

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 31, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a letter from the Fire Department referencing an inspection at the Town office. They found two emergency lights that were not working. They believe this may be a battery issue and will order the batteries. They also inspected Charlie's Barn, the Historical Society and the Town Hall on Clough Hill Rd. All of the buildings passed with no issue. They were unable to gain access to the Free Will Church because the lock had been changed; they will inspect it at a later date.
 - b. The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District April 2015 invoice in the amount of \$662,830.23.
 - c. The Board received the 2015 Health Insurance Rates from HealthTrust. Chairman Bowles stated that the rate has dropped 2.9%; he said this the first time in his tenure he has seen a reduction in health cost rates.
 - d. The Board received a request from the Supervisors of the Checklist to purchase two or three laptop computers. The Board discussed where the money will come from, the need for the computers and where they will be kept. The Board will ask the Supervisors to attend a meeting to discuss the purchase.
 - e. The Board received information from Chief Wright regarding the Village Cemetery. Chairman Bowles said Chief Wright spoke to Bob Ordway about the cemetery and found that the name of the cemetery is "Village Cemetery". Mr. Ordway also gave him a list of people that are buried there. This information will be forwarded to the young man that will be working on the cemetery for his Eagle Scout project.
 - f. The Board received a memo from Rick Wright regarding George Cooper and Aerial Ladder Truck Training. Mr. Cooper will attend the training April 19, 2015. The Selectmen will check with the town insurance to be sure he will be covered.
 - g. The Board received Impact Fee information for review.
 - h. The Board received the Library Trustee meeting minutes of March 2, 2015.
 - i. The Board received a thank you letter from Louise Andrus, who ran for Merrimack Valley School Board, for the invitation to Loudon's candidate night.
 - j. The Board received current expenditure Reports.
 - k. The Board received a Mountain of Demos brochure.
 - l. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

- III. Selectman Ives said he spoke to Fire Chief Wright, he has three candidates to interview for the fulltime firefighter position. Chief Wright would like to know if the Selectmen would like to sit on the interview board. The Board agreed that Selectman Ives will represent the Selectmen.

- IV. Chairman Bowles recognized Barbara Cameron from the audience.

Barbara explained that they have had a problem with the Cate van. She explained that the drivers and attendants they have are senior citizens. Barbara said one is in the hospital and two are down with the flu, she said the ones that are left are tired out because they are doubling up to cover. She said she doesn't like that because they are seniors, they are getting tired and they will end up getting sick. Barbara said she would like to shut down the van for a month. Barbara said they will contact as many clients as possible by phone to tell them, which will take time because they have a lot of people. Barbara asked that someone in the office contact the Loudon Ledger and let them know the van will be shut down. Selectman Ives clarified with Barbara that it will be shut down the month of May. He also said they will put the closing on the town website. Barbara said as much as she hates to say it, after 15 years, if they don't get more help they may have to shut down. Chairman Bowles said it is unfortunate because they have done an excellent job since they started. Barbara said she is going to ask if she can attend a VFW meeting to ask for help, they already have some veteran volunteers. Barbara said during May they are going to work as hard as they can to get volunteers. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Cate Van for all the people they have helped.

- V. The Board received the following dates and reminders.
- a. Wednesday, April 8 at 1:15pm is the first TCP meeting for the season.
 - b. Monday, April 13 at 9:15am a representative from Primex will review an employee's office space.
 - c. Monday, April 13 at 7:00am the Board will meet with the Highway Department and the new Road Agent.
 - d. Tuesday, April 14 at 4:00pm the Selectmen are meeting with office personnel.
 - e. Tuesday, April 14 at 7:15pm is a School Board meeting at the Boscawen Elementary School.
 - f. Wednesday and Thursday, April 15-16 Chief Wright will be going to NJ to pick up the new aerial ladder truck.
 - g. Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm is a Planning Board Meeting.
- VI. The Board met with Tax Collector, Helen McNeil. Mrs. McNeil showed the Board a list of properties that could go to tax deed Thursday. The Board reviewed the list with Mrs. McNeil. They discussed the property owners that have made payments this past year per their agreements and those that have not made payments. The Board and Mrs. McNeil agreed that those that have not made their payments per their agreement will be deeded at 4:00pm Thursday. Selectman Ives stated that we need to collect the tax money otherwise how can we pay \$600,000+ to the school. Mrs. McNeil agreed stating that is why they had to put their foot down last year. Selectman Krieger stated that this year the list is much smaller than last year. Mrs. McNeil said she is very happy with it. Selectman Ives said it worked so they can't back down now. Selectman Ives said it bothers him that these people get in trouble and they don't come in to talk to them. Mrs. McNeil agreed stating that they give them every opportunity to work with them. Selectman Krieger thanked Mrs. McNeil for all her work.
- VII. Chairman Bowles recognized Roger Maxfield, Welfare Director from the audience.

Mr. Maxfield said he had two welfare clients today. He also explained that he received an invitation from the Salvation Army for the first meeting between them and all the welfare departments in the area to discuss assistance.

VIII. Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman