

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 2012**

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger, and Selectman Ives.

Also Present: Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Stan Prescott, Planning Board and Dave Powelson, Zoning Board.

Chairman Bowles called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 1, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.
  
- II. Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 1, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries
  
- III. Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit.
  - a) Chief Fiske submitted 5 Hawker and Peddler applications; Z-1, Dudley's, Speedway Convenience, New Cingular Wireless, and the Loudon Food Pantry. The Board agreed to waive the fee for the Food Pantry. All were in order and signed.
  - b) Chief Fiske explained that Matt Moulton talked to him about starting a trash disposal/recycling business from his residence. Chief Fiske told him that he needed to get a Haulers Permit from the Town Office which in his opinion means that there is a business being run and it is a major home occupation because there is a truck, trailer and barrels involved. The Zoning Board reviewed it; said it was low impact and called it a minor home occupation which doesn't need a permit. Dave Powelson explained that the business would consist of Mr. Moulton hauling trash from people's houses to the transfer station; he isn't really running a business at home, it will be one person, one truck, part-time. Selectman Ives asked where the office will be. Mr. Powelson said at the residence. Selectman Ives said so that means there is a business at the home. Mr. Powelson said there is and it fits the requirements of a minor home occupation. Selectman Krieger asked about the barrels. Mr. Powelson said that it was described to the Zoning Board that he wouldn't be bringing anything home, the barrels would be on a trailer and taken to the transfer station. Chief Fiske said that if the trailer with barrels is at the house it becomes a major home occupation because a minor home occupation requires that the entire business be conducted inside the dwelling. Chief Fiske said that a few years ago the town beefed up the major home occupation so that people such as contractors could come in and get a permit. Selectman Krieger clarified that a permit for a major home occupation would set parameters. Mr. Powelson explained that Mr. Moulton came to the Zoning Board for a discussion and the Board decided that it was a minor home occupation; minor home occupations do not require an application or hearing. Mr. Powelson said if he wanted to put up a sign or store a fleet of trucks it would become a major home occupation. Stan Prescott stated that he agrees it is not a minor home occupation; it is not being

carried out inside the house. Selectman Ives also agreed with it being a major home occupation. Mr. Powelson stated that they were told that Mr. Moulton would drive around with barrels in the trailer picking up other people's trash and take it to the transfer station; nothing would go back to his house. Mr. Prescott stated that what begins as something small grows and then neighbors become disgruntled. Selectman Ives stated that he all for small businesses but he thinks that a major home occupation would be the way to get it started correctly. Discussion ensued about other businesses in town and what makes them a minor or major home occupation. Chairman Bowles said that he thinks if it needs a haulers permit then it becomes a business and is a major home occupation. Selectman Krieger stated that he can see both sides of it but it sounds like if he needs the hauler permit then he probably needs to take the next step. Mr. Powelson will ask Mr. Moulton to come in to the Zoning Board for a hearing for a major home occupation.

- IV. Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit.
- V. The Board met with Breanne Mullen. Ms. Mullen explained that she runs the adult co-ed softball team; they have been playing in the Babe Ruth field for 14 years, on Sundays, May – August. Ms. Mullen explained that some of the adults bring beer; they were told that it was a carry-in carry-out field. She explained that this past Sunday a Police Officer stopped by and said that it was not allowed, there is no drinking on town property. Ms. Mullen said she called and spoke to Chief Fiske and was told that there is a town ordinance that says no open containers or drinking on town property unless she could get a waiver from a majority of the Selectmen saying that on the dates that they are using the field they can bring alcohol. Ms. Mullen said since there has never been an issue she's asking for permission to have alcohol when they have games. Selectman Krieger said there could be a liability issue and he would want to run it by the Town Attorney; Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives agreed. Selectman Ives asked if the league is adults only. Ms. Mullen said it is 18 plus. The question will be forwarded to Town Counsel.
- VI. The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.
  - a) Chief Fiske submitted a copy of information from NH Fish and Game regarding the Merrimack Valley Trail Riders, for their annual OHRV event. This year's event will take place on June 9 and 10.
  - b) Chief Fiske explained that he had a request for an officer to be at a foreclosure auction. Chief explained that his duty Officer can be there as long as no other calls come in during that time.
  - c) Chief Fiske asked if there has been any word from the Town Attorney regarding the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement. The Board has not heard anything from town counsel yet.
- VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
  - a) The Board received a memo from Jean regarding a Light Hauler License request from NHMS. John Zudell and Steve Fay from NHMS were in attendance. Mr. Zudell explained that the track bought a compactor truck and would like a haulers license so they can take the track trash to the incinerator except on big weekends when Waste

