

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2004

**Present: Selectman Maxfield, Kardaseski, and Bowles.**

**Also present: Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Road Agent David Rice.**

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

- I. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
  - a. Chief Burr discussed the negotiations for the price of the new pickup truck for the Fire Department. He advised the Board that he was able to get the total cost down to \$29,974.00. Chief Burr stated the \$29,974.00 is for the complete package.
  - b. Chief Burr advised the Board that he and Road Agent David Rice were working on Street numbering and driveway permits.
- II. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board had met with Road Agent David Rice earlier in the day and asked him if he had anything to discuss. Mr. Rice stated that he had no items to discuss at this time.
- III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
  - a. Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 27, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Motion carried.
  - b. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.
  - c. The Board discussed the request by the Church of the Nazarene for 2 additional exemptions for 2 parsonages on Greenview Drive. The Board forwarded a letter to the Church requesting additional information in order to determine eligibility of the exemption.
- IV. Chairman Maxfield opened the public hearing for the purpose of reviewing a petition to accept approximately 2100 feet of Bee Hole Road at 7:00 PM.
  - a. Chairman Maxfield read the public notice as well as the petition from Joe Bohi for those present.
  - b. Mr. Richard Kordas of 310 Bee Hole Road discussed the width of the road relative to safety issues with children walking to the bus stop. Road Agent David Rice stated that the road has been built to Town standards as required and the width of the road is 22 feet. Chairman Maxfield explained that the road was constructed under the review of the Town Engineer. He discussed the maintenance bond and what this bond covers. Discussion ensued regarding

Class V and VI Roads as well as how property assessments are affected by the change from a Class VI Road to a Class V Road. Selectman Kardaseski discussed the issue of the school bus being stuck in the winter in the Class VI portion of the road, as the Town was not responsible for plowing the Class VI portion. She stated that the School District did not consider this issue when planning the bus routes. The Town has been plowing the entire length of Bee Hole Road, as the safety of the children on the school bus is most important. Chairman Maxfield stated that Mr. Bohi constructed the road to Town standards, worked with the Town Engineer, and the Board feels that Mr. Bohi will fulfill all of the requirements that are asked of him.

- c. Mr. Fred Miller of 318 Bee Hole Road inquired if the acceptance of this portion of Bee Hole Road will mean that the Police Department will issue tickets to violators on that road. Discussion ensued regarding the speed limit for this road as well as the issuance of tickets to violators.
- d. The Board concurred that Mr. Bohi needs to post a maintenance bond and a construction bond to cover the cost of the topcoat. The Board will take this under advisement at this time and will research the speed limit issue. Discussion ensued regarding if the Town maintained a Class VI Road, how many years is it until the Town assumes the road as a town-owned road.
- e. Chairman Maxfield closed the public hearing.

V. The Board recognized Ken Berwick from the audience.

- a. Mr. Berwick discussed issues regarding the paving of a driveway on Ricker Road, the cutting of trees as boundary markers, and excavation issues. Discussion ensued. The Selectmen will have the Code Enforcement Officer follow-up on the issue of the Planning Board's requirements for Ralph Langevin's property.

VI. The Board continued their review of weekly correspondence

- a. The Board discussed the letter received from Jack Earle regarding the denial for his bonded dealership. The Board will forward a letter to Mr. Earle advising him to re-submit his application to the State and to attach a letter stating that there will be no vehicles onsite.
- b. Selectman Kardaseski moved to forward past due ambulance billing for account #25116 in the amount of \$399.00 to collection. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. The Board received copies of the discretionary preservation easement applications for 4 properties for their review. The public hearing on this issue is scheduled for May 25, 2004.
- d. David Rice inquired about the status of the old J.O. Cate Memorial Van relative to the State surplus auction. Mr. Rice will contact Barbara Cameron regarding this issue.
- e. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board had received 3 bid proposals for assessing contracts. He stated that only one included figures for data entry. The Board will review the proposals and follow-up on the 2 remaining bids to obtain cost estimates for the data entry.

- f. Chairman Maxfield stated he had contacted Susan Slack at NHMA regarding the question the Tax Collector had about compensation.
- g. Mr. Bob Landry asked about the requirements of accepting roads as Town Roads. He asked if the Board was making exceptions or was each road construction project required to follow the same rules. Chairman Maxfield stated that each road project needed to be built to Town standards and follow all the requirements; however there can be exceptions. This particular project had extenuating conditions that had to be taken into account. Discussion ensued. Selectman Kardaseski stated that when the Bee Hole Road project was happening, there was no standard procedure in place and this project did get off track. She said now road construction is the Planning Board's responsibility and there are guidelines in place that need to be followed. Mr. Landry stated that he just wanted everyone to be treated the same. Roy Merrill stated he felt the Selectmen should not take all the blame for the issues with Bee Hole Road as the former Road Agent had made the arrangements to plow that portion of Bee Hole Road and the Selectmen were not aware of the arrangement.
- h. Chairman Maxfield said he had left 2 messages for the representative of Comcast Cable Company regarding the recent information Chairman Maxfield had forwarded to them. Discussion ensued regarding cable issues.
- i. Mr. John Plummer advised the Selectmen that the State had begun work on cutting back the embankment at the corner of Loudon Ridge Road and Route 106 North due to the poor visibility. He stated the project is nearly complete. The Board thanked Mr. Plummer for the initiative he took in identifying the safety hazard at the intersection of Loudon Ridge Road and Route 106 North. The Selectmen also thanked State Representative Roy Maxfield for contacting the State Department of Transportation regarding this traffic hazard.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

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Deborah A. Kardaseski, Selectman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman