

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2006

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, ZBA Chairman David Powelson, Planning Board Vice-chairman Tom Dow, and Planning Board member Bob Ordway.

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

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 4, 2006 as printed. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.
 - a. Mr. Fiske stated he has a Hawker's and Peddler's Application for Northeast Ice Cream for an Ice Cream truck to operate from April through to September between 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM. He said the insurance and paperwork is in order. The Board had no issues with this application.
 - b. Mr. Fiske stated he has a Hawker's and Peddler's Application for T-Mobile COW Tower at Sunny Side Maples. He said everything is in order with the exception of a copy of the FCC permit. Mr. Fiske will hold the application until he received the copy of the permit. The Board had no issues with this application.
 - c. Ray Cummings was recognized from the audience. He stated he had concerns with regard to the last Zoning Board meeting relative to the Volunteers of America application. He discussed Zoning Ordinance 701 that says no Selectman can sit on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Cummings asked that the ZBA go back and revote on the application heard at last months meeting so there are no problems with the approvals. Chairman Bowles said he felt the ZBA should readdress the issue. ZBA Chairman David Powelson stated he thought there was a clear understanding that Steve Ives could remain on the ZBA. Chairman Bowles said a Selectman could be Ex-officio on any Board except the ZBA. He stated the ZBA is the last Board of Appeals and no Selectman can sit on that Board. Roy Merrill stated he questioned that at the Zoning meeting but nothing was done about it. Discussion ensued regarding the RSA relative to this issue. Bob Ordway and Roy Merrill discussed the Volunteers of America application request for a variance. Chairman Bowles stated he felt the ZBA should look into getting this issue in order and take whatever

actions are deemed necessary to correct any issues with last month's meeting. Selectman Ives stated he was under the impression that it was legal for him to be on the Board for that last meeting. He went on to say he did give his resignation at the end of the meeting and there was nothing underhanded, it was a misunderstanding.

Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit.

- III. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.
- a. Mr. Fiske discussed the issues regarding the one-way on School Street during designated hours. He stated there has been some confusion regarding this situation and asked that School Street be deemed one-way until the end of School activities, which might last until August 1, 2006. Discussion ensued regarding signage for this location. Selectman Ives moved to make School Street from North Village Road to Oak Hill Road a one-way street heading in the South Easterly direction beginning Monday, April 17, 2006 and ending Tuesday, August 1, 2006. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield moved to amend the motion to say School Street from Oak Hill Road to North Village Road. Amendment seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. This will be posted in the newspaper and posted around Town.
 - b. Chairman Bowles stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.
 - c. Selectman Maxfield asked Mr. Fiske to check the power lines at the intersection of Oak Hill Road and North Village Road at the substation. He stated the lines appear to be low. Mr. Fiske stated the power company has been working diligently on that area and he will check to be sure that it is not a safety issue.
- IV. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
- a. Mr. Rice discussed the purchased of a pickup truck for \$3,500.00. Discussion ensued regarding having the money in the budget as well as the status of the vehicle itself. Mr. Rice stated there has never been a line item in the budget for the Highway Department for pickup truck purchase. Discussion ensued regarding putting in a line item in next year's budget for pickup truck repairs for the Highway Department. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize Road Agent David Rice to purchase a used 1997 Ford F-150 2-wheel drive pickup truck for \$3,500.00. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Chairman Bowles asked about the purchase of the big truck for the Highway Department. Mr. Rice stated he had made some phone calls regarding the truck as well as the trailer.
 - c. Discussion ensued regarding the current grading of roads, cleaning of bridges, and status of the new Highway Department employee.

- d. Selectman Ives asked about the street sweeping that is planned for the end of April. He asked if the Highway Crew would be out addressing some of the areas with heavy areas of sand before the street sweeper arrives.
- V. The Board met with Dwight Broadstone regarding a current use issue on his property.
- a. Mr. Broadstone discussed the land use change tax that was assessed due to a property transfer, which did not include the names of both parties on the parcels in question. Chairman Bowles stated he had spoken with Assessor David Wiley regarding this issue and because Mr. Broadstone transferred one of the properties into his and his wife's name, it caused his other property to no longer qualify for current use due to no longer being contiguous. Mr. Broadstone went on to say that, he has filed a new deed to include both names on all the property involved. Chairman Bowles stated the Assessor advised him that if Mr. Broadstone were to place both parcels in question in both his and his wife's names the penalty could be abated. Discussion ensued regarding current use assessing.
- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a complaint letter regarding the one-way issue on School Street.
 - b. The Board received a memo from Engineer Tony Puntin of the Louis Berger Group, regarding the drainage issues on Berry Road and a proposal of services and costs. The plan will include the area from Range Road to the Town line. Selectman Maxfield stated there is a law that says the landowners are responsible for work or costs for repairing their own properties water control issues. Chairman Bowles stated the plan would show if some of the homeowners needed to address their runoff. If they do, then it would be included in his engineering plan. Discussion ensued regarding the current issues on Berry Road. Roy Merrill discussed the need to put in a drainage ditch. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the payment up to \$2,000.00 to the Louis Berger Group for an engineering plan in conjunction with the NHDES for Berry Road drainage issues. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. The Board received an inquiry from Amanda Masse about a color spot for the Brownie Troop at the Community Building. The Board agreed the Brownie Troop could have the Community Building as their color spot.
 - d. The Board received copies of the revised personnel policy changes for review. The Board discussed the issue of the definition of retirement. The Board agreed the definition of retirement is a minimum age of 62 with a minimum of 20 years of service to fill in the blanks of the proposed changes in the personnel policy.

- e. The Board reviewed the Fire Department Special Events pay structure. Discussion ensued and the Board will take this under advisement at this time.
- f. The Board received the July 1 renewal forms from Property Liability Trust. The Board reviewed the building figures as well as content figures.
- g. The Board reviewed past due ambulance bills. Selectman Ives moved to forward past due ambulance bills account #31627 in the amount of \$506.44, account #26308 in the amount of \$265.02, and account #31884 in the amount of \$94.87 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- h. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the evidence of local community support for Freedom Hill Cooperative a Community Facility application support to USDA Rural Development for water source, water treatment, filtration and wastewater upgrades. Total capital improvements project to be \$1,600,000. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- i. Selectman Maxfield stated he had met with Jeremy Smith who owns the parking lot at the dam in the Village. Mr. Smith has agreed to give the Town a permanent easement. Town Council will prepare this easement.
- j. Discussion ensued regarding the progress at the Town Hall/Free Will Baptist Church building.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

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