

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.
Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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 19, 2016 as written. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with the Police Chief Hiring Committee.
 - a. Selectman Ives made a motion to go into a non-public session at 6:00 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Fiske – yes, Selectman Ives – Yes, Chairman Krieger – Yes.
 - b. Selectman Ives made a motion to come out of non-public session at 6:30 PM, Seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll Call vote: Selectman Fiske – Yes, Selectman Ives – Yes, Chairman Krieger – Yes.
- III. The Board met with Department Heads
 - a. Chief Wright shared that he received an overdue ambulance bill so Chief Wright wanted to know if it should be sent to collections or not. Selectman Ives made a motion to send #278539 for \$545.10 to collections. Selectman Fiske seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - b. Chief Wright said he sent an application from MFM Auto Sales that was approved through zoning previously to the board earlier in the week. He asked if the Board has any questions regarding it. The Selectmen and Chief Wright are good with the application so the Board signed the application.
 - c. Chief Wright said they had an ongoing issue with a dry hydrant on International Drive. Chief Wright explained that thanks to the road agent and his guys as well as Steve Roy they figured out how to repair it and it's back in service.
- IV. The Board met with Marc Richards
Marc Richards is from Route 129, and said he was there to talk about the smell from the Tuson farm. Mr. Richards stated he spoke to a lawyer today and was told it was in his hands, he wants to see what he can do to work this out. He is disappointed with how things have been happening. Chris Koufos was also present. Mr. Richards said the staff in the office have been outstanding to him. Marc Richards said they have taken pictures over the years, he knows people have seen it and feel bad but there has been nothing that can be done. Mr. Richards said the best practice is wishy washy and isn't backed by anybody and that everyone he's spoken to says it's a local matter. Marc Richards showed the highlights of the conservation easement to the Selectmen: scenic enjoyment, providing healthful environment, preserve natural beauty; and says there is none of these things. Chicken coops are allowed but does not understand why it is at the boundaries.

Mr. Richards said he does not know if he wants to go through a big session, he just wants to get to a situation where he can enjoy his home he built here. Mr. Richards said they have put a lot of money into their home. Marc Richards stated the breeze brings the smell right to their home and the lawyer said it is a waste of money to try and sue anybody so the best thing to do would be to see if the easement can be enforced or if things can be moved. Selectman Ives said they got the Agricultural Commission involved and the state has been over to look at things and the selectmen feel like they've exhausted their resources and are caught in the middle. Selectman Ives said there are taxpayers on both sides and the farms were there before Mr. Richards moved in, even though the farming may have changed since then. Selectman Ives said maybe to let things calm down, and then Mr. Richards and Earl Tuson can get together because things got off on the wrong foot. Chris Koufos from the agriculture committee said they can make suggestions and what's written down as best practices is up for interpretation. Mr. Koufos's support is to not have any farm in Loudon or NH to ever go away but to encourage them to use the best practices. Chairman Krieger said he read the minutes and it looked like Agricultural Commission was going to talk to Earl Tuson. Mr. Richards said no, they came to him. Chairman Krieger asked if they planned to talk to Earl Tuson. Mr. Koufos said Earl Tuson owns the property but the animals are owned by Our Place farm. The Selectmen agreed it would be better to talk to the landlord, and maybe the conservation commission can take a look too. Mr. Koufos asked if things were wrong, who would step in. Chairman Krieger said they need to look first to see where to go from there. Marc Richards said he also spoke to department of agriculture and was told there was a grazing plan rotation in place and there is not. Mr. Richards was told the plan was for the plot the house was on, not the 32 acres across the street. Selectman Fiske asked if there was a time frame. Chris Koufos and Marc Richards said there was not a time frame, just a verbal agreement. Best Practices management is negotiable, if someone cannot afford it, and then it does not have to be done so it comes down to the Selectmen having to enforce it. There are references and laws but nothing on the enforcement. Chairman Krieger said he had been by there several times and never noticed the smell. Marc Richards said its not every day but his wife has asthma so on hot humid days she cannot be in the front of the house. Chairman Krieger said the Loudon Agricultural Commission will talk to the Earl Tuson and they will send a note to Conservation Commission to see if everything is in compliance. Selectman Ives said he has ridden his motorcycle in that area a few times and he has smelled something but it has not been that bad. Mr. Richard said he has tried to be neighborly but he is not sure what to expect this summer. Mr. Richards asked about the machine being moved and the board discussed this.

- V. Chairman Krieger also explained that the Board met with the Police Chief committee earlier this evening and decided that the Board of Selectmen will meet with the top three candidates to interview them at a later date.

- VI. Selectman Ives made a motion to go into non-public session at 6:59 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Selectman Fiske – Yes. Selectman Ives – Yes. Chairman Krieger – Yes. Selectman Ives made a motion to come out of non public session at 7:09 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Selectman Fiske – Yes. Selectman Ives – Yes. Chairman Krieger – Yes. Motion to seal the minutes for five years made by Selectman Ives, Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- VII. The Board met with Brenda Pearl, Office Manager.
- a. Ms. Pearl said she received an update from the architect for the new town office late this afternoon. The committee will schedule a meeting for next week.
 - b. Ms. Pearl discussed the health insurance for July 1, 2016. She explained that the guaranteed maximum increase they received for budgeting purposed was 8.65%, it came in at 7%. The plan stays the same as last year with exception that it no longer Matthew Thornton it is Access Blue.
 - c. Ms. Pearl discussed the FSA program that the town is involved in. The Board had questions regarding the program, Ms. Pearl will get answers and discuss it again with the Board.
 - d. The Board discussed the contract for the Primex property liability insurance. There were some changes to the list of properties owned. Selectman Ives made a motion to authorize Chairman Krieger to sign the contract once the changes have been made and the new contract is ready. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. Ms. Pearl discussed the repurchase letters for the four properties that the town tax deeded. All four are in mobile home parks; the Board wants the letters sent as soon as possible so the town doesn't end up paying park rent for an extended period of time. The Board wants the letter to say the homes will be offered at sealed bid or if no bid is received the homes will be demolished. The Board wants the repurchase cost to include all fines, penalties and fees; this will include the additional 15% of the total due that is owed.
 - f. Ms. Pearl explained that the Administrative Assistant for Planning and Zoning is stepping down from that position and will be working only for the Selectmen's office. She explained that after discussion with her and the two Chairman it was decided that there isn't enough work for this to be a full-time position. The Board agreed that the job will be posted as part-time 16-20 hours per week, 4 hours per day Monday through Thursday and two Thursdays in the evenings for meetings with an hourly rate range of \$11.00 to \$14.50.
- VIII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a copy of a CWS Fence & Guardrail quote from the Road Agent for Wales Bridge Road. The Board will discuss it with the Road Agent at next week's meeting.
 - b. The Board received a check from the Town of Gilmanton for plowing.
 - c. The Board received contact information from Congresswoman Ann Kuster.
 - d. The Board received information from Gilford Well Co. regarding Freedom Hill Cooperative's Wellhead Protection Program.

- e. The Board reviewed and signed seven pistol permits.
 - f. The Board received copies of the current Expenditure Report.
- IX. Selectman Ives made a motion to donate \$100 to the annual Concord Regional Crimeline Golf Tournament. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Krieger explained that although Concord hosts the Crimeline it is used by the surrounding towns; the money is used to pay for tips that come in to Crimeline.
- X. Selectman Ives will contact the town attorney to discuss the necessity of holding a public hearing for pole licenses.
- XI. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn 8:05 PM. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

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