

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2007

**Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.**

**Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent David Rice, Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, ZBA members Roy Merrill and Brenda Pearl, Planning Board Chairman Tom Dow, Planning Board members Henry Huntington, and Steve Jackson.**

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 3, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Chairman Maxfield commended Bonnie Theriault for typing the 14 pages of minutes from the April 3, 2007 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. Chairman Maxfield opened Board of Permit.
  - a. Bob Fiske presented a Hawker's and Peddler's Permit application for Dudley's Ice Cream. He stated all of the required paperwork is in order and this application is the same as in years past.
  - b. Bob Fiske advised those present that there would be a bike race with three to five hundred participants on April 21, 2007. He stated the starting point would be in the Loudon Elementary School area.
  - c. Chairman Maxfield read an abutter letter received from Rocco Bagone III regarding his weekend music festival. Bob Fiske stated that Mr. Bagone is still working on obtaining all the necessary insurance. It was discussed that the permit will not be issued if Mr. Bagone is unable to complete all the requirements stipulated by the Town. It was discussed that the date has been changed from the original application.Chairman Maxfield closed Board of Permit and reopened the Selectmen's Meeting.
  
- III. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been working on the dirt roads and patching the tar when they can. Mr. Rice also stated that the Highway Crew was working on picking up the pine limbs around Town.
  - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board that they have figured out a way to fasten the staging so they can repair the big door at the Transfer Station.
  - c. Selectman Bowles talked about the crushed stone for dirt roads. He stated he felt that placing crushed stone was a better alternative to using sand. Mr. Rice stated that he has already spent over what he normally needed to spend on dirt roads. If he uses more crushed stone,

he is concerned that he will not be able to pave everything that he needs to pave this year. Selectman Bowles said he felt this should have been addressed during the budget process. Mr. Rice stated that he would increase his budget during the next budget season. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that the crushed stone would help get the roads shaped up. Mr. Rice said he agreed, but he was also concerned about the budget. Discussion ensued regarding crushed stone and ledge pack. Chairman Maxfield asked what was used on Currier Road. Mr. Rice said bank run.

- IV. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.
  - a. Mr. Fiske stated he had received the reclamation bond from Plourde Sand & Gravel on Monday.
  - b. Mr. Fiske advised the Board of the DOT meeting scheduled for Thursday.
  - c. Mr. Fiske discussed the request he received from a resident for a wedding party on Lovejoy Road. He gave the specifics and stated his only concern is regarding parking on a portion of Lovejoy Road. Discussion ensued regarding parking. Mr. Fiske will provide the Board with a copy of the request letter.
  
- V. The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rick Wright.
  - a. Deputy Wright advised the Board the dry hydrant at the Village Dam has been repaired for the summer; however, it still needs to be repaired for the winter issues with the ice. He stated that he thought the Engineer was working on the issues.
  - b. Selectman Ives asked for an update on the new tanker truck. Deputy Wright stated that it was coming along. He said they get pictures of the progress on a regular basis and the completion date is scheduled for April 30, 2007.
  
- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
  - a. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that six pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
  - b. The Board discussed a concern from a resident on Kenney Road regarding the condition of the road. Mr. Rice stated he had already planned on working on the road this week.
  - c. The Board was advised that Susan Sprague of Property-Liability Trust would be contacting American Lightening Protection for information for the Town Hall. The Board was also advised that the Freewill Baptist Church does not qualify for insurance through the Property-Liability Trust.
  - d. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board needed to discuss the Committee to study Global Warming at the local level as passed at Town Meeting. Selectman Bowles moved to have the Selectmen form

a Committee to study Global Warming at the local level. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. The Selectmen will contact the volunteers.

- e. The Board received a letter from the H. L. Turner Group regarding the dry hydrant installation at the Village Dam.
- f. The Board received copies of the Labor Board decision relative to the “Whistle Blowers” case. Chairman Maxfield noted that the decision was in favor of the Town.
- g. The Board received the list of possible tax deeding properties from Tax Collector Helen McNeil for review.
- h. The Board received confirmation of a payment arrangement on a past due ambulance bill.

VII. The Board met with State Representative Priscilla Lockwood.

- a. Mrs. Lockwood advised the Board she wanted to touch base and let the Selectmen know that if there is anything she can do to assist the Town, she would. She stated she appreciates getting the *Loudon Ledger* every month.
- b. Chairman Maxfield said that Mrs. Lockwood is a Canterbury resident and represents Loudon as part of her district. He discussed the bill that was before the House regarding “chance meetings”. Mrs. Lockwood stated that there was an amendment before the House and Shawn Jasper, a Selectman in Hudson, gave a speech about how this amendment would tie the hands of the Selectmen if it were to pass. She went on to say that the amendment was killed. Mrs. Lockwood said she would find out more about what the wording of the bill is at this point. She stated she feels that there should be a requirement that states every Legislator should have served as an Alderman or Selectman so they are aware of how their vote affects the small towns.
- c. Selectman Ives asked about the bill regarding the collective bargaining unit relative to the number of members needed to form the union. Mrs. Lockwood said she was not aware of that issue. The Board stated that small municipalities would suffer if that bill passed. Mrs. Lockwood will keep her eye out for that bill.
- d. Chairman Maxfield asked about the Merrimack County Nursing Home relative to Loudon’s County Tax. Mrs. Lockwood stated she did not have any figures at this point. Mrs. Lockwood said the new building is going to be a geothermal building, which should help save money in the end.

VIII. The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received an e-mail from Michael Harris regarding public safety.
- b. The Board received a bill of sale for the rescue truck body sold to the Town of Bristol.

- c. The Board received a report from Gary Karp of DRA regarding the 2006 sales ratio update.
- d. The Board received notice of the upcoming state auction.
- e. The Board received a thank you card from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church for the use of the Community Building for their services during the reconstruction of the Town Hall. Selectman Bowles stated the Church members are very appreciative of use of the Community Building.
- f. The Board received an abutter notice from the Planning Board.
- g. The Board received Legislative Bulletin #15.
- h. The Board received copies of an e-mail Town Clerk Terry Hamel received from the TV show, NASCAR Angels. Chairman Maxfield stated the request is for potential story ideas while NASCAR Angels are in NH for the NHIS event.
- i. The Board received notification of an additional DRA Mini Course on Current Use.
- j. Bob Fiske presented the Board with the letter from the resident on Lovejoy Road regarding the wedding party. The Board stated they have no problem with this event as long as the cars are pulled off the road as much as possible to allow emergency vehicles access. It was also noted that this area should be patrolled during the event.
- k. Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Fiske if he was aware that Boar's Tavern was coming before the Planning Board to continue the outdoor summer activities. Discussion ensued regarding everyone working together as long as the rules are followed.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

#### THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman