

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Present: Selectmen Kardaseski, Bowles and Maxfield.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice.

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 29, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Chairman Kardaseski discussed the granite sign for the recreation field at Staniels Road. Selectman Maxfield moved to purchase a granite memorial stone for Robert L. Landry, Sr., and for the memorial to be placed at the Staniels Road Ball Field, with funds to be withdrawn from account 01-43119-800-844 Highway Department Park Maintenance and Supply line for \$2,500.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Maxfield moved to amend the motion to state not to exceed \$3,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Amendment carries. Chairman Kardaseski stated the motion reads, "It has been moved and seconded to withdraw a sum not to exceed \$3,000.00 from the Highway Park Maintenance and Supply line account # 01-43119-800-844 for the purpose of erecting a granite monument to read the 'Robert L. Landry Sr., Memorial Field' and to be erected at the Staniels Road Ball Field." All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Mr. Rice discussed road washout issues due to the heavy rains last week. He stated the Highway Crew was working on placing crushed stone on the dirt roads.
 - c. Selectman Bowles discussed drainage issues with a section of Cross Brook Road. He stated he would like to see this taken care of before the road maintenance bond is released. Mr. Rice will contact Mr. Thistle regarding this issue.

- III. The Board met with Howard Pearl.
 - a. Mr. Pearl stated he has been having issues with receiving his mail and he did not receive his timber tax bill. Mr. Pearl is asking the Board to abate the interest and penalties for the timber tax based on not receiving the original bill. The Board discussed the issues of abating

these fees. Selectman Maxfield was in favor of abating all fees; Selectman Bowles was in favor of abating a portion of the fees; and Chairman Kardaseski felt it set a dangerous precedent to abate any of the fees based on the reason for the request. Selectman Maxfield moved to excuse the \$120.93 for Howard Pearl on the Yield Tax. For a lack of a second, the motion failed. Chairman Kardaseski asked Selectman Bowles if his proposal was to abate half of the fees? He said, "Yes. If that's a motion, I'll second it." All in favor. Motion carried.

- IV. The Board met with Gaitain Baillargeon and Susan Bourdeau regarding a right of way.
 - a. After general discussion regarding the history of the property and the right-of-way issue, the Board stated the right-of-way that was presented was an agreement between Mr. Baillargeon and the former landowner. Chairman Kardaseski stated the agreement does not go with the land, but with the landowner. Selectman Maxfield discussed the process for the petition to lay out a right-of-way. The Board discussed the agreement drawn up by Mr. David Noyes for Mrs. Bourdeau. Chairman Kardaseski asked Mr. Baillargeon what his concerns with this agreement were. Mr. Baillargeon stated he objected to the \$2,000.00 bond being held by Mr. Noyes. The Board discussed having a legal document written up regarding any agreements both parties could work out. Chairman Kardaseski stated Mr. Baillargeon and Mrs. Bourdeau would need to find a mutually-agreeable person to hold the bond or security. The Town does not get involved in holding bonds for private parties. She also discussed the issue with the fee-per-truckload of timber. Mr. Baillargeon stated he felt he would be cutting approximately 200,000 board feet. Mrs. Bourdeau stated she had spent approximately \$800.00 in fees for drawing up the agreement. She just wanted to get that money back. Mrs. Bourdeau stated if Mr. Baillargeon were to give her \$1,000.00 to pay back the money for the agreement and go by the rules of the agreement, she had no problem. Mr. Baillargeon stated he wanted to review the information. Mr. Baillargeon and Mrs. Bourdeau will advise the Board when they come to an agreement.

- V. The Board met with Sarandis Karathanasis regarding constructing a new residence while residing in the current home.
 - a. Mr. Karathanasis showed the Board a copy of the proposed plan for the new construction. Discussion ensued regarding the new structure being a farmhouse-type structure and a barn. The Board advised Mr. Karathanasis he would be responsible to pay the attorney fees to draw up the agreement, a demolition bond would need to be obtained, and he would have one year from the date the agreement was signed to have the project completed. The Board advised Mr. Karathanasis to

contact Office Manager Jean Lee when he is ready to have the agreement drawn up.

- VI. The Board met with Tax Collector Helen McNeil.
 - a. Mrs. McNeil discussed the abatement the Selectmen gave Howard Pearl. Mrs. McNeil advised the Board that Mr. Pearl had signed for a certified letter advising him of the outstanding Yield Tax back in March. She stated she needed the Board to sign an abatement form so she could adjust the computer and continue with the lien process for the other properties going to lien. The Board stated they did not realize Mr. Pearl had received the certified mail and, had they known that, they would not have granted the abatement.

- VII. The Board met with Michael O'Brien of LYAA.
 - a. Mr. O'Brien provided the Board with a financial statement for LYAA. Mr. O'Brien stated LYAA saw a surplus of money last year due to the concession stands being open during the soccer and baseball season as well as during Old Home Day. Discussion ensued regarding repairs and equipment purchases as well as field issues.
 - b. Mr. O'Brien advised the Board LYAA has a number of projects they are planning to do this year. Chairman Kardaseski discussed the granite sign to be placed at the ball field on Staniels Road in memory of Bob Landry, Sr. Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the sign. Mr. O'Brien discussed the baseball fields and Selectman Maxfield advised him he should speak with Bob Landry, Jr. regarding the memorial funds allocated for safety issues at the ball field. Mr. O'Brien stated LYAA would be looking for volunteers and donations of materials for the projects.
 - c. Mr. O'Brien discussed the land owned by the Town on Route 129 for possible recreation fields. Discussion ensued regarding the land owned by MVSD behind the Elementary School.

- VIII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board discussed the issue of resending the elderly verification letters regarding income. The Board agreed to send the letters.
 - b. The Board reviewed a request from Christopher and Patricia McFarland to build a new home while residing in the current one. A demolition cost would need to be obtained for the bond.
 - c. The Board reviewed the Library Maintenance Account. Chairman Kardaseski stated the budget line in overspent by approximately \$800.00 and she had been curious what had happened to generate the overexpenditure.
 - d. The Board reviewed two land use change tax recommendations and seven abatement application recommendations from the Assessors.
 - e. The Board received a copy of a letter sent to John Rymes regarding his parking permit.

- f. The Board received the Annual Meeting invitation from Five Rivers Trust.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Deborah A. Kardaseski, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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