

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 29, 2005

Present: Selectmen Kardaseski, Bowles and Maxfield.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2005 as printed. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice stated the grader is being worked on at Fillmore Industries. Mr. Fillmore has agreed to allow Mr. Rice to use Fillmore's grader while the Town's is being worked on.
 - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board the person checking the fire extinguishers at the Town Hall found a gas leak in the furnace, which has been fixed.
 - c. Mr. Rice provided the Board with the proposals for the tractor the Highway Department will be purchasing as approved by Town Meeting. Mr. Rice stated that the John Deere proposal appears to be the proposal he would go with if the Selectmen agree. Mr. Rice stated the Town needed to forward a request for the municipal discount on Town letterhead, which will further reduce the purchase price if accepted. Mr. Rice stated he would like to be sure that front fenders come with the tractor. The Board agreed to have Office Manager Jean Lee draft a letter to be forwarded to John Deere for the municipal discount. Discussion ensued regarding the other two proposals received.
 - d. Mr. Rice stated the Highway crew had been dealing with plugged culverts and road flooding this week. Chairman Kardaseski stated she had gotten several calls regarding the roads and drainage issues. She has advised the callers that the roads would be dealt with once they thaw. Chairman Kardaseski also stated she and Mr. Rice will be meeting at the Burr residence on North Village Road on Wednesday morning to review a drainage problem. She said Mr. Rice had cleared the culvert however; the water across the road remains an issue. Discussion ensued regarding the drainage.

- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

- a. Chairman Kardaseski asked if Chief Burr had spoken with Joe Bohi regarding the dry hydrant on Bee Hole Road. He stated he had and will be meeting with Mr. Bohi regarding this issue on April 6.
- b. Chairman Kardaseski asked about the status of the ceiling at the Safety Complex. Chief Burr stated there was nothing new to report. Chairman Kardaseski stated she had spoken with Attorney Mayer and was told his assistant was working on correspondence regarding the leaking ceiling at the Safety Complex. Chief Burr will contact Attorney Mayer.

IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board discussed a Town Office Building Committee survey. Chairman Kardaseski stated she felt that at the last Committee meeting there was no consensus of where the Committee was heading. She said she thought this might be a way to get everyone's opinion. Selectman Maxfield said if the consensus of the Committee was to take a year off that is what would happen. Chairman Kardaseski agreed. Selectman Maxfield said he had some ideas that he would like to present to the committee for the current site. Selectman Maxfield also discussed a 0.6 acre piece of property owned by Lottie Moody that is unable to be developed. Selectman Maxfield had discussed this property with Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson, pointing out that this property is contiguous with other Town-owned property. Mrs. Robinson said this property does not fit the profile of the Conservation Commission and therefore is not on the priority list of properties the Commission wishes to acquire. Selectman Maxfield stated he was disappointed with this decision. He went on to state this is a non-buildable lot and hoped the Board would consider writing off the taxes on this property. Chairman Kardaseski asked if Mrs. Moody would donate the property to the Town. Selectman Maxfield said no, she did not want to do that. He also stated Mr. Towle who is an abutter had made an offer to purchase the property. The consensus of the Board was to advise Mrs. Moody she should sell the property if she had an offer. Selectman Bowles said the reason he did not feel the Selectmen should write-off the taxes was if someone else were to purchase the property and have the taxes written off it may never get put back on the tax rolls. Selectman Maxfield will talk with Mrs. Moody.
- b. Selectman Maxfield discussed some ideas for the Town Office plan. Discussion ensued regarding parking spaces as well as dimensions of a proposed plan for the current site.
- c. The Board received a bill from John Cotnoir for sheetrock repair of the Community Building in the amount of \$300.00. The original quote had been for \$477.00. Discussion ensued regarding the leaking roof at the Community Building. Selectman Bowles stated Mr. Cotnoir was able to find the location of the leak and has placed a pail to catch the water

- until the roof is repaired. Chairman Kardaseski discussed the steel roof vs. shingles for the roof. She stated she wanted Selectman Bowles to research this project and to find out what would be the best way to proceed. Chairman Kardaseski stated she would like to see this project completed this summer, as the money will be available in July.
- d. Chairman Kardaseski stated the Board had received correspondence from Attorney Mayer regarding a Special Town Meeting to consider purchase of the Towle property as it had been brought up at Town Meeting. It is Attorney Mayer's opinion that it would not be in the best interest to move forward with a Special Town Meeting. The Board agreed.
 - e. The Board reviewed correspondence from Attorney Mayer regarding David Martin's complaint regarding Clough Pond Beach. Chairman Kardaseski will contact Attorney Mayer and advise him the Board is in agreement with his recommendations.
 - f. The Board reviewed information from NHMA regarding litigation.
 - g. The Board received a complaint letter and videotapes from Roger Farwell regarding Foster Road. Bob Fiske has been provided the same information.
 - h. The Board received the NHIS 2005 schedule.
 - i. The Board received research material regarding closure of Voted Road between Mudgett Hill Road and Route 106. Chairman Kardaseski stated that at the 1989 Town Meeting the Town voted to close that portion of the road, not discontinue it. She stated, at the least, the road needs to be closed and, at next year's Town Meeting, a Warrant Article should be included to discontinue that portion of the road. As far as that piece of road being owned by Mr. Leonard, it would need to be determined by the deeds. If there was a boundary dispute, it would be a civil issue and a survey would need to be conducted to determine the boundary lines. Further discussion ensued regarding the current road, which may possibly have been a driveway at one time. The Board will review this information further. Discussion ensued regarding this property, Mudgett Hill Road, and Clough Hill Road.
 - j. The Board received an abatement request on land use change tax. Discussion ensued regarding abatement requests and land use change tax lien release penalties. The Board commended Assessor Dave Wiley for his hard work and stated they are very happy with his research. The Board agreed to the recommendations for map and lot numbers 28-009, 31-23, 50-22, 59-36, 59-50, and 59-55. The Board will review the remaining recommendations and discuss them at next week's meeting.
 - k. The Board discussed committee appointments that are to expire on March 31. Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Eileen Maxfield as Deputy Town Clerk, Dorothy Mulkhey as Deputy Tax Collector, Rebecca Osgood, Sarah Chudzicki, Lisa Landry, Debbie Latham, and Karen Weeks as members of the Recreation Committee, Arthur Colby,

David Rice, Norman Bowles, and Stephen Bennett as members of the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, Jim Tranfaglia has agreed to come back as Emergency Management Administration and Planning as well as Brian Grimaldi for Emergency Management Communications for a period of one year. George Saunderson as Zoning Board of Adjustment alternate, for a period of three years. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Kardaseski will place a notice in the next issue of the *Ledger* looking for additional Solid Waste/Recycling Committee members. The Board will research the Conservation Commission appointments further.

- l. Chairman Kardaseski stated two pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
- m. Chairman Kardaseski asked if anyone had attended the DES hearing to amend the septage rules for the Franklin facility. No one attended.
- n. The Board reviewed an anonymous letter received.
- o. Selectman Bowles discussed an issue with Cross Brook Road and water standing on the road. The Board will look into this issue.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Deborah A. Kardaseski, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman