

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009**

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 19, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Selectman Ives moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held Tuesday, May 19, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. Chairman Bowles stated for the record three pistol permits were being approved.
- IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr said he did not have anything that needed to be addressed at this meeting.
 - b. Selectman Ives said he had a question regarding a fire permit. Selectman Ives stated he had received a telephone call regarding a camp fire type issue. He said he checked at the fire department and the property owners have a seasonal permit. He asked if there were any restrictions regarding this type of permit. Chief Burr said for that size burn pit, the hours are from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 A.M. Chief Burr said any fire that is construed to be a nuisance can be investigated.
 - c. Selectman Maxfield thanked the members of the Fire Department for their participation in the Memorial Day Parade.
- V. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board he needed to order additional magnesium chloride for treating the dirt roads for dust control. He said the price has increased over last year.
 - b. Mr. Rice said as far as he knows the crew will be working on completing the paving projects scheduled for this fiscal year.
 - c. Mr. Rice said the work on Storrs Drive may have to wait, depending on the prices for the required materials.
 - d. Selectman Ives asked about the culvert at the end of School Street. Mr. Rice said this will be looked at.
 - e. Chief Burr asked about the Adult Diversion Program from Merrimack County that would allow assistance with projects on municipal buildings. He said he has some painting work at the Safety Building that he would like to get done.
- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board noted receipt of an email from Judy Houston of The Louis Berger Group regarding the Wiggins Road restoration plan.
 - b. The Board received a current weekly expenditure report for review.
 - c. Chairman Bowles stated the Board has reviewed the health care proposals provided by Melcher Prescott Insurance and has decided to accept the MVP

Option 2 proposal. In addition, the Board has accepted the Northeast Delta Dental Option #1 plan from LGC Health Trust. Selectman Ives said he had met with William Bald of Melcher Prescott Insurance and recommends the Board schedule a meeting to review other cost saving measures and options available. He said he felt Mr. Bald was very knowledgeable. Selectman Maxfield agreed. Selectman Ives moved to approve the contract with MVP Health Care Option #2 EPO-HE002C in the amount of \$280,639.20, as well as the Dental Plan Option #1 at an increase of 3.7% for the year. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Bowles noted the health care option is a 17.2% increase. Selectman Maxfield noted this was for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Selectman Ives noted that if the town had kept the same plan as is currently in place the increase would have been 24% over last year. The vote was called with all in favor. Motion carried.

- d. Chairman Bowles noted the Board had received correspondence regarding the Greenview Drive hearing. The Court denied the Motion to Dismiss.
- e. The Board noted receipt of a confidentiality agreement for National Grid which was provided by utilities assessor George Sansoucy. The Board has some concerns with the wording of the agreement. Mrs. Lee will contact Mr. Sansoucy for clarification.

VII. The Board met with Judy Houston of The Louis Berger Group to discuss the restoration plan for Wiggins Road.

- a. Mrs. Houston discussed the dredge and fill permit the town received as an emergency measure when the Cross Brook Road Bridge washed out. She said part of the permit conditions was to remove the culverts and restore and stabilize the banks of the brook. This was not accomplished and the town received a letter of deficiency from DES. Due to the winter conditions Louis Berger Group was not able to do the site work until spring. Mrs. Houston reviewed the draft plans that have been prepared. Chairman Bowles said the town does not have the funds to complete the project as it is outlined in the plans. The Board expressed their concerns for keeping the crossing in place as this is a second egress for the subdivision development. Mrs. Houston discussed the Class VI status of Wiggins Road and her understanding that if necessary the Town could close this crossing if it was deemed impassible. Chairman Bowles said the road can be closed subject to gates and bars, but the gate cannot be locked to prohibit landowners from accessing their property. Mrs. Houston said she feels a meeting needs to be scheduled with DES to try and resolve the outstanding issues. She said the extension that was granted is up on May 29th. Discussion continued regarding the fact this is a state snowmobile trail as well. Mrs. Houston said it appears the scope of the project appears to have changed from what was included in the letter of deficiency. She said it may be possible to address the erosion issue and permit the culverts currently in place as permanent. Mrs. Houston asked for the size of the culverts. Mr. Rice said there were two corrugated four foot culverts and one ductile iron 42" culvert. Discussion ensued on Mrs. Houston making contact with DES to try to resolve the issues and obtain the required approvals to leave the culverts in place as they are now. Chairman Bowles offered the assistance of various town departments in support of leaving the access as it currently is. Chief Burr said he was sure support could be obtained from the NH

Sno Shakers snowmobile club in support of keeping the road access since it is part of the state snowmobile trail system. Mrs. Houston said she will contact DES on Wednesday and then contact the Selectmen's Office with an update and request for any additional information at that time.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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