

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Also present: Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent Lance Houle, Pete Elliott, Highway Department, Steve Bennett, Transfer Station and State Representative George Saunderson.

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 21, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.
 - a. Chief Fiske submitted a copy of a letter that went from the town attorney to Ossipee Mountain Electronics, Inc regarding cameras.
 - b. Chief Fiske said he would like to have Dimitri Lazos appointed as a part time officer. Mr. Lazos will be attending the academy in August. Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint Dimitri V. Lazos of Loudon, NH as a part time patrolman for the Town of Loudon commencing the 28th day of April 2015. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Chief Fiske said he is 99.9% sure they are losing one of their best people. Due to that anticipated loss Chief Fiske would like to start looking for someone to fill the vacancy.

- III. The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle, Steve Bennett and Pete Elliott.
 - a. Mr. Houle explained that they would like to discuss the hours for the Transfer Station. Steve Bennett explained that in the summer they open at 11:00 am on Thursdays. He said in fairness to Jack Shaver they would like to open the transfer station for the remainder of the summer at 9:30am on Thursday's so Mr. Shaver can bring in the trash from the three trailer parks. Mr. Bennett said either himself or Robbie Lagor will be there on Thursdays to open. Mr. Bennett said this would be for this summer season only; they have asked Mr. Shaver to make other arrangements for next summer. Selectman Ives asked if this would mean overtime for them. Mr. Bennett said they will adjust their hours on Friday so they don't exceed 40 hours. Selectman Ives said his big concern was making sure someone was there because of liability. Mr. Bennett said there have been companies that have asked for keys, such as the business that picks up their metal, but he feels because someone is at the transfer station five days a week they don't need to give out keys; the companies should be able to work around those hours. Selectman Krieger suggested that Mr. Shaver be given someone's number in case he gets there and the gate is locked. Mr. Shaver said that used to happen once in a while so that is when Mr. Rice gave him a key. Mr. Shaver said he also used to go in on Mondays with cardboard to be recycled. Mr. Shaver explained that it can take an hour and a half to unload recyclables so when he is there when the transfer station is open he is in the way of other people. He suggested that he be allowed to go in to do recyclables as long as he stayed away from the hopper. Mr. Houle said he would rather keep it that someone has to be there when Mr. Shaver goes in. He said he feels the extra hour and a half on Thursday is

- enough. Mr. Houle also said he will give Mr. Shaver his phone number and if he needs to get in on a Monday he can unlock it for Mr. Shaver or have one of the highway guys unlock it. Mr. Houle said that he would hope Mr. Shaver can make some kind of route change so next summer the transfer station can go back to their regular hours.
- b. Mr. Houle said they got the chipper box built and it works well.
 - c. Mr. Houle said Pete got a quote for windows in the amount of \$1,091.96.
 - d. Mr. Houle said they put a new sign up at the end of Kenney Road stating that it is a class 6 road.
 - e. Mr. Elliott said they have been doing some sweeping around town.
 - f. Mr. Elliott said they have a starter out of one of the trucks being repaired.
 - g. Mr. Elliott said they received a call from someone on Lower Ridge Road that had bagged up trash. He said Mr. Houle went and picked it up.
 - h. Mr. Elliott said they were on Young's Hill Road with the grader today.
 - i. Mr. Elliott said they have been sweeping on the Ridge. Selectman Ives said they have been doing a good job with the sweeping.
 - j. Mr. Elliott said weather pending they will begin work on the culvert on Village Road near Church Street on May 6th.
 - k. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Houle to discuss the freezing issues with the hydrant at the dam with Chief Wright.
 - l. Mr. Elliott said they have completed the fire departments barricades.
 - m. Mr. Elliott said they picked up the brush on the playground.
- IV. The Board recognized Tom Edwards from the Clough Pond Association.
- a. Mr. Edwards explained that the primary issue he wanted to speak about is a sign on the corner of Berry and Clough Pond Roads. He said the sign has been there for a number of years; the Association and the Town put it up. The tree that it was on came down in a storm. The property owner said the sign can be put back up. Mr. Edwards said he thought a couple of 4x4's put in the ground with the sign mounted on it would work. Selectman Krieger asked if the sign is okay. Mr. Edwards said it is aged but it didn't get harmed in the storm. Mr. Edwards will purchase the 2 4x4's; submit the receipt to the town office for reimbursement and the association will put the sign back up.
 - b. Mr. Edwards said his other item is their request for the water test results from last year. He said he keeps getting asked about them so they'd like to post them on their website.
- V. The Board recognized Harley and Michelle Parker.
- Chairman Bowles explained that it appears the trees have been cut over the property line and it looks terrible. He said they met with Mr. Parker and came up with a plan for the town to remove a hazardous tree and Mr. Parker was going to remove one from his property. Chairman Bowles said he thought that was all that was going to be removed. Chairman Bowles said he and Selectman Ives walked the property and it appears that some of what the Parkers are cleaning up they are putting on another property. Mr. Parker said they are and they have spoken to that property owner. Chairman Bowles said he walked the line with the road agent, the surveyor that laid out the line and the tree cutter.

