

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006**

**PRESENT:** Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives. Also present Road Agent David Rice.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 25, 2006 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the highway crew has been cleaning culverts, replacing culverts, and grading. He said Clark Page was working on the grader and the problems are with the transmission. Selectman Maxfield asked about funds remaining in the grader appropriation. Selectman Bowles advised Mr. Rice that work would be needed at the corner of Clough Pond Road and Flagg Road. Mr. Rice said there are two or three places where the culverts will need to be replaced along Clough Pond Road. Selectman Maxfield asked if any further work would be done at the Lesmerises Road intersection with Clough Pond Road. Mr. Rice said further culvert work would be done on the Old Shaker Road intersection. Mr. Rice said he has obtained all of the necessary permits from Department of Transportation for the work being completed this summer.
- III. Selectman Ives moved to appoint Stanley Prescott as a representative to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield also moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the appointment on behalf of the town. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
  - a. The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding items that are still pending. The Board discussed continuing further litigation regarding the 2005 tax map preparation. It was decided not to proceed further with litigation.
  - b. The Board was advised that the Property Liability Trust has approved coverage, under the contents of the Town Hall, to replace the wooden voting booths. The Town's deductible of \$1,000 will be assessed against this payment.
  - c. The Board was advised that Mr. William Bald of Melcher Prescott Insurance would be meeting with Office Manager Jean Lee to review the proposals for the July 1 renewal of the Town's health insurance carrier. Selectman Maxfield will also attend this meeting.

- d. The Board reviewed RSA 91-A: 3 (non-public sessions). Selectman Maxfield reviewed the criteria for holding non-public sessions and expressed concerns that the Board may have inadvertently entered into a non-public session without the proper prerequisites.
  - e. The Board acknowledged receipt of a \$3,000 bond from Dee Dee Maratea for the installation of the catch basin and culvert. Chairman Bowles noted that the Board has not yet received an engineered plan to correct the drainage problem and that he does not know the status of the construction in relationship to a certificate of occupancy. Selectman Ives questioned where the \$3,000 figure came from. Chairman Bowles said he had advised Ms. Maratea it would probably be between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The Board also discussed a completion date to correct the drainage issues. A letter will be drafted to Ms. Maratea regarding these issues.
  - f. Selectman Ives addressed the deputy fire chief and officer in charge pay rates for special events duty at the racetrack. Selectman Ives explained that the two full time personnel are being paid time and a half for any hours they work during race weekends. This puts their hourly rate higher than the deputy chief and officer in charge, who are their supervisors. Selectman Ives proposed a \$3.00 per hour increase for the deputy chief and officer in charge. He stated he has also taken into account the 4% cost of living allowance the full time personnel will receive beginning July 1. Chairman Bowles said he has concerns about this. Selectman Ives said this increase would not cost the town additional monies. He also said that because the Town has fewer than five full time employees in this department the Town is exempt from Fair Labor Standards Act via the Garcia ruling. Selectman Ives moved to increase the special event duty pay at NHIS for the deputy fire chief and officer in charge by \$3.00 per hour effective immediately. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles said these monies would come from the Special Events Fire Department line. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. The Board met with Bill Forst, at his request, regarding a compliance issue. Chairman Bowles said this issue was in the courts and he feels the Board is not in a position to comment. Selectman Maxfield said he feels this is between the prosecutors. Mr. Forst said he has tried speaking with Mr. Fiske but has not been able to obtain any direction. Mr. Forst said he was advised by the court to try to reach a settlement with the Town.
- VI. The Board returned to their review of correspondence.
- a. The Board reviewed information regarding a request to purchase a small piece of land on South Village Road. This is tax-deeded property and the Board has the authority to dispose of this land as

justice may require. The Board has requested the assessor establish the fair market value for this parcel before a final decision is reached.

- b. The Board was presented with a proposal from Cross Country Appraisal to provide utility assessments for tax year 2006. The Board will review prior year's costs.
- c. The Board acknowledged correspondence from Michael Harris regarding roadside clean up.

VII. Greg Wells, Assistant Director of Emergency Management presented the Board with copies of the community services grant the Town has received. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.

VIII. The Board recognized Raymond Cummings from the audience. Mr. Cummings asked if the minutes of the executive session would be released. Selectman Maxfield said the Board would contact town counsel regarding release of the minutes.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:51 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Dustin J. Bowles, *Chairman*

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Roger A. Maxfield, *Selectman*

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Steven R. Ives, *Selectman*