

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Krieger

Also present were Zoning Board chairman Dave Powelson, Planning Board chairman Tom Dow, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Police Chief Bob Fiske, Planning Board member Steve Jackson

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 3, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Ives opened the Board of Permit.
  - a. Chief Fiske stated that Steve Jackson wants to do a flea market at the corner of International Drive and Route 106. This would be open to residents. Mr. Fiske said that he has talked with Greg Fillmore and Mr. Fillmore is in agreement to put in a gravel driveway as an exit from the property onto International Drive. Traffic would enter the property from Route 106. Chief Fiske explained that this would include race weekend when there are two lanes in the morning and afternoon. He said he was not sure about traffic control on that day. The plan would be for the flea market to operate on the last Saturday of May, Saturdays in June, July, and August, and the first Saturday in September. Mr. Fiske said that he does not constitute this as a vendor as he feels it comes under a special event. He explained that owner authorization has been given and a State hawker & peddler license would be needed. Steve Jackson explained that he would operate the flea market on Saturdays only, from 7 am to 3 pm. He said it would be open to anyone who wanted to rent a space on a first-come, first-served basis. Mr. Jackson said that the spaces will be marked for each vendor and there would be snow fence, ropes, and stakes for traffic and parking control. He explained that these would be taken down at the end of each day, stored in a 20' container onsite. Mr. Jackson said that there would be porta-potties in front of the container. He said there will be signs for parking and traffic, one way in and one way out. There may be a banner to promote the flea market. Mr. Jackson said he feels this would be good for the community, noting that there would probably be no profit but he just wants to bring people together. Discussion continued about vendors signing a contract, no drugs/alcohol permitted, parking attendants, and insurance. It was stated that Greg Fillmore has asked that the flea market approval be revoked should there be any problems. Tom Dow stated that Mr. Jackson should see the Planning Board for discussion and to have the plan on file. He said this would be consistent with the process used with other projects. Discussion continued about how to best handle the matter, who would issue the final approval, and about shutting down at 2 pm on the Saturdays that are race days. Mr. Jackson was advised to submit a letter of intent to the Planning office and request to be put on the agenda for discussion with the Board.
  - b. Chief Fiske stated that he has an application for a hawker and peddler permit for Rymes Convenience. He said the plan shows nineteen 20' x 40' vendor spaces, noting that there is not sufficient space to allow for the vendors plus the spectator parking that they

are permitted for. Mr. Fiske said that there has been some discussion of putting a restaurant in the vacant building on the second lot and that would additionally complicate the area. Tom Dow said that Rymes is on the Planning Board agenda with an application for the restaurant. He suggested that this permit be tabled until the Planning Board has reviewed the site plan. Chief Fiske said that the parking should be addressed on the vendor map, with everything being marked out. Chief Burr said that they are not showing distances on the map that Chief Fiske has, therefore it is unclear if the proper accesses are available. Dave Powelson asked how parking space is figured for vendor areas, noting that the Zoning Ordinance is specific on how to calculate the required number of parking spaces for various types of businesses. Discussion continued about the congestion at the location, the need for a plan that includes both spectator parking and vendor spaces/parking, and potential problems with future development on the lot. The permit was not issued.

- c. Chief Fiske said that a complaint about horseshoes at Boar's Tavern was forwarded to him. He has talked with Tom Dow and Randy Cummings, owner of the property. Mr. Fiske stated that there are two or three police reports on file regarding this subject. He said the original approval of the outdoor seating area had a condition that it would be reviewed if three complaints were received by the police department. Chief Fiske said that his suggestion to Tom Dow had been a 10-30 day suspension of the outdoor area due to the violation of having the non-permitted horseshoes in that area after being denied the use last summer. It was also mentioned that Chief Fiske could have the property owner attempt to curb the problem. Discussion included a Planning Board hearing held last August with regard to allowing the horseshoe pits in the outdoor area, various complaints made against the tavern, and how best to approach the matter. It was agreed that Chief Fiske would issue a ten-day suspension of the outdoor seating area of Boar's Tavern. This will be issued to Randy Cummings as the property owner, with a copy to go to the operator of the Tavern.
- d. Chief Fiske informed the group that he was contacted by Benchmarking Partners with regard to an informational social networking system. This would provide the public with a source for Loudon businesses and services. Mr. Fiske stated that he has talked with State officials and learned that they are all in favor of the service that promotes towns in the state. He said there is no cost to the Town and nothing that has to be done by the Town. There was brief discussion about the service.