Chairman Bowles said they cannot cut down trees on town property. Mr. Parker said they were blown down. Chairman Bowles said they don't need more work to add to the highway department's schedule. Mr. Parker said he will be cleaning up what he did. Chairman Bowles asked that Mr. Parker contact the Selectmen before he cuts anymore trees not on his property. Michelle Parker said their intention is to clean it up.

VI. The Board recognized Representative George Saunderson.

- Mr. Saunderson explained there will be two votes tomorrow; the casino bill and the gun permit bill.
- a. Selectman Krieger asked if Mr. Saunderson has any idea how the casino bill will come out. Mr. Sanderson said the people against it say the state is not getting enough. They say that 35% is not enough that states like Pennsylvania get 50-55%. Mr. Saunderson said nobody knows what the money is but if the casino is in Loudon, Loudon would get a chunk and every town that touches Loudon would get a chunk to pay the nuisance cost. Chairman Bowles clarified that the vote tomorrow is for two casinos. Mr. Saunderson said one will be in Salem; a commission would study that one and award a second one. Selectman Ives said he doesn't feel it's a secure revenue stream. Mr. Sanderson said that is an issue. He would be 100% on board with it if they dedicated it all to education. Selectman Ives said the more you give to education they more they waste. Chairman Bowles said this could offset property taxes. Selectman Ives suggested the money might be better served going to infrastructure; highway. He said there would be more people coming into the state and using the highways and bridges.
 - b. Mr. Saunderson asked how the board feels about a gas tax. Selectman Ives said he is for it, a user's tax. Selectman Krieger said they have to get money somehow. Chairman Bowles said he is not opposed to it provided that 100% of it gets to the roads.
 - c. Selectman Ives said that as far as the concealed weapon permit he thinks it works well the way it is. Mr. Saunderson said that most every police department in New Hampshire and from what he read 75% of the people thinks it needs to be run by somebody. Selectman Ives said we have a pretty simple procedure that works. Selectman Krieger said he understands the 2nd amendment right but if this passes he hopes that they make it easier for law enforcement to check people that have firearms.

VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received a notice from Property-Liability Trust regarding coverage ending in 2016.
- b. The Board received a request from Conservation Commission Chair Julie Robinson to pay \$1,000.00 to Clough Pond Association for the annual milfoil monitoring. Selectman Ives made a motion to pay the Clough Pond Association \$1,000 from the Conservation Commission budget for milfoil monitoring. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. The Board received the NHDOT Red List Bridges inventory. Selectman Ives stated that the State of NH reviewed the bridges in the state and the Town of Loudon does not have any bridges on the list.

- d. The Board received four overdue ambulance bills for their review. Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: acct #6448 for \$659.60, acct #6696 for \$109.69, acct #7337 for \$250.00, and acct #7407 for \$588.80. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. The Board received 2015 Trustees Seminar information.
- f. The Board received Eversource Energy Educational Workshops notification.
- g. The Board received Eagle Scout Service Project information and troop leader contact information from James Dunbar.
- h. The Board received a laptop computer agreement for their review. Selectman Ives made a motion to include into the town policy the Town of Loudon Laptop Computer Agreement between the Town of Loudon and the Supervisors of the Checklist. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
- i. The Board received the Fire Department Office Staff job description for their review. Selectman Krieger said that the position they spoke about last week will become full time with 32 hours at the Selectmen's Office and 8 hours at the Fire Department. He said the 8 hours at the Fire Department will be on Friday's. Chairman Bowles said they will check with Chief Wright to see what hours he wants the 8 hours to be worked. Selectman Ives said they will be regularly scheduled hours. Selectman Krieger said it will start Friday, May 8th. Selectman Krieger made a motion to make a full time position out of a part time position which is held in the Selectmen's Office, 32 hours in the Selectmen's Office and 8 hours at the fire department to help out with clerical work to make a 40 hours per week position to include benefits that come with other full time town employees. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Krieger stated that this will be paid out of the Selectmen's Office staff budget for the remainder of this year and for July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016 and the person will get the same pay at the fire department as here. Selectman Krieger said the following year they can decide whether to include the eight hours in the fire department budget. Selectman Ives clarified that this is the office assistant's position. All in favor. Motion carried.
- j. The Board received the draft Planning Board Minutes of April 16, 2015.
- k. The Board received the property transfers from October 2014 through March 2015 for their review.
- l. The Board received an agreement to host a collection bin from Planet Aid for placement at the Transfer Station. Chairman Bowles said Mr. Bennett, transfer station manager, is not in favor of this because they already have a bin at the transfer station. He said Planet Aid already has a bin at the school so they don't need another one in town. The Board agreed they would respect Mr. Bennett decision and not authorize the placement of the bin.
- m. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

- VIII. The Board reviewed approvals & permits from other departments:
- a. ZBA Notice Of Decision Application #Z15-02 – Map 049, Lot 115 – Loudon Mart
 - b. ZBA Notice Of Decision Application #Z15-03 – Map 050, Lot 024 – ESMI
 - c. ZBA Notice Of Decision Application #Z15-04 – Map 044, Lot 008 – Stevenson
- IX. Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

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