

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2006**

**PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield and Ives. Also present is Road Agent Dave Rice and Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.**

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the amendment to the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2006, clarifying those present for the executive session, as written. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 18, 2006 as written. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried by majority vote. Chairman Bowles reclude himself from this vote as he was not in attendance at this meeting.
- III. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 23, 2006 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IV. The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.
  - a. Mr. Fiske inquired as to whether the Board was up to speed with the Maratea appeal. Mr. Fiske stated two of the issues being brought forward are the merger of the two lots in 1987 and the building permit extension based on the foundation on site.
  - b. Chairman Bowles thanked Chief Fiske for his Department's participation in the Memorial Day Parade.
  - c. Chairman Bowles advised Chief Fiske he had spoken with the organizers of the motorcycle race regarding the use of Wiggins Road. Discussion ensued on the Wiggins Road access.
- V. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice advised the Selectmen the Town of Loudon would be one of the first notified by Emergency Management when determination is made by FEMA on disaster funding.
  - b. Mr. Rice inquired about the culvert on Old Shaker Road. Based on the other road issues, Chairman Bowles said this will need to be replacement of the culvert only for now. Mr. Rice stated work in ongoing on the gravel roads.
  - c. Mr. Rice advised the Board the packer trailer has been delivered to the Transfer Station.
- VI. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

- a. Chief Burr presented the Board with flood assistance information for homeowners.
  - b. Chief Burr asked for information on the June 10 motorcycle race.
  - c. Chairman Bowles thanked Chief Burr for his Department's participation in the Memorial Day parade.
- VII. Chairman Bowles asked Bob Fiske about the letter of intent from Wes Reed to replace an existing residence on Route 129. This property is located on Map 23, Lot 007. Mr. Fiske said this was all set with his office as long as the bond is in place.
- VIII. The Board met with Colin Cabot of the Loudon Conservation Commission relative to the proposed landfill in Canterbury along the Merrimack River. Mr. Cabot stated the original agreement focused on an ash dump as opposed to a landfill. Chairman Bowles said this was his understanding as well. Mr. Cabot said six feet of the shoreline along that portion of the river has disappeared. He said this area is a prime conservation area for the state and utilizing this area for either an ash or trash dump is not in anyone's best interest. Mr. Cabot stated the Conservation Commission forwarded correspondence to the Board soliciting an opinion on this project. He said the Commission has had no response from the Board as of yet. Mr. Cabot said he was here tonight to get input from the Board as to how a message could be sent to all 27 towns in the Co-Op that (1) do not want to see any affect on property taxes for this project, (2) try to get support from various groups to purchase the land from the Co-Op and retain for conversation purposes. Mr. Cabot asked if the Board is willing to send this message that the proposed site, which is one of 95 that were looked at, is questionable. Mr. Cabot said this project is ten years out so there is time to try to find an acceptable solution. Chairman Bowles said he agreed that it would be best to find another alternative. Mr. Cabot read the following for the record: "We are opposed to the solid waste landfill proposed by the Concord Solid Waste Resource Recovery Co-Operative on the banks of the Merrimack River in Canterbury. The project poses significant threats to public health as well as the health of the river and surrounding environment. We call on all state and local elected officials to protect public health and our environment and reject this proposal through the regulatory process." Chairman Bowles said he had concerns for the Board signing this document as elected officials. Mr. Cabot said he would have no problem if the Selectmen signed the document as individuals but asked for clarification on how this could be placed on record as a town. He asked about polling the residents through the *Loudon Ledger*. Chairman Bowles said this may be a way to start in getting community involvement. Mr. Cabot said he is proposing an article, to be co-authored by Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson, which would appear in the *Ledger* within the next month or two. Mr. Cabot said, as a courtesy, he would provide the material to the Board for their review.
- IX. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board acknowledged an invoice from Fifield Building Restoration for work at the Town Hall.
- b. The Board reviewed the draft preservation easement from Attorney Bart Mayer. Chairman Bowles instructed Mrs. Lee to prepare the easements for signature next week.
- c. The Board acknowledged an invoice from Roy Merrill for dozer rental for two days, to do work on Wiggins Road. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve payment of this invoice in the amount of \$700. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Chairman Bowles advised those present the Planning Board has added a clarification to the Road Procedures regarding issuance of street names. Street names are approved by the Selectman and should not be included on any plat plan until approval has been given.
- e. Chairman Bowles said the Board is in receipt of the July 1 renewal of the Town's health insurance provider, Cigna. The 2006-2007 rates are down by 2%. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign, on behalf of the Board, the Cigna Health Insurance renewal for July 1. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Chairman Bowles said the Board must decide what action they are going to take to get the Louis Berger Group moving forward on getting the bridge on Chichester Road replaced. The Board reviewed a preliminary proposal for their services on this project. Selectman Ives asked about accepting the offer for engineering services from Brown Engineering for the Cross Brook Road bridge/culvert. Selectman Ives asked what the course of action would be. Chairman Bowles said the Board needs to give approval to the Berger Group to proceed. Chairman Bowles recognized Roy Merrill from the audience. Mr. Merrill asked if the Board is going to make inquiries of other firms for proposals for these services to ensure this proposal is in line. Chairman Bowles said he would make some phone calls. However, it is imperative the Board moves forward to get this road reopened. Time may be a factor. Chairman Bowles said he has been in contact with Department of Transportation and the Town can request a waiver for engineering proposals as The Louis Berger Group is already certified by the state. The Board will take this proposal under advisement at this time and Chairman Bowles will make some telephone calls on Wednesday for additional information.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:56 P.M. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dustin J. Bowles, *Chairman*

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Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman