

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

**Present: Selectmen Ives and Bowles. Selectman Maxfield was not present.
Also present: Road Agent David Rice.**

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 15, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that he had spoken with Ken Magoon regarding moving material from one of Colin Cabot's properties on Sanborn Road to another of his properties with regards to the bridge. He said that the bridge is 14 feet wide and that Mr. Magoon advised him they would be using one of Fillmore's CAT trucks. Discussion ensued regarding the requirement of a permit of liability and an insurance bond for any issues that may arise. Discussion ensued regarding the bridge and a bond amount. The Board agreed that the bond should be in the amount of \$300,000.00.
 - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board that he is trying to keep his budget in line. Discussion ensued regarding street sweeping and trying to cut back on the roads that are included. Mr. Rice said that the areas are Village Road, around the school, to the lights, Chichester Road area, plus the developments of Goshen Drive/Sheeprock Road, Hemlock Hill Drive, and Plateau Ridge Road. He said the reason that they sweep the developments is because the developments do not get enough traffic to get the sand off the roadsides. Discussion ensued regarding the Sheeprock Road/Goshen Drive development.
 - c. Mr. Rice advised the Board the crosswalk has been painted at the School and in the Village. He said that the parking lot at the Library had been striped as well as the Recreation Field parking lot.
 - d. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been working on getting the stockpiles back in place.
 - e. Mr. Rice advised the Board that when he begins the spring grading, he is going to have to get some gravel on some of the roads. Discussion ensued regarding crushed stone only being able to be used if the roads are wet as well as the raw materials on some of the roads. Mr. Rice said that the one thing he cannot cut out in his budget is the purchase of the chemicals to put on the dirt roads. Selectman Bowles said he felt a new policy for grading should be put in place and that the

Highway Crew needed to start crowning the roads. Discussion ensued regarding crowning, ditching, brush cutting, and the need to stay on top of the ditching. Mr. Rice said that Goshen Drive, Sheeprock Road, and Upper City Road, and the Safety Complex are priorities.

Chairman Ives said he would like to have all of the Town's work done prior to the paving of those roads, so that once the roads are paved, those projects will be complete. Selectman Bowles said he will check Upper City Road and make the decision if the culverts need to be replaced prior to paving or not.

- f. Selectman Bowles discussed the culvert angle on Pleasant Street. He said he does not think that they will be able to scoop out the culvert on the downhill side with the bucket. Mr. Rice stated that the Highway Crew moved the culvert over approximately 2 feet on that end but they ran in to the old stone culvert. Selectman Bowles said he thinks the lower side needs to be addressed and the lower rocks need to be moved over and reset so the water can flow through there better. He said he was glad that the culvert was in, and working, but he felt that the culverts need to be reviewed and planned out better. Selectman Bowles said he felt that this culvert should be a priority before next winter, to go and relocate the rocks so the water goes straight through and not the S curve.
- g. Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Rice about the scuffing of the roads. Mr. Rice said that Bear Hill and Minery Road have been completed and they are headed towards Kenney Road and Gilmanton Road. Selectman Bowles asked if the culvert at the end of Gilmanton Road is Loudon's responsibility or the Town of Gilmanton. Mr. Rice said it was Gilmanton's. Discussion ensued regarding culverts and ditching. Mr. Rice said that the Highway Crew had been out to Berry Road, scuffed it and placed gravel and crushed stone where needed.
- h. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the catch basin cleaning will take place after July 1, 2008.
- i. Selectman Bowles discussed an issue with utility pole placement and advised Mr. Rice that when issuing a driveway permit he may need to put a stipulation on the permit that utility poles may have to be removed or relocated in order to get the driveway permit issued. He stated that it is important to keep the ditch line lined up.
- j. Mr. Rice advised the Board that there was a driveway issue with one of the lots on Wellington Lane. He stated that the plan showed the driveway to be 7 ½ feet from the boundary marker; however, it appears to be less than 6 feet from the boundary marker. Selectman Bowles said that the developer had to specifically follow the plan due to the wetland issues. Discussion ensued regarding what took place during the subdivision approval process regarding this lot. Mr. Rice said it appears that the roughed in driveway is more than the 75 feet from the wetlands, but it appears that they have encroached on the property line. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rice said that Planning Board

Secretary Donna White would be contacting the developer regarding this issue.

- III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received notification of the meeting scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:15 PM with the Canterbury Selectmen, to discuss the new senior housing complex being built in Canterbury, relative to the impact on Loudon's Fire Department.
 - b. The Board received copies of weekly expenditure reports for review.
 - c. The Board received copies of the property insurance renewal forms for any changes.
 - d. The Board received copies of a memo that was sent to Bob Fiske regarding live entertainment at the Golf Course.
 - e. The Board received the following thank you letter from Arthur Colby. "Town of Loudon Selectmen, Roger Maxfield, Dustin Bowles, Steven Ives, Police Chief Robert Fiske, Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr, and all the good people of Loudon: No words can describe my feelings when I was presented the plaque at town meeting designating the Loudon Safety Building to be named after me. This was no doubt the biggest surprise of my life and by far the greatest honor I have ever received. I have enjoyed everything I have done in Loudon over the many years I have lived here. I must say many townspeople and fire department members have helped me to accomplish some of these projects and I have had the cooperation and liberty to do many things from the Selectmen, Road Agent, Police Chief, and former Fire Chief Dick Wright. Also, the town office staff has been very helpful to me many times. To everyone involved I thank you from the bottom of my heart and Lucille truly appreciates your thoughtfulness for the most beautiful flowers. Sincerely, Arthur W. Colby".
 - f. The Board received copies of an assessment card for Tax Map 050, Lot 013 regarding a commercial property being used for residential purposes. Discussion ensued. The Board will have the Code Enforcement Officer follow up on this issue.
 - g. The Board received copies of assessments cards for Tax Map 040, Lots 013 and 016 regarding the current use acreage.
 - h. The Board received correspondence and plans from DOT on the Route 106 road work from Asby Road to Belmont.
 - i. The Board received copies of NHMA Legislative Bulletin #18 for review.
 - j. The Board received a reminder of upcoming local officials' workshops.
 - k. The Board received a request from "SPACE" to add a link on the Town's website to their website. The Board agreed to add the link to the website.
- IV. Chairman Ives stated for the record that three pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.

- V. John Plummer was recognized from the audience. He asked the Board about the meeting scheduled with the Canterbury Selectmen and the senior housing complex in Canterbury. Discussion ensued regarding the number of units and the increase in mutual aid calls for the fire department. Mr. Plummer asked about road striping. Discussion ensued regarding the budget and trying to keep the spending down. Chairman Ives said if there is any money left at the end of the fiscal year; the Board would look at the issue of striping some roads.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Chairman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman