

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Present: Selectman Kardaseski and Bowles. Selectman Maxfield was not in attendance.

Selectman Kardaseski called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- I. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway crew has been working on the ditches on Lower Ridge Road.
 - b. Mr. Rice asked if Selectman Kardaseski had obtained the name of the paving contractor. Selectman Kardaseski said it is Steve Fabiano. Mr. Rice said he would like to speak with Mr. Fabiano about some of the small projects that are pending instead of going with a larger firm.
 - c. Mr. Rice said he would like the Board's permission to pave the intersection of Route 129 and Youngs Hill Road. The Selectmen said they have no problem with this as long as there are still funds remaining in the budget. Selectman Bowles said that Mr. Rice should be sure there is good underpinning before pavement is down. Mr. Rice said he would take care of that and he planned on paving as far as Dubuc's driveway.

- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr discussed the two structure fires in the last two weeks.
 - b. Chief Burr said he was working on the fire alarm system for the Community Building. He will have proposals for the Board's review soon.
 - c. Chief Burr asked about the Board's acceptance of Bee Hole Road. Chief Burr addressed the dry hydrant that is still not operational. Chief Burr said the department has tried numerous times to contact Mr. Bohi but has been unsuccessful. Selectman Kardaseski said the Selectmen would add this item to their list of things Mr. Bohi needs to address.
 - d. Selectman Kardaseski asked about the status of the pick-up truck that will be used by the Chief. Chief Burr said it has been ordered and that delivery should be within 6 weeks of the order date.
 - e. Chief Burr discussed the repairs to the fence at the Cemetery by the Fire Station. Selectman Kardaseski asked Chief Burr if he could obtain some prices to repair or replace the fencing.

- III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 11, 2004 as written. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Selectman Kardaseski advised those present that the Town Office Building Study Committee will be meeting at the Canterbury Safety Complex construction site to view the foam block construction that is being utilized on Wednesday afternoon. In addition, the Selectmen will meet at 7:00 PM with the School Board and Selectmen from the other towns in the school district. This is a semi-annual meeting. The Board will also attend the NHIS/DOT traffic meeting on Thursday.
- c. The Board received weekly expenditure and revenue reports for review.
- d. The Board is in receipt of a letter from FEMA advising that the Town has been accepted into the National Flood Insurance Program.
- e. The Board discussed removing the value of the house on Tax Map #011, Lot #076 that burned on Saturday, May 15. Selectman Kardaseski moved to remove the value of the house only on Tax Map #011, Lot #076. The garage value will remain in place. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. The Board reviewed a request from Bob Fiske to purchase two speed bumps and signs for the Clough Pond Beach area. Road Agent David Rice said that it might be necessary to place more than two speed bumps, as the span across the road is 22 feet. Selectman Kardaseski will contact Chief Fiske. It was also noted that the Lifeguard would be on duty starting June 19.
- g. The Board reviewed correspondence from Attorney Bart Mayer regarding the status of Wiggins Road. It is Attorney Mayer's opinion that Wiggins Road is currently a Class VI road closed subject to gates and bars. It would be necessary to place an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to have the road discontinued.

IV. The Board met with David Martin to discuss the fees charged at the Transfer Station.

- a. Mr. Martin said that his concerns are the way the Town assesses fees for debris from resident's homes, mainly the way the load was measured. Mr. Martin said he had half of a pick-up truckload and was charged \$75.00. He said he felt the Town should have scales so that the load can be accurately weighed. Selectman Kardaseski said that she had spoken with Steve Bennett, the attendant at the Transfer Station, and that she had also obtained a copy of Mr. Martin's receipt. She also explained that an average pick-up truck level full holds two yards. She said that Mr. Bennett had told her Mr. Martin's truck had plywood on the sides and that the load was rounded up. She said Mr. Bennett had calculated the load at 1-1/2 yards and a full pick-up is estimated at two. She then advised Mr. Martin that if he wanted the load to be weighed he could go to Fillmore Industries or to Concord.

In Concord you can have the debris weighed and pay them to take it. As far as the fees offsetting the Town's recycling efforts, the Town collects approximately \$20,000 per year from residents for demolition. It costs the Town approximately \$21,000 per year to get rid of it. It is not anything that the Town makes money on. If the Town does not charge a fee to get rid of it then the cost goes back on every taxpayer, no matter what the amount. Mr. Martin stated he did not feel it was right to tell a taxpayer to take the debris to Concord. Selectman Kardaseski stated that the Selectmen have had one or two complaints regarding the issue of measuring the debris versus using scales. She stated that the suggestion to go to Concord is so scales can weigh the debris and there will be no question as to the fees charged. Mr. Martin stated he would be bringing in a petitioned warrant article for next year's Town Meeting requesting that the Town purchase scales for the Transfer Station.

- b. Mr. Martin discussed his concerns for ADA compliance at Clough Pond Beach. Selectman Kardaseski said the Board would look into these issues. Mr. Martin also expressed his opinions on upgrading the beach, the parking lot, etc. Selectman Bowles said that these issues would need to go before Town Meeting. Mr. Martin said monies for improvements had been approved several years ago but the improvements were not done. He also expressed his concerns for non-residents using the Beach. Selectman Kardaseski said that the Board was not informed that Mr. Martin wanted to discuss issues concerning the Beach so the Board was not prepared to answer these questions. Mr. Martin was directed to contact Bob Fiske regarding signage issues.

- V. The Board returned to review weekly correspondence.
 - a. Selectman Bowles moved to authorize the acting Chairman to sign the dental coverage rate increase of 9.3%. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Selectman Bowles moved to authorize the acting Chairman to sign the proposal from the Louis Berger Group to prepare a response plan for NHDES and to assist in the management of the Town septage lagoon, with funds to come from account #01-41503-300-620, (Engineering Fees) for a sum not to exceed \$4,000. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Motion carried.

- VI. The Board met with Joe Bohi to discuss Bee Hole Road.
 - a. Selectman Kardaseski advised Mr. Bohi that there were some housekeeping issues that need to be addressed before the Town can accept the last portion of Bee Hole Road. Mr. Bohi will need to provide a \$20,000 bond for the topcoat of asphalt. He will also need to provide a five-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$60,000. Selectman Kardaseski also said that the Fire Department has expressed concerns about the dry hydrant that is still not functional. Mr. Bohi

acknowledged this. Selectman Kardaseski provided a copy of a bill for the Public Hearing advertising and abutter notices that must be paid to the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Bohi inquired if the bonds had to be done the same time. The Board stated that Mr. Bohi needed to provide the \$20,000 bond for topcoat as soon as possible, the \$60,000 maintenance bond would be required at the time the Selectmen accept the road.

- VII. The Board recognized John Plummer from the audience.
- a. Mr. Plummer stated that the issue with the safety at the intersection of Route 106 and Loudon Ridge Road has not been resolved. He stated that although the State had cut the banking back, they have not gone back as far as what is needed to complete the job. Mr. Plummer said he had been pleased with the initial work, but feels the State has not completed the job. Selectman Kardaseski stated she would contact State Representative Roy Maxfield again regarding this issue.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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