Chairman Ives closed the Board of Permit and resumed the Selectmen's meeting.

### III. The Board met with Police Chief Bob Fiske.

- a. Mr. Fiske informed the Board that he has tried to contact the former lifeguard but has not had any response. He asked if he should put an ad out for the position. The Board agreed that an ad should be placed.
- b. Chairman Ives stated for the record that four pistol permits were signed.
- c. Chairman Ives stated for the record that the Board signed appointment papers for special duty police officers hired for the three major race events, July 14-18, August 11-15, and September 22-26.

- d. Chief Fiske informed the Board that the Loudon Police Association Boy Scout Troop 30 will be doing their annual clean-up at the beach in the next couple of weeks. There was brief discussion about the upcoming beach restoration project.
- e. Chief Fiske asked if a date has been set for a public hearing to accept grant money. The Board will check on this.
- f. Selectman Krieger asked when the permit for the first race should go to the track. There was discussion about a recent meeting, the need for a letter of guarantee, and letters and schedules exchanged with the track. It was agreed that a letter will be composed and brought to the track for signature. It was noted that a guarantee of payment and a manpower list are outstanding at this point.

IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

- a. Chief Burr gave copies of bids for work on Engine 2 to the Board. He said he has reviewed them and would recommend Valley Fire Equipment for the job. The Board agreed and authorized Chief Burr to sign the proposal.
- b. Chief Burr informed the Board that it was recently discovered that Engine 1 had a lot of fluid coming from the transfer case when doing pump circulation. The engine was taken to Valley Fire Equipment and it was found that there was water and oil in the pump transfer case. Chief Burr said that this would be flushed and the seals would be redone. He said this has to be done in order to avoid bigger problems.
- c. Chief Burr stated that he met with Donna Rollins, the president of Freedom Hill Co-op, with regard to the park's house numbering. He said that she was in agreement with re-numbering and will work with the Town and E 9-1-1. Mr. Burr said that a meeting will be scheduled for this purpose and he would like a member of the Board to sit in on the meeting.
- d. Chief Burr stated that he is waiting for a quote on Car 1 repairs. He said he has received a check from the other party's insurance company.
- e. Chief Burr informed the Board that NHMS has done testing with various fuels in the past. He said this year NASCAR is using Sunoco E15 fuel, a special mix of alcohol and gasoline, at all of the tracks. Mr. Burr said that the foam that the department has will not work with this fuel because it is alcohol based. He said the department has a little that will work. They are talking with the track and the State, working together on the matter. There was discussion about the differences in the foams, availability, and the ongoing process. Chief Burr will keep the Board informed.

- V. Chairman Ives recognized Roy Merrill from the audience. Mr. Merrill said that he was in attendance to discuss his wife's gravel pit, noting that the Board would not sign their Intent to Excavate because the pit was considered to be abandoned due to lack of excavation. Mr. Merrill said that he disagrees with that determination since they have maintained filing the permits each year, pay taxes for a pit every year, and have consistently hauled material in every year. He stated that he is re-submitting the Intent for those reasons. Selectman Bowles stated that the Planning Board recently saw Manchester Sand and Gravel for this same reason. He explained that the Board was following up on letters from Mary Pinkham-Langer of the DRA. Chairman Ives said that the fact that Mr. Merrill came to talk with the Board and explain that the pit is not abandoned was enough to satisfy his concerns. The Intent was signed.

- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received correspondence from Attorney Bart Mayer.
  - b. The Board received a copy of the resignation letter sent to Fire Chief Burr from Joanne Edgecomb.
  - c. The Board received a memo on various items from Office Manager Jean Lee.
  - d. The Board received correspondence from Attorney Mayer on the Fortier litigation.
  - e. The Board received confirmation of the date of June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm for the Senior Awards Ceremony for the Scholarship Committee.
  - f. The Board received an email from Alicia Grimaldi on the tennis court repair.
  - g. The Board received a schedule from Alicia Grimaldi on the use of the Recreation Field by an adult co-ed softball league.
  - h. The Board received a reimbursement check from Roger Maxfield for the overpayment in his March salary.
  - i. The Board received the ESMI 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011 Host Community Fee payment in the amount of \$6,099.94.
  - j. The office is in receipt of the 2011 edition of Knowing the Territory. The Board agreed that three additional copies should be ordered.
  - k. The Board received a copy of an email from Fair Point Communications with regard to expanded broadband service in Loudon and Canterbury.
  - l. The Board received the April property transfers for review.
  - m. The Board received a copy of the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #19 for review.
  - n. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence for review.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

#### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman