

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 28, 2011

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger

Also present: Police Chief Bob Fiske, Road Agent Dave Rice, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2011 as written; seconded by Chairman Ives. Selectman Bowles was not present at that meeting. Majority vote in the affirmative; motion carries.

- II. The Board met with Chief Fiske.
 - a. Chief Fiske informed the Board that Eastern Propane has agreed to match the Town's price for the church at the Town Hall.
 - b. Chief Fiske presented a letter of intent for the NASCAR race.
 - c. Chairman Ives asked if the Planning Board granted the paintball arena to NHMS. Selectman Bowles said that they did. He spoke about the relocation of the parking spaces being lost to the arena and said that this is something that will have to be watched. Selectman Krieger asked Chief Fiske if he would need more people. Chief Fiske said they will have to see how things go. Selectman Krieger asked the chief to see if NHMS intends to put on any additional security for the area.

- III. The Board met with Road Agent Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice informed the Board that the top coat on Clough Hill Road has been done. The gravel on the edges will be done soon.
 - b. Mr. Rice reported that he has done some pricing for brush hogs/mowers and found that the best price for a 6' utility grade unit is through Knoxland.
 - c. Mr. Rice stated that he has priced cold patch mix and found that the cost of 450 tons would be \$20,250 which would average out to \$45 per ton. He reported that the last delivery of cold patch was \$73 per ton, noting that the savings is in using the Town's sand. Mr. Rice said that he feels the funds are in the budget and will confirm that. He figures the tonnage would cover about two years of patching. There was discussion about storage of the material and the amount of sand needed. Mr. Rice said in the past that Loudon had split the cost with Canterbury and he would talk with them to see if there is any interest in doing so again. Chairman Ives said he was in agreement with the proposal if the numbers work out.
 - d. Mr. Rice informed the Board that he met with PSNH and the telephone company with regard to moving three poles on Old Shaker Road. They will be set back as far as they can and will be done in mid-August.
 - e. Mr. Rice stated that there are some rocks from the Old Shaker Road project that could be used on the beach project. Selectman Krieger mentioned seeing some huge rocks on the side of Lower Ridge Road where someone

is doing some work. He asked Mr. Rice to look into those, thinking they might be available for the beach project.

- IV. Chairman Ives asked Chief Fiske if Grace Capital Church has been in touch with him. Chief Fiske stated that the church representatives are supposed to be researching parking options for their outing. He will check with them if he does not have a response by the end of the week.
- V. Chairman Ives stated that he would take a roll call vote to go into executive session at 6:53 p.m. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes; Ives – yes. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of executive session at 7:12 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes; Ives – yes. Chairman Ives stated that the purpose of the executive session was to meet with Chief Bob Fiske to discuss towing services in the Town of Loudon and a lawsuit concerning a dog bite for the Town of Loudon.
- VI. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr talked with the Board about a letter from NHMS regarding apparatus coverage on the infield. The Town's truck will not be on the infield as NHMS is bringing one in with a private fire brigade. There was discussion about the NASCAR requirement that a truck be at that location, OSHA requirements, and freeing up one of the Town's trucks. Selectman Krieger stated that he wants to be sure that everything is in order and does not want any liability on the Town from this change. He asked that Chief Burr get something in writing from Jerry Gappens. Chairman Ives stated that he would like to also see a letter from NASCAR. Selectman Krieger said that the Town of Loudon wants to do whatever is needed to better the track and does not want them to fail in any way. Chief Burr said that he will adjust the coverage schedule based on the Town's truck not being needed on the infield.
 - b. Chief Burr reported that he met with Freedom Hill Co-op, E 911 and the Concord Post Office to discuss renumbering the streets in that development. He said that September 1st is the cut-over date when everyone (911, power, phone, etc) will switch over to the new addresses. Chief Burr said that the Co-op is distributing informational packets.
 - c. Chief Burr stated that he spoke with Arthur Colby about the history of the department's name. It was confirmed that there has been no change in the name. Selectman Bowles said that he has seen several old signs and none included the word 'volunteer'. Chief Burr said that the volunteer association was a different entity from the fire department itself.
 - d. Chief Burr spoke about the need for a name for the road that goes behind the Red Roof Inn as there was a recent approval for a new business on the road. Selectman Bowles stated that the applicant was told to submit three options for the road name and they would be checked out with the post office and 911.

- e. Selectman Bowles informed Chief Burr that the funds for pay raises that he requested on part-time and on-call staff are not in the budget. Chief Burr asked about the 2.5% increase that was voted on at Town Meeting. Selectman Bowles said that was for full-time and the Board had overlooked the part-time and on-call group. Chairman Ives stated that the increase was strictly for full-timers. Selectman Krieger said the increase should have been done by the payroll line. Selectman Bowles explained that the increase was put in for full-time staff but the adjustment was never made for the others. He said that the funds are just not there and they cannot overspend the budget. Chief Burr said that he looked at the budget and felt the increases were doable with the figures that he had. Selectman Bowles stated that the Board was told by the office that the funds are not there and that it was not an increase of 2.5% across the board. Discussion continued about the budgeting process. Chairman Ives told Chief Burr that they would look into this further if he could show the Board how he figured the increases. Chief Burr agreed to look at the numbers. Chairman Ives will speak with the office about the rules of adding to a payroll line. Selectman Krieger stated that he would like to make it work.

VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received letters of recommendation for college applications that are being reviewed.
- b. The Board received confidential information from the fire department.
- c. The Board received a current expenditure report for review.
- d. The Board received an email from Bill Massey that Eastern will bill the church the same rate as the Town. It was agreed that this was very nice of Eastern.
- e. The Board received confirmation that the Clough Pond Beach project will start on July 11th.
- f. The Board received a copy of a \$1,000 grant received by the Agricultural Commission.
- g. The Board was notified of monies received from Francis Moody on timber from the Town's property next to the Transfer Station.
- h. The Board received a letter from NHMS to Chief Burr on fire apparatus.
- i. The Board received a letter from Chief Burr on an incident near the Safety Building.
- j. The Board received tow truck material. This was discussed earlier in executive session.
- k. The Board received an abutter letter from DOT for work on Route 106.
- l. The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: account #48690 in the amount of \$116.85, account #48742 in the amount of \$101.75, and account #49708 in the amount of \$668.00; seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- m. The Board received notice of a foreclosure sale for property on Ricker Road.

- n. The Board received NHMA Bulletin #25.
- o. The Board received draft copies of the ZBA June minutes.
- p. The Board received a copy of the Cross Country Appraisal contract that was sent to DRA.
- q. The Board received a scholarship thank you.
- r. The Board received the Executive Council newsletter.
- s. The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman