

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

**Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.**

**Also present: Road Agent David Rice.**

Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, May 29, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice discussed the retroactive pay increase for Assistant Road Agent Tad Flagg. The Board said they thought this had already been addressed and agreed that Mr. Flagg should get the retroactive pay increase back to the end of the one-year probationary period.
  - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board he wanted to purchase a pole saw for trimming and a buster broom. Discussion ensued regarding using the equipment at the Landfill and other areas as well as types and attachments available. Mr. Rice stated the cost is approximately \$998.00. The Board said that as long as the money is in the budget and the equipment will be used they agreed.
  - c. Mr. Rice provided the Board with a possible amendment to the Personnel Policy for the Highway Department and Transfer Station relative to the Federal Drug and Alcohol regulations. The Board will review this information.
  - d. Mr. Rice provided the Board with a copy of information regarding the history of Dump Road as requested by Paul Johnson. Selectman Bowles stated he did not want this information to interfere with any Planning Board decision relative to an application before the Board if the Planning Board were to determine a need for upgrades. Mr. Rice stated the document was strictly a history of Dump Road. Selectman Ives said he did not want Mr. Rice to sign this document. He said it was not requested by the Planning or Zoning Board Chairmen, it was requested by someone with a vested interest. Selectman Ives said by signing the document it looked like Mr. Rice was taking sides on an issue that he needed to stay neutral. Selectman Bowles said his only issue is that he does not want this document to supersede any decision that may come from the Planning Board. Mr. Rice said the document is strictly giving the dimensions of the road, the angle of the driveway is better, and about the flow of traffic. He said there is nothing in the

document that says things cannot be changed. Chairman Maxfield said that since Selectman Ives will not sign the document, and Selectman Bowles has some concerns, the document should not be signed. Mr. Rice asked if the Board wanted any of the wording to be changed. Selectman Ives said his issue is that the request did not come from the Planning/Zoning Chairmen. Chairman Maxfield said the Board does not agree to have Mr. Rice sign the document.

- e. Selectman Ives advised Mr. Rice the road sign for Wales Bridge Road is missing. Mr. Rice stated he would take care of it. Discussion ensued regarding other road signs that have been taken.
- f. Chairman Maxfield reminded Mr. Rice about the visibility issue at Currier Road and North Village Road.
- g. Selectman Bowles stated the culvert on Youngs Hill Road is plugged again. It was discussed that muskrats are causing the problems with that culvert.
- h. Selectman Ives asked about the status of the Street Sweeper that was involved in a motor vehicle accident. Mr. Rice said that the damage to the Street Sweeper is approximately \$48,000.00.

III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board needed to sign the Discretionary Easement for The Ledges Golf Links, Inc., that has already been approved. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Discretionary Easement with The Ledges Golf Links, Inc., in Loudon NH, with the changes made regarding the penalty upon the expiration of the Easement, as designated in #5 of the Deed. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board had the Discretionary Preservation Easement Deed for signature for Cynthia J. Merrill and Roy D. Merrill as approved by the Selectman with no changes to this deed.
- c. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Petition and Pole License of eleven poles from Verizon New England, Inc., and Public Service Company of NH, for #9AA3BM on North Village Road, Pole #23/73, 23/78, 23/82 ½ , 23/84, 23/84.5, 23/86, 23/87, 23/88, 23/89, 23/90, and 23/91. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Petition and Pole License for Verizon New England, Inc., and Public Service Company of NH, #9AA3VK on North Village Road pole #28/87 ½ . Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that two pistol permits for signature and approval.
- f. The Board received copies of the weekly expenditure reports.
- g. The Board received the revised Service Billing Calculation sheets showing the removal of the vehicle and supplies items from the calculation per Chairman Maxfield.

- h. The Board received the State Auction sales information from St. Jean Auction on the sale of Town vehicles.
- i. The Board received the Drug and Alcohol Policies and Procedures amendment and agreed to take this under advisement until next weeks meeting.
- j. The Board received copies of a letter sent to Jeff Burr from Fire Standards and Training regarding minimum training requirements. Selectman Ives will address this issue.
- k. The Board received a request from Tony Merullo to change the name of "Creek Water Lane" to "Creekwater Lane". Selectman Bowles stated this issue appears to have come up due to a plan to be accepted by the Planning Board having the road name of "Creekwater Lane" on it, not "Creek Water Lane". If the original recorded plan says "Creekwater Lane", then that is what he thinks it should remain. Chairman Maxfield and Selectman Ives said the Selectman approved "Creek Water Lane" as that was the name submitted by Mr. Merullo to the Board. Selectman Ives will check with Fire Chief Jeff Burr and Emergency 911 Mapping and get back to the Board next week on what he found. The Board will take this under advisement and discuss it next week.
- l. The Board received notification that DES has scheduled a Public Hearing on the SDS application for Monday, June 25, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the Community Building.
- m. The Board received a copy of a notification to Bob Fiske of the approval of the Radar Grant.
- n. The Board received copies of correspondence sent to DOT by Louis Berger Group regarding the completion of Chichester Road and Cross Brook Road projects.
- o. The Board received notification from Comcast of programming changes.
- p. The Board received NHMA Legislative Bulletin #23 as well as the NHMA Action Bulletin request. Chairman Maxfield stated he had e-mailed Representative Priscilla Lockwood advising her of the Board's concerns if the legislation should pass regarding the change in number of employees to form a Union.
- q. The Board received H. L. Turner Group's response to DES regarding the Village Dam Project Wetlands Permit.
- r. The Board received the revised subdivision listing for tax year 2007 for review.
- s. The Board received the May 24, 2007 ZBA Minutes, the May 23, 2007 Planning Board Site Walk Minutes, and the April 2007 Cate Van Committee Minutes for review. Chairman Maxfield asked about the Site Walk on Currier Road Holdings property on Currier Road. Selectman Bowles stated he did not attend the Site Walk but he understood the consensus was more loam was needed in some areas as well as fertilizer and lime so it would grow some real vegetation.

- t. The Board received a questionnaire from Fish & Game on public boat launch facilities map. Discussion ensued regarding boat ramps at Crooked Pond, Hot Hole Pond, and Clough Pond. As the Town does not own any public boat launches the questionnaire does not apply to Loudon.
- u. The Board was notified that the NH Trail Riders Association would hold their annual event on June 9 and 10, 2007.
- v. The Board received notification from the Office of Emergency Management regarding Hazard Mitigation Grants. The Board will have copies forwarded to Emergency Management Director, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Road Agent.
- w. The Board was reminded of the closing date for the Conservation Easement on the Davies property, which is set for June 20, 2007 at 8:30 AM.
- x. The Board was advised that Walter Howard would be meeting with the Selectmen next week to discuss the Cate Van Building.
- y. Chairman Maxfield stated the Town Office Building is in need of repairs to the foundation as well as replacement of windows. He stated the money would need to be encumbered if the repairs could not be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Maxfield discussed having the Highway Crew do the foundation work. Selectman Ives and Bowles said they felt the Highway Department had projects that they needed to be working on and did not feel they should be the ones doing the foundation work. Selectman Bowles suggested that Target New England or Steve Fifield be contacted. He said he had been trying to get in touch with them. Selectman Ives said he felt the foundation work needed to be completed before the windows are replaced.

- IV. Selectman Ives stated he had a couple of issues he would like to discuss.
  - a. Selectman Ives said that he wanted to have it noted that the Selectmen had asked the Library Trustees to meet with the Board and their reply was that if the Board wanted to meet with the Library Trustees the Selectmen would have to go to one of the Library Trustees Meetings. Selectman Ives went on to say one of the reasons he wanted to meet with the Library Trustees was because there is a little bit of tension between the Selectmen and Library Trustees over some of the policies and some decisions the Trustees have made. He said he felt it would be a great opportunity to get together and try to hash a few things out, but the Trustees have turned their back and decided they do not need to talk with the Selectmen. Selectman Ives said he wanted it on record that is the reason the Selectmen requested the Trustees to attend the meeting to try to resolve this matter and they do not seem to want to. Chairman Maxfield said the situation with the Library Trustees is that they run the Library. Selectman Ives said the Trustees are not being as fiscally responsible as the rest of the Town is trying to be and he feels they have to cut back on a few things. He went on to say that, the

Town is getting some disgruntled employees because of some of the policies the Library Trustees are putting in place and it is not helping the Town at all. Selectman Bowles said he did not feel asking the Library Trustees to attend the meeting was creating an undue burden or hardship on the Trustees. The Board stated that any meeting the Selectmen have with the Library Trustees would be a publicly noticed meeting. Chairman Maxfield stated the Library Trustees are not "Department Heads" and the Selectmen cannot require them to come in. Selectman Bowles said he felt that out of respect for the Townspeople, if the Selectmen have asked that the Trustees come in to discuss some issues, the people vote them in, they should come in and talk with the Selectmen. He said he felt they were being a bit ridiculous.

- b. Selectman Ives said he wanted to talk about the Planning Board. He said when he was on the Zoning Board they let all the information flow through the Chairman, especially when it went out to the news media and he would hope that the Planning Board would do the same. Selectman Ives said that having a Planning Board member discuss a decision being made by the Zoning Board in the Concord Monitor is not good for the Town's image or for the Town's Boards. He said the Selectmen do not have control over the Planning Board or Zoning Board but he thinks this type of information coming out in the Concord Monitor is not good for the Town. Selectman Ives hopes the Planning Board Chairman and Zoning Board Chairman would try to express to their members that all information should flow through the Chairman of their Board. He said there are many questions regarding permitted or un-permitted businesses on Mr. Moody's property and he feels that it would be good for the Compliance Officer to do a site visit and put all the questions to rest. Selectman Ives said he is not trying to pick on Mr. Moody; he would just like to have the questions answered. Chairman Maxfield said he was at a Planning Board meeting and he thought Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske said everything was all set on Mr. Moody's property. Selectman Ives said then that information needed to be known. The information should be put in the minutes so everyone knows that it has been addressed and people will stop questioning it. Selectman Bowles said he is not sure if the Selectmen should be the ones directing the Code Enforcement Officer to do the site review or if it should be the Planning or Zoning Board. He said past minutes need to be reviewed because of actions that have taken place over a period of years as to what was accepted and what was not. Selectman Bowles said he thinks research is needed before a determination can be made. Chairman Maxfield said it would be good for all the Boards to work together and for the most part, they do. Roy Merrill said he wanted to thank Selectman Ives for bringing up the issue. He said he feels it is not an issue of the Chairman or anyone speaking with the Concord Monitor, it is more of an issue of an

alternate that has Concord Monitor on speed dial. When he does not like a decision that someone makes, he calls the Concord Monitor and then articles are put out with quotes that are half-truths and Mr. Merrill thinks that Planning Board member should be reprimanded for doing these things. Chairman Maxfield stated that is Mr. Merrill's opinion. Mr. Merrill said if the Board asked the individual they would find out that he did make the call to the Concord Monitor. Mr. Moody said there were also quotes from members of the Zoning Board in the article. Mr. Merrill said it was because the Concord Monitor contacted the Zoning Board members. Chairman Maxfield said he has tried to stop talking with the Concord Monitor. Mr. Merrill said he felt it was not right for a Planning Board member or Alternate member to initiate a story to get their position across. Selectman Ives said that Zoning Board members were also quoted in the article and that is why he said it should be all Boards.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

#### THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman