

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.
Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 24, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Chief Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright explained that they are in the process of working out the details of purchasing the ladder truck that he talked about last week. He said he will be going to New Jersey to pick it up with two other drivers; they will bring it back on April 16th. Chief Wright said he has scheduled a training with a factory certified E1 rep from Greenwoods.
 - b. Chief Wright said he received some information about the forestry pump, he explained that they are nailing down the accessories. This is the pump that they received a \$2,000 grant for.
 - c. Chief Wright said all the trucks have been inspected and serviced except for the one-ton which goes in tomorrow.
 - d. Chief Wright said he would like to find out the maker of the flagpole at the war memorial. He explained that the part that latches the internal rope is broken. Chief Wright will contact the town office to see if they have any information regarding the flagpole.
 - e. Selectman Ives asked if there will still only be a limited number of guys certified to drive the new truck. Chief Wright said there will be six. He explained that other people will be trained to back it up and set it up. Chairman Bowles said they had touched on the point that maybe George from the highway department should be trained to drive the ladder truck so if during the day nobody else was available he could jump in it. Chief Wright said he has the six people lined up at this point, both Deputy Lake and Gary will be two of the six and they both work days but George could certainly attend the training. Chief Wright will contact George to see if he is interested in the training.
 - f. Selectman Krieger mentioned to Chief Wright that an Eagle Scout would be taking on the cemetery fence project and Mr. Mallat will do the gate. Chief Wright said he would contact Mr. Mallat and discuss it with him.
 - g. Selectman Ives said that during a discussion with the highway department Lenny suggested that maybe next winter, if they get into long 36 hour storms, that they be allowed to use the shower at Station 2. Chief Wright said they can, he said the water heater is not left on all the time so when a big storm is anticipated they can flip the switch on.

- III. Chairman Bowles said they have before them a gentleman that they have gone through the interview process with and have decided to hire for the road agent position. Lance Houle has accepted the position. Chairman Bowles said they will start Mr. Houle at \$23.00 per hour with a step up in six-months if everything is going good. Mr. Houle said he would be available to start Monday, April 13. Chairman Bowles said the Selectmen will meet with Mr. Houle and the highway crew that morning. Selectman Ives explained they met with

Lenny and George who both applied for the job and explained that they didn't get it. He said they also met with Tad and Pete and told them they hired Mr. Houle. Selectman Krieger welcomed Lance to the family. Selectman Krieger made a motion to hire Lance Houle to be the Loudon Road Agent starting April 13 at \$23.00 per hour. Selectman Ives stated that there will be a step raise in six months if things work out okay, a one-year probation period and they will look at another raise at the one-year mark. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles stated that things have been going very well in the highway department. Selectman Ives said they told the department in the meetings that they were bringing someone in from the outside and asked that they be receptive to new ideas. Mr. Houle stated that he also is open to their ideas.

- IV. Chairman Bowles recognized Steve Jakubowski from the audience. Mr. Jakubowski asked if they do a background investigation on new employees. The Board said they do. Selectman Ives said they also contacted his references and talked to a few other people beyond what he had listed as references.
- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received Information from Saints Lawn Care regarding Union/Moore Cemetery. Chairman Bowles said he spoke to Mr. St. Laurent about a price to mow the cemetery behind the church so they'd have it when the cemetery Trustees turn the cemetery over to the town. Chairman Bowles said that Stan Prescott is also going to talk to Gary Tasker about doing the mowing. Chairman Bowles said Mr. St. Laurent does a really good job on the other cemeteries he does for the town. The proposal will be held until the Selectmen meet with the cemetery trustees.
 - b. The Board received the Central NH Regional Planning Commission Transportation Data Collection Program. The Board reviewed the list that the Planning Board submitted; they agreed that the list submitted is complete.
 - c. The Board received eighteen (18) overdue ambulance bills. Selectman Ives made a motion to send the following bills to collection: Acct #4085 for \$177.33, Acct #5814 for \$611.60, Acct #5822 for \$565.10, Acct #5910 for \$549.90, Acct #6446 for \$705.20, Acct #6448 for \$660.80, Acct #6488 for \$595.50, Acct #6660 for \$679.60, Acct #6695 for \$686.00, Acct #6778 for \$543.90, Acct #6891 for \$867.43, Acct #6922 for \$125.00, Acct #6999 for \$66.44, Acct #7039 for \$116.94, Acct #7216 for \$109.56, Acct #7278 for \$628.40, Acct #7296 for \$688.40, and Acct #7376 for \$525.90. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Board received the 2015 College McNeil/Cummings scholarship application for review. The Board set Friday, June 12, 2015 as the deadline for the scholarship applications.
 - e. The Board received the ESMI February 2015 Self-report for review.
 - f. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.
- VI. Selectman Krieger said he spoke to Michael Harris from Lower Ridge Road about his concerns regarding night racing at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. Mr. Harris feels that

the race track is going to put lights in, get everything set up to have a night race because they don't need permits for that. He knows that the Board has told him that night racing isn't permitted according to the covenants and the rules that the track has to follow but he's very concerned that they are going to do it anyhow. Mr. Harris said that last August, he doesn't remember the date, at 7:30 at night he drove into the track and the guy at the gate said they are doing some night racing. Selectman Krieger asked Mr. Harris if he could use his name when he brought this up and Mr. Harris told him he could. Selectman Krieger said that Mr. Harris also called the town attorney about his concern.

- VII. Selectman Krieger said that the town clerk and tax collector came up with pamphlets. He said it might not be a bad idea for each department to do them. He said each has a brief description of what they do, common questions, times they are open, and phone numbers. Selectman Krieger said he thinks it's a good idea and the printing budget should be looked at to see if they can get some printed up. He said they would like to get 500 of them printed to start with. Selectman Krieger said there are people in town that don't use electronics. Selectman Krieger said they look nice and professional. He said the Selectmen's Office could do one. They would all look the same; new people in town or people could grab one of each. Selectman Ives agreed that they are a good idea and they can probably come up with the money to get 500 of each printed.
- VIII. Chief Wright said the closing date for the fulltime position vacated by John Reese was last Friday. He said they received nine applications, they've started going through them.
- IX. Chairman Bowles said he ran into Tim Landry who told him that they expect to begin work on the Staniels Road light project April 13th.
- X. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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