

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010

PRESENT: Selectman Ives and Selectman Bowles. Also present Steve Bennett, Transfer Station Manager. Selectman Maxfield was not at tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment.

Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 13, 2010 as written. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.
 - a. Mr. Bennett said he wanted to discuss the metal pile at the Transfer Station and his concerns for an increase in metals being taken from the pile. Mr. Bennett said he has a policy established by the Selectmen in 1996 that it was up to the Road Agent/Transfer Station Manager to decide what amount residents could take from the recyclable metal pile. He said he has reviewed figures from prior years and a guess would be the Town is losing \$5,000 to \$10,000 in revenue from what is being taken from the pile, in addition to the liability issues that could arise from individuals climbing around the metal. Selectman Ives asked if it was the same people taking the metal. Mr. Bennett said it was probably a handful of people who take the materials on a regular basis. Selectman Bowles said the policy gives the Road Agent discretion to limit the quantities that can be taken. He said he hates to take the option away from people who may need the metal for their own use, but agrees if people are taking to metals to sell for their own profit it needs to be stopped. Mr. Bennett said he had held off coming in to speak with the Selectmen last week because of attending a recycling meeting at Northeast Resource Recovery Association where he was able to pose the questions to other municipalities on their policies for metals and other recyclables. Mr. Bennett said about half of the forty or so towns represented stated they do not allow residents to take any of the metal from their respective Transfer Stations, while others limit the amount that can be taken and they must ask an attendant before taking anything. Selectman Bowles said maybe this was the way to go. Selectman Ives said he is very concerned about people climbing on the metal pile. Mr. Bennett said he felt he needed to bring this to the Board's attention. Chip Cochran was recognized from the audience. Mr. Cochran said it is only a few people that are there to take the items from the metal pile for their own profit and it is unfortunate that this will now affect those who may only want something for their personal use. Selectman Ives said in affect these people are stealing from the town. Selectman Bowles said he is a strong believer in reusing before recycling, and when he attended the training seminars it was something that was discussed over and over. Selectman Ives asked about closing off the metal pile off to the public and have the metals placed in another area and then moved at the end of the day. Selectman Bowles said this would be putting a lot of extra work on

to the Transfer Station employees. He said there is a lot of volume that comes in during the day. Mr. Bennett said the easiest way to stop the situation would be to fence off the metal pile and lock it up, have people drop items outside the fence and periodically go down and push the items inside the fence. The other way would be to put signs up advising residents that it was no longer allowed to take metals from the pile without approval from the attendant. Discussion ensued on the wording to be used. Mr. Bennett said he has no problem in policing the situation but he would like to see a clear policy on how it is to be handled. Selectman Ives said this will be discussed with Road Agent David Rice the next time he is in to see the Selectmen.

III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received correspondence from town counsel.
- b. The Board received a memo regarding Bestway Disposal and the delivery of Loudon trash to Wheelabrator.
- c. The Board received updated contact information from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church.
- d. The Board received the annual seminar information for Trustees of the Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustees and Library Trustees for review. The seminars are conducted by the Attorney General's Office.
- e. The Board received additional information on stream crossing rules being proposed by Department of Environmental Services.
- f. The Board acknowledged receipt of NHMA Legislative Bulletin #17.
- g. The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee on the July 1 renewal of the Property Liability Insurance.
- h. The Board received information on the State Auction which is on May 15th.
- i. The Board received a copy of an attendance certificate for Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
- j. The Board received information from Glacial Energy regarding electricity pricing.

IV. Selectman Ives said he would like to publicly thank James Bond and his granddaughter for sweeping the sand from the intersection of Riverview Lane and Pine Ridge Road.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven R. Ives, *Selectman*

Dustin J. Bowles, *Selectman*