

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 24, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice discussed a letter that was drafted for David Moody regarding the town's access to town property on Dump Road. Discussion ensued regarding the process of removing the sand/gravel taking approximately 15 years. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that Mr. Moody would still have to deal with the reclamation issue. Discussion ensued regarding the approximate height of the area to be excavated as well as the layout of the area to be excavated. It was stated that the Town would not need to purchase sand for approximately 15 years. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that the Selectmen need to be the ones to sign the letter to Mr. Moody.
 - b. Mr. Rice stated the Highway Crew was trying to take care of the problem areas this week so they can get on to replacing the seven culverts on Clough Pond Road that are needed before the reclaiming can begin. Selectman Ives reminded Mr. Rice of the debris that is still on the Shaw property. Mr. Rice said he would be getting to that as well as the debris on Ms. DeCato's property.
 - c. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Rice if he had checked the left side of Bee Hole Brook by the bridge for erosion. Mr. Rice said he had not been there in the last couple of days.
 - d. Chairman Maxfield asked which roads were in the worse shape. Mr. Rice stated Bumfagon Road and Sanborn Road were. He said Sanborn Road needs approximately 400 yards of material to build the road back up. Mr. Rice said Bumfagon Road has areas along the road, which still need repair as well as Gilmanton Road.
 - e. Mr. Rice asked about hiring a part-time employee while one of the fulltime employees is out due to a medical issue. The Board agreed that Mr. Rice should hire a part-time employee.

- III. The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.

- a. Mr. Bennett discussed changes they would like to make at the Transfer Station regarding sorting the plastic recycling. He said that the market for the mixed plastic has declined, which is even more of a reason to begin sorting the plastic. Mr. Bennett said that the income generated from separating the plastic should be approximately 3-4 times more than currently received for the mixed. He went on to say that, he has spoken with David Rice about putting a wall down the center of the existing plastic room and have signs that say plastic #1 on one side and plastic #2 on the other side. Mr. Bennett said that plastic #1 is the clear bottles like soda or water bottles and plastic #2 are things like laundry detergent bottles. He said that he would like to begin the process for June 1, 2007, as that would give him time to put information out to the public. Mr. Bennett discussed the sorting process and stated that the Transfer Station attendants would continue the sorting process that is currently in place. The Board agreed that this could begin June 1, 2007.
- b. Mr. Bennett stated that the electronic recycling has been going well. People have been bringing in their T. V.'s and computer monitors. He stated he has not had any issues with people not wanting to pay the fees.

IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the insurance on the "CERT" trailer. Ms. Lee was advised from Property Liability Trust that this trailer should be stored on Town property, not at a private residence and if the trailer were to be towed by a private citizen's vehicle, there would be no insurance coverage. The trailer has to be towed by a Town vehicle. Discussion ensued regarding who technically owns the trailer. Chairman Maxfield said the trailer is on loan. This issue will be addressed with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little.
- b. Selectman Ives moved to sign an agreement with David K. Moody regarding the excavation of gravel and sand on Tax Map #040, Lot #015. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. The Board received an acknowledgement from DRA regarding voted appropriations. The authorized figure for the Town appropriations only, is \$4,454,253.00. This figure does not include the School or County budgets.
- d. The Board received the dates for FEMA disaster meetings for flood assistance.
- e. The Board received a letter from State Senator Janeway regarding Roy Merrill's property access off Route 106. The letter states that access has been denied.

V. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board would discuss the application for Discretionary Easement from The Ledges Golf Course. Chairman Maxfield

said based on the discussions with the town's contract assessor, the decision has been reached to approve the discretionary easement application. He said an additional 83.37 acres of the golf course property will be placed in current use, the value of the golf holes will be given a -.55% condition adjusting the hole value from \$1,430,100.00 to \$919,350.00. The overall total value will be reduced from \$2,146,894.00 to \$1,393,831.00, which is an approximate 35% reduction. Based on the current tax rate, the savings is approximately \$12,839.00. The term of the easement is for ten years and can be renewed. A conservation easement deed must be prepared according to the terms stated, signed, and recorded. Mr. Leombruno will follow up with the deed.

- VI. The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a letter from DES regarding the Landfill Post Closure report.
 - b. The Board received notice of the signal construction on Route 106.
 - c. The Board received Legislative Bulletin #18.
 - d. The Board received an update on the retirement bill.
 - e. The Board received the April 24, 2007 ZBA meeting minutes as well as the March 2007 Cate Van Committee meeting minutes.
 - f. The Board received a copy of a training certificate for Sigrid Little.
 - g. The Board received a questionnaire from Lexis Corporation regarding the RSA Books for the Selectmen's Office asking if the Board wanted to continue to receive the bound books. The information is also available on the State Website. The Board agreed to use the State Website for the updates.
 - h. The Board received the 2007 Citizen of the Year nomination form from Loudon Old Home Day Committee.
 - i. The Board received an invitation from Northway Bank to attend a Municipal Finance Seminar on May 23, 2007.

- VII. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr stated he had been to Lakes Region Fire Apparatus and the new tanker truck is coming along. He said they are going to be lettering it soon and Ossipee Mountain Electronics will be installing the radio. Chief Burr went on to say the truck has to go to Freightliner to have the warrantee activated. It was discussed that the old tanker will be sold at auction. Chief Burr stated the new truck is a 3,000-gallon tanker truck. He also stated that he had spoken with Office Manager Jean Lee to advise her that the truck was going to be ready soon for payment.
 - b. Selectman Ives stated when R. M. Piper comes back to finish the work on the Village Dam, he wants Chief Burr to be notified so that he can have the hydrant issue taken care of. Discussion ensued regarding issues with the hydrant as well as measurements.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman