

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger and Selectman Fiske.

Also present was Road Agent Lance Houle and Transfer Station Manager Dustin Bowles.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- I. Selectman Fiske moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 12, 2016 as written. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. Chairman Krieger explained that the tape ran out last week so the minutes were written from memory. All in favor.
Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.
 - a. Mr. Houle submitted pictures and a list of equipment with approximate values that he would like to put up for sale by sealed bid. Mr. Houle explained that he set up the items at the Transfer Station for viewing during regular transfer station hours from April 21 – 30. He said a lot of people have already looked at the items and word is getting around. Selectman Fiske asked about the values on the steel. Mr. Houle explained that he got the price for scrap metal from Mr. Bowles and based the value on that. He said the price for scrap metal is way down. Discussion ensued about how they will advertise the items for sale. Mr. Houle said he would post the sale around town. Selectman Fiske suggested that he let the surrounding towns know about it. It will also be put on the town website.
 - b. Mr. Houle said they have started the spring clean-up around town.
 - c. Mr. Houle said they are working on the potholes on the dirt roads and getting them back into shape after winter.
 - d. Mr. Houle explained that they did some ditching on Piper Hill Road.
 - e. Mr. Houle said they took the winter tires off the trucks, they are in good condition so they should be all set for next winter.
 - f. Mr. Houle said he is working on the paving bid.
 - g. Mr. Houle said he contacted the guardrail company for guardrails on Wales Bridge Road, dig safe has been notified.
 - h. Mr. Houle said they have been sweeping edges of roads and intersections. He explained that he will have the sweeper come in to do the Village area and some of the developments. Selectman Fiske asked when that will happen. Mr. Houle said sometime in May.

- III. Chairman Krieger recognized Representative George Saunderson from the audience. Mr. Saunderson asked if the Board would like another meeting with NHDOT about the lights; if they do he would be glad to set it up. Mr. Saunderson suggested they think about it and let him know.

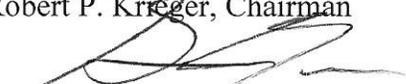
- IV. The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Dustin Bowles. Mr. Bowles asked about the skid-steer. Mr. Houle said he has two bids. Chairman Krieger asked if the old one will be traded in. Mr. Houle said he would like to because then the money stays in the transfer station fund; he said they should be able to get at least \$2,500. Chairman Krieger asked how come the bid is higher for the JCB. Mr. Houle explained that it is a little more but it is a safer machine because of the side door. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Bowles which one he liked. Mr. Bowles said the JCB because of the safety issue. He explained that when they are baling plastic they are in and out of it all the time so the side door would be much better than climbing over the bucket to get into the Bobcat. Chairman Krieger suggested that they ask for a trade-in of \$3,100. so with the \$5,000 grant that Mr. Bowles acquired the cost would be down to \$25,000. Selectmen Krieger and Fiske agreed that the safer option is the way to go and the purchase can be made; it was approved at town meeting.
- V. Chairman Krieger recognized Library Director Debi Gadwah-Lambert and Library Trustee's Molly Ashland and Herb Huckins.
- a. Ms. Ashland explained that the motherboard in the library furnace burned out over the weekend. She explained that the furnace is so old that they don't think the motherboard can be replaced.
 - b. Ms. Ashland explained that they have an issue with the doors to the children's wing and they are hoping to replace them. She said they are pretty sure they can do that within their maintenance budget.
 - c. Ms. Ashland said they don't have the money in their budget for the furnace. Chairman Krieger if they have any idea how much it will cost. Ms. Gadwah-Lambert said they have asked for bids from Irving and Huckleberry; she asked if the Board has any other suggestions. Chairman Krieger suggested Eastern Propane. Selectman Fiske asked if a technician looked at the furnace and determined the problem with it. Ms. Gadwah-Lambert said they have had problems with it several times this winter with it misfiring. She explained that this is one of three furnaces, it is very old and it is the one that heats the children's room. Ms. Gadwah-Lambert said the technician from Irving was going to try and find a motherboard to at least give them more time. Chairman Krieger explained that during budget season they discussed a warrant article at some point to replace the systems but hoped for another year or two. Selectman Fiske suggested that they find out who installed the furnace originally. Mr. Huckins said they will look into it. Selectman Fiske said he would have no problem with them getting quotes for a new furnace but he would like to exhaust all efforts in replacing the motherboard first. Dustin Bowles suggested that they look into a gas furnace because the line runs right by there.
 - d. Ms. Ashland said that the alarm went off at the library due to the furnace but nowhere else. She said if the situation had been worse they would not have a library. Ms. Ashland said she wonders why there isn't a connection between the library and the safety building so they are automatically notified. Chairman Krieger suggested that there isn't always someone at the safety building so it should go to a central alarm system not to the safety building. Ms. Gadwah-Lambert said she is dealing with that because the alarm went off and nobody came so she contacted Chief Wright. She said the dialer is not dialing and needs to be fixed.

- e. Chairman Krieger suggested that they find out for sure if the old furnace can or cannot be fixed. He said if it cannot they will go to Plan B.
- VI. Chairman Krieger stated for the record that they received two cemetery maintenance bids last week. One from Saint's Lawn Care and one from DeBlois Lawn Care & Maintenance. Chairman Krieger stated that Saint's was considerably lower and he's been doing it for the last few years with no complaints so they went with that bid.
- VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received six pistol permits for review and signatures. Chairman Krieger said he spoke to Sergeant Burgess about an applicant that they had a question about last week; that application is all set. Chairman Krieger specified that he would like to see an IMC report for all applicants before he signs the permit.
 - b. The Board received a letter from NHMS regarding an employee ticket offer. The track is offering a 20% discount off tickets for any town employee.
 - c. The Board received Concord Regional Crimeline information regarding the 2016 Golf Tournament. Chairman Krieger said they will look into what they did last year and discuss it next week.
- VIII. Chairman Krieger said he spoke to Bill Palmer from the Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club. The club would like to replace a bridge on Wiggins road, they are attempting to get a grant from the state for the funds to do that; they need a Landowner Permission Form signed by the town. Mr. Palmer also voiced his concern about dirt bikes driving through the stream and ripping things up around there. Chairman Krieger suggested he talk to the Fish and Game. The Police Department will be notified and the Road Agent has signs he will put up.
- IX. Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 6:38 PM. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Robert P. Krieger, Chairman



Steven R. Ives, Selectman



Robert N. Fiske, Selectman