- will still pick it up. Selectman Ives explained that they would need a commercial haulers license because a light haulers license only allows for trash to be brought to the transfer station, a commercial haulers license allows it to be taken directly to Wheelabrator. Selectman Ives said they need to figure out how to make it work within the town ordinance. Chairman Bowles said he doesn't see a problem with it; he will check with the office and get the appropriate paperwork to the track.
- b) The Board received a letter from Cross Country Appraisal Group regarding an open invoice and copies of statements and invoices for their review. The invoice will be forwarded to town counsel for his opinion.
  - c) The Board received an invoice from MRI. The invoice will be forwarded to town counsel.
  - d) The Board received a foreclosure sale notice for the Attridge property.
  - e) The Board received an email from NH DOT. The bridge rehabilitation informational meeting that was to be held Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the regular Selectmen's meeting has been postponed indefinitely.
  - f) The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding the Lyme disease meeting, Comcast and scholarships.
  - g) The Board received a letter and copy of a certificate from NRRRA.
  - h) The Board received a copy of the Multi-Year Rate Guarantee Program that the town is enrolled in from Local Government Center. They also received an email and information from Primex; they would like to submit a proposal for coverage.
  - i) The Board received a copy of a check from the State of NH for the gas & diesel tax refund.
  - j) The Board received a copy of a check from the State of NH for reimbursement from Federal & State Forest Land.
  - k) The Board received a copy of two "Notice of Acceptance of Permit Applications from DES regarding Fillmore Industries.
  - l) The Board received a copy of an abutter notice from the Loudon Planning Board regarding NHMS.
  - m) The Board received a copy of the Zoning Board Site Visit Minutes of May 1, 2012.
  - n) The Board received a copy of the Zoning Board Minutes of April 26, 2012.
  - o) The Board received copies of Legislative Bulletin #20.
  - p) The Board received an email from PSNH regarding rate adjustments.
  - q) The Board received a letter from Xfinity regarding updates.
  - r) The Board received an email from CRSWRRC regarding the co-op single stream-recycling project.
  - s) The Board received an email from the Municipal EcoLink.
  - t) The Board received an email from Public Works Net regarding an Emergency Preparedness Conference.
  - u) The Board received notice that this Saturday, May 12, 2012 is the Postal Worker Food Drive.
  - v) The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

VIII. Selectman Ives read the Tax Collector's Warrant into the record: *TO: Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, New Hampshire in said county. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to*

*you, amounting to the sum of Five Million Three Hundred Six Thousand Twenty Four Dollars (\$5,306,024.00) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from July 1, 2012 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer, or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Eighth day of May in 2012. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire. Selectman Ives made a motion to commit the tax warrant as read to the tax collector. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carries, warrant is committed. Chairman Bowles read the following Oath into the record: We, the Selectman and Assessors of the Town of Loudon, NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God.*

- IX. The Board met with Brenda Pearl regarding health benefits for town employees. Brenda explained that she and Jean met with Bill Bald from Melcher and Prescott about renewing the health care policy. The Board reviewed the information regarding a couple of different options. The Board decided to go with the policy that is the same as this past year except with a larger hospital deductible. Anthem has added a vision benefit to the policy. The employees will pay the same deductible; the town will pick up the larger amount through the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). The Board agreed that the town will keep the \$9,000.00 cap and pay 90% of the balance of the premiums. By raising the deductible the employee contribution will remain about the same. The Board also discussed insurance for elected officials. Mr. Bald had explained that an elected official can get the insurance if; they work a minimum of 15 hours a week, if the personnel policy allows for it and a letter is submitted to Anthem. The cost of the insurance would be covered entirely by the elected official.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

#### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman