

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009**

Present: Selectmen Maxfield and Ives. Selectman Bowles was absent this evening. Also present were Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske, Deputy Fire Chief Robert Bottcher and Road Agent David Rice.

Selectman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 7, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Selectman Maxfield announced the Board of Permit meeting was cancelled this evening as there was nothing on the agenda for this month.
- III. The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Robert Fiske.
 - a. Mr. Fiske provided the Board with the final version of the NH Motor Speedway Evacuation Plan, which can also be utilized for any incident within the town. The cost of this plan was paid through a grant obtained through the NH Department of Safety and Homeland Security.
 - b. Mr. Fiske provided the Board with the water testing results for Clough Pond. He explained the testing laboratory now only does e-coli as opposed to the testing done in prior years for chloroform and e-coli.
 - c. The Board was presented with a copy of the billing for the Lennox 301 Police Special Details at NH Motor Speedway. Mr. Fiske said the billing was somewhat higher than last year due to additional personnel being hired for this event. Mr. Fiske said even with the additional personnel, the cost to the Speedway was far less than if they had contracted with the State Police for the additional officers. Selectman Maxfield complimented Chief Fiske, his department and Chief Burr and the Fire Department for the excellent job they did during this event. Chief Fiske said there was a total of 210 police personnel on the payroll for this event. Selectman Ives asked the number of arrests made and Chief Fiske said 68, which were typical arrests and minor in nature.
 - d. Chief Fiske advised the Board it appears an Indy Car race will take place in August 2010.
 - e. Chief Fiske said the revised free flow traffic plan was only about 80% successful so revisions will be made for the September race. Most of the issue was with the pedestrian traffic and changes will be implemented to address this situation. Selectman Maxfield asked about the traffic exiting from various parking lots along Route 106. Chief Fiske explained the free flow plan and that every eight minutes traffic was held to allow cars exiting the Cole lot and Clough Hill to access Route 106. He said this was one of the glitches and will be handled

differently in September. Chief Fiske said there was a minor incident with the go-kart racing track. He said it had to do with the tire barrier and he asked for the operators to bolt the tires together to make a safer barrier. This was done and seemed to work out much better. He said he will address this and the music issue at the next Board of Permit meeting just to bring everyone up to speed.

- f. Mr. Fiske addressed the Woodman property on Chichester Road. Mr. Fiske said he had concerns with the driveway, which he addressed with Road Agent David Rice and ZBA Chair David Powelson. He said that issue got resolved. Mr. Fiske reviewed the Zoning Board minutes which stated “Chairman Powelson said it was agreed the existing business was grandfathered, but was not permitted as a home occupation should a house be added to the lot. Chairman Powelson stated a building permit could be issued for the parcel for a single family home provided the non-conforming use of the garage went away.” Mr. Fiske said he contacted Mr. Woodman to explain the conditions that would be attached to the building permit when issued. He said he expects there will be more discussion on this issue.
- g. Mr. Fiske said he wanted to compliment Dave Rice and the Highway crew on the work completed around the Safety Complex. He said it looks very good.
- h. Selectman Maxfield said he would like to address the situation relating to the approval of the State Budget, in which the town will now be responsible to pay the State portion of NH Retirement Contribution on all Special Duty Details that involve a third party payer. In addition, the Town’s employer contribution to the NH Retirement system has increased significantly. Selectman Ives said as he understands it Chief Fiske feels these increased costs can be absorbed in the charges for the part-time personnel, however, Selectman Ives feels the Selectmen should review this information and determine if it is necessary to increase the billable rate to the Track, at a lesser amount now, as opposed to a significant increase at a later date. Selectman Maxfield said he does not feel the increased costs should be absorbed into the Police Department Special Events budget. All agreed this is an unfunded mandate. Chief Fiske said he also feels the optional costs should be looked at to see if in fact it is necessary to pass these along in the billable rate. Chief Fiske said he feels the Selectmen should also look at the revenues generated from these details to see if the revenue offsets the expense. Selectman Ives said he agrees the Selectmen need to look at the numbers before any final decision is reached. Selectman Maxfield said this information will be taken under advisement so they can review it as a Board. Selectman Ives said the numbers need to be studied and if it is necessary to increase the billable rates, the increase must be justified. He said this will apply to the Fire Department as well. Selectman Maxfield advised those present the Board was in receipt of correspondence from the Local Government Center

regarding a proposed lawsuit against the State for the downshifting of costs to the Municipalities. The Board will discuss becoming part of this action.

- IV. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice said he is in the process of putting together numbers from the asphalt company for this year's resurfacing projects.
 - b. Mr. Rice said the crew has been working on Hollow Route Road.
 - c. Selectman Ives asked if Country Hill Road has been addressed. Mr. Rice said he hopes to get the culvert cleaned this coming week.
 - d. Selectman Ives advised Mr. Rice of the arrangements made to have prisoners from Merrimack County do painting and brush cutting around the Safety Complex and Station 2. He suggested Mr. Rice speak with the person in charge of the program to see if arrangements could be made to use these personnel for roadside brush cutting.

- V. The Board met with Deputy Chief Bob Bottcher.
 - a. Mr. Bottcher said the new personnel hired is working out very well. He said the new schedule for week-end coverage began on July 12.
 - b. Selectman Ives said he wanted Chief Fiske and Deputy Chief Bottcher to know they will be advised first when a decision is made on the rates for special duty pay.

- VI. The Board met with Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Committee Chairperson.
 - a. Mrs. Grimaldi explained the Committee wants to install a back board at the tennis courts. She said Loudon Building Supply has donated the materials needed and Dave Therrien has volunteered to build the board. She explained the proposed construction plan. The Board expressed their support of the proposal.

- VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board noted receipt of the weekly expenditure report, which should be the final for fiscal year 2008-2009, for their review.
 - b. As mentioned earlier, the Board received correspondence from Local Government Center regarding a proposed lawsuit against the State for the downshifting of costs to the municipalities. The Board will take this under advisement at this time.
 - c. The Board acknowledged receipt of emails from Judy Houston regarding the Wiggins Road project.
 - d. The Board received an invitation to attend the August 11 Clough Pond Association meeting.
 - e. Selectman Maxfield read a telephone message from Mr. Richard Birchford expressing his pleasure with the staff and facilities of the Maxfield Public Library.
 - f. The Board received a copy of the advertisement and the costs for the Forestry Truck being sold by sealed bid.

- g. The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Ives moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collection: Account #20271 in the amount of \$581.10, Account #40474 in the amount of \$105.42, and Account #42477 in the amount of \$605.10. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- h. The Board acknowledged receipt of several scholarship thank you notes.
- i. The Board received the Cate Van Committee minutes for April and May for review.
- j. The Board received their copies of the June property transfers.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:28 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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