaseski discussed the concerns that Bob Fiske had regarding the stairs in the LYAA building at the ball field on Staniels Road. She stated

- that LYAA should be the ones responsible for addressing Mr. Fiske's concerns and said she would contact a representative of LYAA regarding this.
- g. Mr. Fred Burt was recognized from the audience. Mr. Burt provided the Board with a copy of the responsibilities of State and Local Government Agencies under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act – Deaf and Hard of Hearing People are entitled to effective communication with State and Local Agencies. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed to look into the situation of what can be done to assist those in the audience with hearing difficulty. Selectman Kardaseski suggested using headphones, which would be connected directly to the PA System.
 - h. The Board discussed the issue of appointing a Village Plan Committee as requested by the Planning Board.

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

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