

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske and Zoning Board member Roy Merrill.

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

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 1, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Ives stated that the Board of Permit Meeting was cancelled as there were no items on the agenda.
- III. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.
 - a. Chief Fiske presented the Board with four billings from the Nascar Race event. Chairman Ives stated the billing for NHMS 2008 Lennox Industrial 301 event is for \$225,965.20, Caterpillar, Inc., in the amount of \$301.00, Motorsports Authentics in the amount of \$688.00, and C. N. Brown in the amount of \$1,032.00 for manpower at the race event. Chairman Ives asked if there were any issues during the race event. Chief Fiske said there were no real issues, but the rain did not help.
 - b. Mr. Fiske discussed the signs at NHMS relative to the movement. He stated that he has spoken with the Track as noted in past minutes and advised the Board that the movement is at approximately 5 second intervals. Mr. Fiske said the banners that are attached to the back of the grandstands appear to fall under "Special Events" for signs/banners. Discussion ensued regarding allowing banners and signage for special events as well as the new sign that changes but no longer has moving parts or flashes. Discussion ensued regarding possibly having the Track go before the Zoning Board for a Special Exception as well as the definition of "changeable". Mr. Fiske said as far as he was concerned the sign interval would not get any faster than it currently is. Discussion ensued regarding the initial complaints regarding the brightness and intensity of the sign, but now that it has been toned down, it appears that there has only been one complaint and it was not received in any office but viewed in the newspaper. Chairman Ives said if anyone has a complaint they should come in and meet with the Selectmen.

- c. Chairman Ives discussed the subject of not having the police cruisers running all the time in an effort to conserve fuel. Mr. Fiske stated that he has made an effort to have the cruiser not run for at least 2 hours per day and he has been scheduling inspections for four days per week to consolidate and conserve. Chairman Ives stated the Board has spoken with the Fire Chief and Road Agent to address this issue with them as well. Selectman Bowles said that all the departments need to do whatever they can in all areas to conserve, as the fuel costs are going to hit the budget hard. The Selectmen noted that there is a State Statute that says the Police Department cannot over spend their budget by more than 10%. The Board stated they are trying to encumber any funds to go towards fuel costs for next year. Selectman Bowles asked Chief Fiske if he would be willing to give back his ½% over the 2% employee COLA to help with the budget. Chief Fiske said he would consider it if all the other employees would agree to give back their increases. Selectman Bowles said he would be willing to give back his increase if Chief Fiske would. Chief Fiske said he would consider it if every employee agreed. Selectman Bowles said “It doesn’t hurt to ask”.
- d. Selectman Bowles asked if there were any code enforcement issues. Chairman Ives stated there is still an issue with the sand on Mudgett Hill from the property owned by Mr. Sanborn. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Sanborn moving some of the sand and heavy rains that would have washed down some of the leftover sand.
- e. Discussion ensued regarding the Community Action Program and fuel assistance to individuals.

IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received information that Office Manager Jean Lee had contacted Peter Michaud of NH Division of Historical Resources regarding putting a roof over the fire escape at the Town Hall and was advised there are no restrictions other than local zoning restrictions. The Board will look at the fire escape issue.
- b. The Board discussed the request by the Recreation Department for a Wal-mart credit card. Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the credit card, the limit amount, and the processing time for payments through Wal-mart. The Board will meet with Recreation Chairman Alicia Grimaldi to clarify the request.
- c. The Board received notice that Library Trustee Sandra Blanchard contacted the Office regarding the Library appropriations for 2008 – 2009. Ms. Blanchard advised Mrs. Lee that it would be difficult for the Library Trustees to meet during the summer. Selectman Bowles said that Library Trustee Susan Kowalski stated at a Library Trustee meeting that she would be willing to come back from her camp to meet at any time. Chairman Ives stated that the Library operating budget for fiscal year 2008 – 2009 is \$134,952.00 which would be 12

- monthly payments of \$11,246.00. He said the Board would be signing a letter of agreement with the Trustees regarding the monthly payments. Discussion ensued regarding the Library budget.
- d. The Board received notice that Jason from Absolute Painting called regarding the cemetery fence repairs and he estimates that it will probably be August before he completes the repairs.
 - e. The Board received copies of the weekly expenditure report for review. Discussion ensued regarding fuel lines in the budget and amounts used by each department for heat and fuel costs over the past year. The Board will make their final decision on the amount of money to encumber once they receive information from Huckleberry Oil.
 - f. The Board received a request from the Recreation Committee to encumber their remaining funds to go towards the purchase of new playground equipment at the Recreation Field, with LYAA to pay the remaining balance. Chairman Ives stated that the amount requested to be encumbered is \$856.07 from the 2007 – 2008 Budget, and \$1,000.00 will be taken from the 2008 – 2009 Recreation Parks and Maintenance Supplies line and the remaining funds to come from LYAA. The Board agreed to this request. Selectman Maxfield moved to encumber \$856.07 from the 2007 – 2008 Recreation Department Budget line #01-45200-800-850 and further to allow \$1,000.00 to come from the 2008 – 2009 Recreation Budget line #01-45200-700-710, with the remaining balance to be paid by LYAA as requested by Recreation Chairman Alicia Grimaldi. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. The Selectmen discussed the Recreation Budget for 2007 – 2008 and stated there was not enough money in line item #01-45200-800-850 but there was enough money in the bottom line for the \$856.07 to be encumbered. Selectman Maxfield moved to amend the motion to take \$856.07 from the 2007 - 2008 Recreation Department budget bottom line, account #45200. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - g. The Board discussed the replacement of the carpet in the lobby and for the upstairs middle office at the Town Office Building. The Selectmen agreed that the carpet at the Community Building will not be replaced at this time but will be cleaned instead. Selectman Bowles moved to encumber \$1,300.00 for the purpose of re-carpeting the lobby and upstairs middle room at the Town Office Building, funds to be withdrawn from line #01-41941-400-430 Town Office and Community Building Repairs. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - h. The Board received copies of the revised contracts with Pike Industries from Road Agent David Rice. The Board reviewed the revised contracts and discussed the wording of the contracts. Selectman Bowles stated the Board would table this issue until Dave Rice is back from vacation.

- i. The Board received copies of the contract for the 2009 Tax Maps with Cartographic Associates for review and approval. Selectman Bowles moved to approve and to sign the contract with Cartographic Associates Inc., for the purpose of Tax Map preparation and updating in the amount of \$4,800.00 for the 2008 – 2009 year. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- j. The Board received copies of a portion of the wetlands application from the Loudon Country Club for review.
- k. The Board received a letter from Michael Harris regarding Mr. Harris's appeal to BTLA for review. Discussion ensued regarding some items Mr. Harris is asking about that have nothing to do with his appeal or the Town. Discussion ensued. Chairman Ives stated that Mr. Harris should approach the Federal Regulatory Board that deals with leaded gasoline for his answers to gasoline questions.
- l. The Board received information that the account has been settled for the Pease property.
- m. The Board received correspondence from Comcast regarding digital TV transition as well as a Community Investment Report.
- n. The Board received Scholarship thank you notes.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman