

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009**

**PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present Road Agent David Rice.**

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 5, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles noted the Selectmen did not meet on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice discussed the road construction on Bee Hole Road at the Chichester Road end. Mr. Rice said the stone wall needs to be protected by a retaining wall due to the depth of the ditch. Mr. Rice said the material to be used is called redi-rock. The proposal is to go three high with the redi-rock blocks. Chairman Bowles said this work is necessary to retain the integrity of the stone wall. Selectman Ives expressed his concerns for the costs being incurred by the town. Mr. Rice said it is a safety issue and if the town was to resurface the road it would have to be done anyway. Two proposals were presented for the Board's review, one for the material and one for contractor's work. Chairman Bowles discussed the fees that have been escrowed for roadway improvements. Mr. Rice will check with Office Manager Jean Lee and Planning/Zoning Board administrative assistant Donna White regarding available monies. The Board agreed to give approval to the contractor to proceed with the necessary site work.
  - b. Mr. Rice discussed the restoration plan for Wiggins Road. He said the road cannot be closed as it is a Class VI road, which allows access to property on the other side of the brook. The Board will have Mrs. Lee contact Ms. Houston, engineer for The Louis Berger Group and request a meeting for May 26, to discuss the proposed plan.
  - c. Mr. Rice discussed time being taken by an employee for coaching duties. Mr. Rice said he had no problem with the time being taken and the Board agreed that this is a temporary situation and they have no problem with it.
  - d. Mr. Rice advised the Board the paving work at the Safety Complex and Goshen Drive and Sheeprock Road will take place next Thursday. He said he is in contact with the emergency personnel to ensure they will have full access to be able to get the trucks out as needed.
  - e. Chairman Bowles said he would like to see the roadwork completed on Lovejoy Road from Oak Hill to Old Shaker and Lower Ridge Road. He said he would like to see these two roads completed before moving on to another project.
- III. Selectman Ives advised Chairman Bowles and Selectman Maxfield that there were eighteen applications for the full time firefighter/EMT position that becomes available July 1. Of the eighteen, the field has been narrowed to 13, with 12 coming

in for an interview on June 5. One applicant, from out of state has withdrawn as he was not sure if his certifications would transfer to New Hampshire.

IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board was reminded of the meeting with William Bald of Melcher Prescott Insurance to review health insurance proposals for fiscal year 2009-2010. The meeting is scheduled for 3:00 P.M. The Board has reviewed the preliminary proposals and agreed option 2 seems to be in the best interest of the town.
- b. The Board received a copy of the April ground monitoring report for the Landfill Post Closure requirements.
- c. The Board was provided with weekly expenditure reports to review.
- d. The Board noted receipt of an email from Recreation Committee Chair Alicia Grimaldi regarding repairs to the tennis courts. Mrs. Grimaldi provided the results of the committee's survey from residents of what they would like to see at the Recreation Field.
- e. The Board received an update from Comcast regarding the digital voice packaging being promoted. Negotiations are ongoing with TDS Telecom.

V. Chairman Bowles opened the public hearing to review applications for Discretionary Preservation Easements on Map 25, Lot 006 and Map 22, Lot 013.

- a. Chairman Bowles stated the applications have been reviewed by Assessor David Wiley and he has provided his recommendations on each application.
- b. Selectman Maxfield asked Mr. Murray if he knew the age of the structure for which the easement is being sought. Mr. Murray said he did not have an exact date, but information he has been able to locate shows the last date this design was built was in 1810, with most barns of this design being constructed in the 1700's. Selectman Maxfield asked if maintenance was needed. Mr. Murray said there is water damage in the cellar and will require the barn to be jacked up and posts replaced. Chairman Bowles reviewed the requirements that must be met with the application. The structure must provide at least one of the following public benefits; there is a scenic enjoyment of the structure by the general public from a public way or from public waters, it is historically important on a local, regional, state or national level, either independently or within an historic district, or the structure's physical or aesthetic features contribute to the historic or cultural integrity of a property listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, State Register of Historic Places, or locally designed historic district. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Murray of the easement deed that would need to be signed as well as modifications to the structure that could remove it from the easement. Selectman Maxfield moved to grant R. Dean and Marla T. Murray a Discretionary Preservation Easement for their historic barn and shed which meets the criteria of scenic enjoyment from a public way as well as the historical importance of the structure on a local and state level. Second by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles noted the easement will be at 75% and Selectman Ives noted the location as Map 22, Lot 013. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles noted an easement deed will be prepared and Mr.

and Mrs. Murray will be notified when the deed is ready for review and signature.

- c. Chairman Bowles said the next application is from Earl and Alice Tuson for their structures located on Map 25, Lot 006. Mr. Tuson said the barn needs to be stabilized in some areas. Selectman Maxfield asked for the locations of the structures included in the application. Mr. Tuson said it is the barn closer to the house and the tractor shed. Chairman Bowles said this application meets all of the criteria for the assessment. Mr. Tuson said he had not signed the deed on his previous application due to the penalty that had been included. Selectman Maxfield asked Mr. Tuson about his plans for the structures during the ten year easement period. Mr. Tuson said he will need cold storage area for apples and would also like to add a cider press to the barn area and the tractor shed needs repairs as well. Chairman Bowles noted the town has made the decision to remove any penalty from the easement deed. Selectman Ives noted the easement is for a ten year period. If at the end of the ten years the property owner has not made any improvements or continued with maintenance of the historic structures it would be the Town's decision on whether the easement would be renewed. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Discretionary Preservation Easement to Earl and Alice Tuson, Tax Map 25, Lot 006, for the 18 x 24 tractor shed and 45 x 28 carriage house with the range to be 75% of assessed value with a 0% penalty at the end of the term. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. and Mrs. Tuson will be notified when the easement deed has been prepared for their review and signature.

VI. The Board resumed their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board discussed the request to pressure wash and re-stain the Gazebo. Chairman Bowles will contact Kim Bean to see if he would be able to do this work. The Board was provided with dates the Gazebo has been reserved for gatherings so the work will not interfere with those events.
- b. The Board noted receipt of the April minutes from the Department of Transportation and NH Motor Speedway traffic control meeting.
- c. The Board was provided with a list of new lots created by subdivisions and lot line adjustments as of April 1, 2009.
- d. The Board received a request to participate in the Liberty Tree Program.

VII. Chairman Bowles stated the Board will now enter into executive session at 7:48 P.M. with Office Manager Jean Lee to discuss a personnel matter. Roll Call vote: Selectman Ives yes, Selectman Maxfield yes, Chairman Bowles yes. Chairman Bowles stated the Board has exited the executive session at 8:20 P.M. Roll Call vote: Selectman Ives yes, Selectman Maxfield yes, Chairman Bowles yes. Motion carried. The results of the executive session are that the Board agreed to allow Mrs. Lee to proceed with finding a temporary replacement for the Selectmen's Office to handle administrative duties while Mrs. Lee is on vacation.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 8:23 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor.  
Motion Carried.

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Dustin J. Bowles, *Chairman*

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Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman