

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Also present was Dave Powelson, Zoning Board, Stan Prescott, Planning Board, Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake, Fire Chief Rick Wright, and Police Chief Bob Fiske.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 1, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. Chairman Ives opened the Board of Permit.
 - a. Chief Fiske submitted a Hawker and Peddler permit for NHMS for signatures.
 - b. Chief Fiske submitted a Hawker and Peddler permit for NHMS Children's Charities for signatures.
 - c. Chief Fiske submitted a Hawker and Peddler permit for Rymes Speedway Convenience for signatures. He explained that it exactly the same as last year. The same vendors and the same plan.
 - d. Chief Fiske asked for a copy of the report that was done for parking compliance during last year's race weekends.
 - e. Chief Fiske submitted a business license for NHMS for the Camping World RV Sales 301 on July 13, 2014 for the Selectman to sign.
 - f. Chief Fiske submitted a current building permit list. Chairman Ives asked if Donna had a copy of the list. Chief Fiske said she does.

- III. Chairman Ives closed the Board of Permit.

- IV. The Board met with Chief Rick Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright submitted a memo regarding repairs needed on the ladder truck. He explained that the truck did not pass inspection; it needs significant repairs, his suggestion is to not put money into it, park it and ask the town to purchase a used one next year. Deputy Lake explained that Concord is on automatic now. Selectman Bowles asked how long they will do that. Chief Wright said they would probably do it until Loudon gets a new truck. Selectman Bowles asked Chief Wright about the capital reserve fund money in the account. Chief Wright said they have \$421,000.00. Deputy Lake said he believes they will be able to find a good used one next year for what they have in the CRF and not have to ask the town for more money. Chairman Ives said he would like to think about this, he asked Chief Wright to put together a plan for mutual aid and the races and they will discuss it again next week. Selectman Bowles said he doesn't see the point in dumping more money into this truck. Selectman Krieger said if he was a fireman he wouldn't want to be on this truck.
 - b. Chief Wright and the Board discussed when funds approved at town meeting will be available for a purchase.

- c. Deputy Chief Lake said that he went to the funerals of Lieutenant Ed Walsh and Firefighter Michael Kennedy in Boston. He said it was an amazing tribute; all 50 states were represented as well as a good part of Canada and he heard people came from as far away as Australia. Deputy Lake said he heard there was something like 30,000 firefighters there. The Selectman thanked Deputy Lake for going and representing Loudon.
- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received the April 2014 invoice from Merrimack Valley School District in the amount of \$623,048.71.
 - b. The Board received a request to change a road name. The post office has asked MDP Development to change the name of Sunflower Circle, making it a continuation of Daffodil Road. Road Agent Dave Rice has agreed to the change. The Selectman agreed with the change as well.
 - c. The Board received information regarding Trustees of Trust Funds Seminars.
 - d. The Board received a copy of the John O. Cate Van Association February 27, 2014 meeting minutes.
 - e. The Board received a notice of Public Hearing from Town of Sanbornton regarding installation of new antennas on an existing cell tower.
 - f. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.
- IV. The Board received the following reminders:
- a. Thursday, April 10th at 1:15 pm – TCP Meeting.
 - b. Saturday, April 12th from 8am -12pm - Household Hazardous Waste Collection day at the transfer station.
 - c. Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am – Meeting with State Representatives at the library.
- IV. Chairman Ives recognized Jerry Gappens from NHMS. Mr. Gappens said he wanted to update the Selectman on some things that are happening in the state legislature and how it pertains to the speedway and Loudon. Mr. Gappens said there is a hearing Thursday regarding senate bill 366 that is for two gaming licenses; one small and one large. Mr. Gappens said that Scott Spradling is with him and explained that Scott has a lot of expertise in this area. Mr. Gappens said that he is in support of the bill and if it passes he would like to explore the Speedway as a venue for the smaller license casino. Mr. Gappens said he recognizes that if this were to happen it would have to go through the town. He explained that the bill requires license fees and also requires a 225 million dollar capital investment in building the facility which could raise significant tax revenue for the town. Mr. Spradling explained that the host community receives 3% of the net machine revenue and the county receives 1% of the net machine revenue. Mr. Gappens explained that the bill passed the senate 15-9. Selectman Krieger asked if he has any idea how many jobs this could create. Mr. Gappens said about 460 not all full-time. Selectman Krieger asked if that includes the hotel. Mr. Gappens said it does. Chairman Ives asked how long it will take for a decision to be made about where the casinos will be located if it passes the house. Mr. Spradling said they are anticipating nine months to a year to get through all the processes before construction begins. He explained that as a first step there has to be a formal referendum

vote by the citizens of a community which would require a town meeting. Selectman Krieger asked about the physical features of the casino. Mr. Gappens said they would build it to fit in with the area, they are talking about locating it on the back stretch or the turn two area but haven't really gotten into that yet. Chairman Ives asked Mr. Gappens to keep them informed as things move forward.

- V. Chairman Ives recognized the following from Presidential Pines Co-op: Linda Nelson, Treasurer, Ken Roketenetz, President, Lisa Pelletier, Operations Manager/Secretary and Stacy Call, Vice President. Chairman Ives explained that if they want to go into non-public session they could. Ms. Nelson said they don't need to as this is more of an informational meeting. Chairman Ives explained that they have met with the other two mobile home parks in town. He explained that they are not picking on mobile home parks, people have been delinquent on their taxes and it's gotten to the point where the Board needs to do something about it. Chairman Ives asked if they sell a property is there is an approval process that a new owner would have to go through and how long that process takes. They explained that it takes about two weeks. Selectman Krieger said they discussed the town paying a reduced monthly park rent with the other parks and asked if that was something they could do with this park. He explained that the plan is to get rid of the units as fast as possible but it will take at least three months. Chairman Ives said that he has a list of four properties in their park that they will be deeding as of right now. The co-op said they will work with the town.
- VI. The Board recognized Ian Mitchell from the audience. Mr. Mitchell did not want to go into non-public session with the Board. He discussed his property taxes with the Board. The Board thanked Mr. Mitchell for coming in and discussing this with them.
- VII. Selectman Bowles made a motion to extend the intent to cut for Operation # 13-271-15-T. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:25 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman