

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives. Also present Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske, and Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 24, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske.
 - a. Mr. Fiske reviewed details of the application from NH Motor Speedway for an improved driveway permit from the State of NH for Gues Meadow Road. He said the approval should be received by mid-April and requires the Selectmen's approval, as Gues Meadow Road is a town Class VI road. Mr. Fiske said he will be notifying residents of McKenzie Road of increased bus traffic during the two NASCAR events due to the proposed changes in the traffic patterns. Chairman Bowles said it was important to ensure traffic safety in that area.
 - b. Chairman Bowles stated for the record one pistol permit was signed for approval.

- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr presented the board with the price for the chassis portion of the new ambulance.
 - b. Chairman Bowles asked Chief Burr if the 1999 ambulance could be advertised for sale, such as on the internet. Chief Burr said it was up to the Selectmen if they wanted to proceed in that way. He also said it would increase the purchase price of the new ambulance as a trade-in value had been included in the quotation. Chairman Bowles said the trade-in value is only \$5,000. If it was sold outright for \$25,000, the proposal for the new unit can only increase by the \$5,000. Chief Burr said the true trade-in value is \$6,500. Chief Burr will contact Sugarloaf Ambulance/Rescue Vehicles for additional information.
 - c. The Board noted receipt of an email from Deputy Chief Robert Botcher regarding the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2009, in which it was discussed that a Selectman and possibly a resident of the town would be included on the interview committee for the new Firefighter/EMT. Selectman Maxfield said he did not feel it was necessary to create a policy regarding who would be included in the hiring process. Chairman Bowles said the final decision lies with the Board of Selectmen when approving a new hire. Selectman Ives said he was not too happy with the email or the Deputy Chief. Selectman Ives said he had made the comment during the Selectmen's meeting to get conversation started on the make-up of the hiring committee

and since the position was approved at Town Meeting, he felt it would be good public relations to include a member of the public on the committee. He said during the meeting there wasn't any response to his comment, so he just left it where it was. Selectman Ives said he had received a telephone call from one of the Captains on the department. He said they had a good conversation, and agrees that maybe it would be better if only those involved with the workings of the department were involved in the hiring process. Selectman Ives said he does feel a Selectman should be included, and since he has a background with the department he was selected. Selectman Ives said he hopes this clarifies the issue and it can now be put to rest. Chairman Bowles said personally he has been involved with the last two hires in the Highway Department and he feels it is important for the Selectmen to be involved in this process. He said as elected officials it is important to look out for the best interest of the residents and to also work together within all the departments. Selectman Maxfield said there is no policy in place, the fire department has their set of rules, and now the Selectmen are stating their rules. Chairman Bowles said all that is being asked is a Selectman to be included on the committee to review the applications for the position. Chairman Bowles said he does not feel anyone is being singled out. He said it is the Board's intention to work together with the department and hopefully select a candidate who will be an asset to the department and will stay in the position for a long time.

IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. Selectman Ives moved to approve the appointment of Kimberly Therrien to the Loudon Recreation Committee with her term to expire March 31, 2010. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield stated he feels Recreation Committee Chairperson Alicia Grimaldi has recruited excellent volunteers to serve on the Committee. The Board concurred and thanked all the volunteers who are willing to give their time to serve on the committees. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Chairman Bowles thanked Bob Fiske and his department for a very successful DARE night, and noted that Loudon is one of a very few communities who do not use town funds to support the DARE programs. Selectman Maxfield said the Board agrees with Chairman Bowles comments.
- c. The Board received an expenditure report through March 31 for their review.
- d. The Board acknowledged receipt of Library Trustee Greg Silva's resignation letter. The Selectmen had requested a copy of Mr. Silva's letter.
- e. The Board received an email from town counsel with the time of the April 15 hearing on Greenview Drive. Selectman Ives will represent the Board at the hearing. Selectman Maxfield said he will also attend the hearing, as he is interested in the process.
- f. The Board acknowledged receipt of information on upcoming training sessions for Trustees of the Trust Funds, Library Trustees and Cemetery Trustees. These training sessions are provided by the Attorney General's Office.

- g. The Board received a copy of the annual NH Motor Speedway bond in the amount of \$10,000 which was received on March 30th.
- h. The Board noted correspondence received from County Commissioner Leo Bernier.
- i. The Board received promotional information from Comcast regarding their internet, telephone and cable packages. As has been noted previously, this package is not yet available in Loudon.
- j. The Board reviewed the site walk minutes from NH Motor Speedway. Both Planning Board and Zoning Board members attended to review the project.
- k. The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil to review unpaid taxes.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:12 P.M. Second by Chairman Bowles. All in favor.
Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, *Chairman*

Roger A. Maxfield, *Selectman*

Steven R. Ives, *Selectman*