

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.
Also present was Dave Powelson, Zoning Board, Police Chief Bob Fiske, Stan Prescott,
Planning Board, Road Agent Dave Rice, Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- I. Chairman Ives opened the Board of Permit.
 - a. Chief Fiske submitted a hawker and peddler from the Loudon Food Pantry for a raffle; the same thing as they have done in the past. He explained they also gave him a letter of intent explaining that they want to set-up two carnival games at the End of the Year Beach Party Dance at Loudon Elementary School on Friday, May 30, 2014. It was explained by Chief Fiske these will not be games of chance because everyone wins tickets that can be used to purchase prizes. Chief Fiske said he has no issues with it. Chairman Ives asked if Chief Fiske has spoken to Mr. Laliberte about this. Chief said he has not. Selectman Krieger said he would feel a lot better about this if he knew Mr. Laliberte had been contacted. Chief Fiske said he will contact him tomorrow. Dave Powelson said he has no objection to it assuming that every student will walk away with something. The Board agreed they will sign the permit pending Chief Fiske contacting Mr. Laliberte.
 - b. Chief Fiske submitted hawker and peddlers for Dudley's Ice Cream, Brookside Mall, and Z-1. He stated that the maps and vendors are identical to last year.
 - c. Chief Fiske submitted the annual American Legion raffle. He said the Board was kind enough to waive the fees for the Legion permit the last several years so they are hoping for the same this year. The Board agreed they will waive the fee again.
 - d. Chief Fiske said there will be a hot air balloon at the Loudon Elementary School PTA Fundraiser at NHMS on May 17 from 10am -2:00pm. Chief Fiske said it is his understanding that the balloon will be tethered.
 - e. Chief Fiske explained that there is a structure on map 25, lots 9. He said that the lot has a conservation easement and is under current use. Chief Fiske said his take on zoning is that you have to have a primary use before you can have an accessory structure so he told Mr. Tuson that he would bring this to the Board of Permit for a determination. Selectman Bowles asked if the deed references this lot and the lot his house is on. Mr. Tuson said they are on the same deed. Selectman Bowles said there has to be some give and take because when the animals are put out there in the summer they need shelter. Chief Fiske pointed out that it is a separate lot of record regardless of the deed. Chief Fiske said it has always been that there has to be a primary structure before there can be an accessory structure. Mr. Powelson said that through public hearing they have allowed someone to build a tractor shed-like structure and it looks like these are just three-sided pig sheds. Chairman Ives said he has no problem with it but asked if it should go before the Zoning or Planning Board. Selectman Bowles said this is a different situation because it is agriculture this is a shelter for animals. Chairman Ives said he would have an issue if a full-fledged barn was being put up but a portable

structure is different. Selectman Bowles asked Mr. Tuson what the conservation easement allows. Mr. Tuson said it allows structures for agricultural use. Selectman Krieger asked how many he is allowed to put up. Mr. Powelson asked if for clarity Mr. Tuson would commit to a maximum number of shelters. Mr. Tuson said he would but thinks he should go before the Zoning Board for that. Mr. Powelson said the lot is in rural residential, farming is allowed in rural residential, accessory uses incidental to that are permitted. He would consider a shelter for pigs or goats incidental to the farm use. Chairman Ives said it looks like he doesn't have to come before the Board. Stan Prescott agreed that it is in the book. Selectman Bowles said it is covered in the deed, in the easement and in zoning so he is good with it. Selectman Krieger said this is how the man makes his living. Chairman Ives said that is a consensus from the Board.

- f. The Board received a letter of intent from NHMS. The Color Vibe will hold a running event on Saturday, June 7, 2014. Selectman Krieger said he is not okay with the Letter of Intent as written regarding traffic control plans and asked Chief Fiske to make contact with Jessica Ferreira at NHMS. Chief Fiske mentioned the live band. Selectman Krieger said as long as they control the volume he doesn't have a problem with it being 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Chairman Ives mentioned that they also say they will not play music prior to 9:00 am which is probably a DJ or radio but doesn't say what time it will end. Chairman Ives asked that Chief Fiske contact Jessica about traffic control and music.
- g. The Board received a letter of intent from NHMS regarding NHMS and the 91st Annual Loudon Classic event Friday, June 20th – Sunday June, 22, 2014. Selectman Krieger said one of his concerns is the burnout competition. He said for many years they've taken burnout boards away, people have gotten hurt, maybe died and there is a lot of noise. Chief Fiske said he will check on the times and what that competition involves. Chairman Ives said the residents in the area already put up with a lot of noise.
- h. Chief Fiske brought to the Boards attention that he has issued a demolition permit; the track is removing grandstands, 4 concessions, and 3 restroom buildings.
- i. Chief Fiske said he met with two young ladies today about the concern with traffic being held up for 30-45 minutes at the 129 lights during the Timberman triathlon. They are going to look into other options.

II. Chairman Ives closed the Board of Permit meeting at 6:47.

III. Chairman Ives met with Keith and Angela Dane to sign an agreement to allow them to live in their mobile home while they build a new home on the same property. The Danes submitted a \$20,000.00 bond that will be returned once they have completed the new house and removed the mobile home.

IV. The Board met with Chief Fiske.

- a. Chief Fiske explained that the Merrimack Valley Tail Riders will be doing their annual fundraiser ride on June 14 and 15, 2014. Chairman Ives asked if they would be using Wiggins Road for the event. Chief Fiske said they would, he said it's the same map as last year. Chairman Ives suggested that due to the snowmobile club replacing the bridge on Wiggins Road, the MV Trail Riders should contact someone to be sure the bridge is all set.

- b. Chief Fiske submitted appointment papers for the July 5-14, 2014 and September 13-22, 2014 for the Boards signatures.
- c. Chief Fiske explained that he has not spoken to Mr. Edwards from the Clough Pond Association about the water testing proposal made to the Selectmen. Chief Fiske said that this is going to cost the town \$400.00 and we're only interested in the safety of the swimmers. He said they'll be doing a lot more testing than the two that he does yearly. Chairman Ives explained that they have been doing the other testing right along. Chief Fiske asked why we would want to take on that burden. Chairman Ives explained that they will take over the labor of our testing and we would cover the cost. Chief Fiske asked about the other ponds in town. Selectman Bowles suggested that Chief Fiske call Mr. Edwards and then if they need to meet together with the Selectmen they can.
- d. Chief Fiske explained that he and the Board received a letter from an attorney regarding the responsibility for towing fees due to a fatal accident. The Board asked Chief Fiske to contact the town attorney about this.

V. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.

- a. Mr. Rice said they have completed graveling the shoulders on Hemlock Hill and Plateau Ridge Roads.
- b. Mr. Rice said he got a call from Mike Labonte about the culvert that crosses the road at the end of his driveway. He said it needs to be replaced. Mr. Rice said they will wait until school is out because traffic will need to be diverted.
- c. Chairman Ives asked if he has had time to weigh the grader. Mr. Rice said he has not.
- d. Selectman Krieger asked Mr. Rice to get together the information regarding the motors that a resident was interested in from the transfer station so they can put together a sealed bid package.

VI. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

- a. Chief Wright said that Henniker Fire Chief Keith Gilbert is the new Chief Coordinator for the Fire Compact. Selectman Krieger said they will certainly miss the old one.
- b. Chief Wright said they, with the assistance of the Chichester Fire Department, will be holding a Search and Rescue Training on Oak Hill Monday, May 26, 2014.
- c. Chief Wright discussed the 1981 Ladder Truck and the price being paid by the recyclers.
- d. Chief Wright said there will be a retirement party for Dick Wright at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord on Saturday, August 16 a 6:00 pm.; tickets will be available next month.

VII. The Board met with Alice Tuson, Library Trustee.

Ms. Tuson explained that an Eagle Scout is installing a brick walkway from the library to the mailboxes. The Board thanked Ms. Tuson for coming in and talking with them. Chairman Ives explained that Steve Del Deo opened up the lines of communication between the Selectmen and the Library Trustees; for a long time the Board didn't hear much from the library. Mr. Del Deo would come in periodically to talk with them. Ms. Tuson said she intends to do the same thing. Selectman Bowles said they appreciate that.

- VIII. The Board met with Stan Prescott. Mr. Prescott presented plans of the Legion property; he pointed out a minor property line issue. Chairman Ives and Mr. Prescott will meet with the abutter to discuss those lines.
- IX. Earl Tuson presented the Selectmen with a PA-60 Conservation Restriction Assessment application. The Board will ask the assessor to review the application.
- X. Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 6, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- XI. The Board met with Scott Patsfield from Northern American Power. Mr. Patsfield submitted a cost comparison. The Board will take this information under advisement.
- XII. The Board met with Ray Dumont from TTD, LLC. The Board agreed that an occupancy permit may be issued by Chief Fiske for the house under construction on Pittsfield Road if a \$20,000.00 bond is placed with the town. The bond will be held until the cistern is complete and inspected by the Fire Department.
- XIII. The Board began review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a letter from Attorney Bownes regarding towing & storage fees. This was previously discussed with Chief Fiske.
 - b. The Board received the April 2014 invoice from Merrimack Valley School District in the amount of \$623,048.71.
 - c. The Board received two (2) overdue ambulance bills for their review. Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account 4525 in the amount of \$599.90, and account 5265 in the amount of \$640.70, Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Board received a check from the Town of Gilmanton in the amount of \$2,750.00 for snowplowing.
 - e. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.
- VI. The Board received the following reminders:
- a. Thursday, May 15 at 7pm is the Loudon Planning Board meeting.
 - b. Friday, May 16, is the Loudon Fire Department blood drive from 2:00 – 7:00.
 - c. Saturday, May 17, is the Loudon Fire Department open house 10:00 – 2:00.
 - d. Saturday, May 17 at 9am is the State Surplus Auction.
- XIV. Selectman Bowles made a motion to commit the Spring Tax Warrant to the Tax Collector as presented; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Ives read the following Oath into the record: *We, the Selectmen 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.*

Chairman 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 Four Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$5,470,123.00) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from July 1, 2014 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 Thirteenth day of May in 2014. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire.*
All were in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:46 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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