

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives. Also present Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 17, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Bowles noted for the record five pistol permits were signed for approval.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board the road grader was down with transmission problems. He said the transmission had been removed from the grader today and depending on what parts will be required to fix it, the department will try to make do with use of the loader and back hoe. If necessary, Mr. Rice will try to secure a loaner grader to maintain the dirt roads. The Board asked to be kept informed of the progress.
  - b. Mr. Rice said he was in receipt of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission 2009 traffic count program material. Mr. Rice said he would like to include Ricker Road, Lower Ridge Road at Ridge Road, and any other roads the Selectmen would like to include. The Board suggested comparing the list with Planning Board/ZBA Administrative Assistant Donna White for input. Mr. Rice said maybe adding Chichester Road and East Ricker Road would be good too. Chairman Bowles said adding Bee Hole Road would also be good. Selectman Maxfield asked about adding Route 129 at the Gilmanton Town Line.
  - c. Mr. Rice discussed the groundwater monitoring summary report for 2007-2008 from The Louis Berger Group Inc. Due to revisions in DES regulations; Engineer Judith Houston has recommended implementing additional groundwater mitigation plans. Mr. Rice will arrange a meeting with Ms. Houston and the Board so that she can review her recommendations and what, if any, additional costs would be added to the current contract.
  - d. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice about purchases for the Highway Department. He said the Board has noticed several payments to out of state vendors for supplies, some that involve freight charges, and whether the products could be obtained locally to save on the additional charges. Mr. Rice said he checks with local vendors to see if they can supply the products he needs before going elsewhere. Both Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives said it is important to keep expenses as low as possible and everyone has to be aware of that.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

- a. Chief Burr said the department is working on ordering the ambulance. He said he will be submitting a bill for the chassis relatively soon. By paying for the chassis first, the department will save approximately \$1,000. He said this was how they proceeded with the purchase of the last fire apparatus.
- b. Chief Burr said they are working on the details for advertising the new position. Selectman Ives asked if a committee would be established to review applications. Chief Burr said yes that is the procedure. Selectman Ives said he would like to see a town resident and a member of the Board of Selectmen included in the committee. Chairman Bowles recognized Roy Merrill from the audience. Mr. Merrill asked Chief Burr the cost of the ambulance chassis. Chief Burr said he did not have that information available. Selectman Maxfield said he would like that information as well.

V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board acknowledged receipt of a Highway Safety Grant Application for the Police Department for signature. The amount of the grant, if approved, will be \$4,074.89. The purpose of the grant is for highway enforcement patrols. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the application to the State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency for a grant in the amount of \$4,074.89 for additional highway enforcement patrols and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Town. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield stated the Police Chief and his department should be commended for taking the initiative to apply for and receive these grants. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Selectman Ives moved to approve the proposal for professional engineering services from the Louis Berger Group, Inc. for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, for the post closure of the landfill and septage lagoons, in the amount of \$11, 800. and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the Town. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the public utilities assessing contract for 2009 to George E. Sansoucy PE in the amount of \$3,300.00. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Maxfield stated the public utilities are the second highest taxpayer in the town and Mr. Sansoucy does an excellent job of ensuring the taxable values assessed on these properties are equitable. Chairman Bowles said Mr. Sansoucy is excellent in defending these values when challenged by the utility companies. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with Concord Regional Visiting Nurses for the continuation of their services to the Town of Loudon for the year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$4,250.00, representing \$1.25 per person for a population of 3,400, the 1988 census. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles said a lot of people benefit from this service. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. The Board received several appointment papers for various committee members for approval. Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint the following

individuals; Deirdre Littlefield, Deputy Tax Collector/Town Clerk, David Rice, Norman Bowles, Steven Bennett, Sandra Blanchard, and Barbara Parent to the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, Julie Robinson, Robert Butler, and Jessica Storey to the Loudon Conservation Commission, Alicia Grimaldi, Christine Campbell, Amanda Masse, and Jennifer Pfeifer to the Loudon Recreation Committee. All are one year appointments to March 31, 2010 except for Robert Butler to expire March 31, 2012, Julie Robinson March 31, 2012, and Jessica Storey March 31, 2012. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles expressed his appreciation to all those who have volunteered to serve on the various committees. He also acknowledged the feedback he has received from residents on the good rapport of having Mrs. Littlefield in the Town Clerk's office in Mrs. Hamel's absence.

- f. The Board noted receipt of revised scholarship applications. Selectman Maxfield said Karon Maxfield had suggested the revisions to clarify the application requirements. Chairman Bowles said he hoped the Board can keep a member of the McNeil and Cummings families involved with the scholarship program. Selectman Ives moved to approve the new format for the Arthur E. McNeil/Raymond C. Cummings scholarship applications. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Ives said he would like to clarify the adoption date and effective date to March 24, 2009, with a revision to take place annually. All in favor. Motion carried.
- g. The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Trustees of the Maxfield Public Library informing the Board that Trustee Greg Silva has submitted his resignation effective March 31, 2009. The Trustees have recommended three individuals for the Board's decision of a replacement to fill the vacancy for the remaining year of Mr. Silva's term. The Board agreed they would like to receive a copy of Mr. Silva's resignation letter before making a decision on a replacement.
- h. The Board noted receipt of a communication from Michael Harris. Chairman Bowles noted the Board would take this correspondence under advisement.
- i. The Board was presented with correspondence from town counsel regarding the litigation on Greenview Drive. A hearing has been scheduled for April 15, 2009. Attorney Mayer is requesting the presence of at least one Selectman at the hearing. Selectman Ives said he would appear at the hearing on behalf of the Board.
- j. The Board received a bulletin from NH Retirement System regarding pending legislation that would increase the town's cost for those participating in the Group II Police and Fire employees.
- k. The Board acknowledged John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer said he had contacted Comcast regarding the telephone package promotion. He said he had finally reached Brian Christianson at the Concord office and was told that it would be at least one year before this option was available to Loudon residents. Mr. Plummer said the rates that are being advertised for the internet and telephone package are nowhere near accurate. He said Comcast told him the delay has to do with TDS Communications. Mr.

Plummer said he contacted TDS and they said they are waiting for additional funding through the federal stimulus money.

- l. The Board received a notice regarding an April 7 meeting at UNH to discuss the Governor's stimulus monies.
- m. The Board received information from Department of Environmental Services on draft priority list projects that would be funded through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
- n. The Board noted a receipt of communication from Dennis Harrick of East Hampstead regarding the utility companies' response to the December ice storm.

VI. The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil to discuss past due taxes.

VII. Chairman Bowles advised the Board he had requested a meeting with Assessor David Wiley to review an abatement request for Tax Map 20, Lot 009. Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Ives agreed this would be the best way to proceed.

VIII. John Plummer asked the Board if they had seen the article in the Concord Monitor regarding the Mayor's decision to discuss the possible closure of the Concord City Library.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Ives congratulated Chairman Bowles on his handling of tonight's meeting and wished him well for the ensuing year. Chairman Bowles stated he would like to compliment all those involved with the DARE Pizza Night held on March 17. He said there was a fantastic turnout with over 450 meal tickets being sold and over 200 prizes awarded. It is a huge undertaking and everyone works long hours to ensure the program's success. They are to be congratulated. All in favor. Motion carried.

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