

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 15, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger. Also present was Road Agent Dave Rice.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 8, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice explained that he is waiting for the gas company to complete their work on Oak Hill Road, as soon as they are done, he will begin prepping the road for pavement. He said the paving company is caught up and ready to get going.
 - b. Mr. Rice said the paving company has a contract with Canterbury to do Asby Road, they asked if Loudon wants to shim their end of the road at the same time. Chairman Ives asked how much it would cost. Mr. Rice said he doesn't know yet. Chairman Ives said if he can squeeze it out of the budget it should be done. Mr. Rice said it is falling apart and should be shimmed. Chairman Ives suggested that Mr. Rice get figures from the paver and bring them back to the board.
 - c. Mr. Rice said they got the culvert on Mudgett Hill Road done.
 - d. Mr. Rice said that George works part-time for Krueger and picked up an old one-ton roller that needs a motor. Mr. Rice said it would be good for small patch jobs like they have been doing. Mr. Rice said it needs a small motor that won't be too much money. Chairman Ives said as long as it doesn't cost too much it will be worth having around.

- III. Chairman Ives recognized Jerry Gappens from NHMS.
 - a. Mr. Gappens apologized for the amendment to the letter of intent that they were given to them the week of the race regarding the stunt show. He explained that it wasn't done to slip something in, they had gone back and forth on it for several weeks working with the guy trying to make it safe, working with FAA. Mr. Gappens said obviously that wasn't, in hindsight, enough time for the board to get a proper look at it but they were trying to do their due diligence before he felt comfortable having it.
 - b. Mr. Gappens said he spoke to Chief Fiske about the fireworks date getting changed and somebody taking the signature page and putting a new front page with it. Mr. Gappens said he tracked down the person in their sales department that did it, he has a relationship with Atlas and he thought it was fine. Mr. Gappens said that's like changing a contract, he can't do that; he explained to him that it's embarrassing and it's wrong. Mr. Gappens said he did not fire him but he won't be messing with that kind of stuff again. Mr. Gappens said he's a good guy and he thought it was all the same, the fireworks were approved so he didn't think it mattered if it was Thursday or Friday.
 - c. Mr. Gappens said he had the opportunity to work first hand with Chief Wright at this event and he wants to share with the board his respect for him, how he does the job and how he works with the different entities. Mr. Gappens said he saw firsthand the working relationship he has with those at the speedway and also with Chief Fiske. He

said he is doing a good job representing the town and he works with the team at the track weeks before the race making sure everything is in line.

- d. Mr. Gappens apologized again for things getting dropped on the board at the last minute race week.
- e. Chairman Ives explained that he didn't call Mr. Gappens during the week but he was in contact with Chief Wright and knew what was going on. He said that he trusted that his department heads would come up with a plan and a solution and they did. Chairman Ives commended Mr. Gappens for cancelling the show on Sunday due to his concerns for safety. Selectman Bowles said he agrees with Chairman Ives that they have confidence in Chief Wright and Chief Fiske to work these things through. He also agreed with Mr. Gappens that Chief Wright is doing a good job not only at the track but with everyone in town.

IV. The Board began review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding a LCIP property on 129.
- b. The Board received an email from Julie Robinson regarding old equipment on an easement.
- c. The Board received a letter from Chief Fiske regarding a NHMS Letter of Intent.
- d. The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding the fire at the Staniels Road ball field concession/storage building.
- e. The Board received a letter from Pike Industries regarding paving on 106 beginning July 20th.
- f. The Board received a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding a new member. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Rob Buzzell to the Conservation Commission as a full member with appointment to expire March 31, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
- g. The Board received three junkyard renewals for their review and approval. The board approved the three permits.
- h. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

- V. The Board recognized Larry Lebrun from the audience. Mr. Lebrun stated that he personally thinks it is time for the town to take over the Union Cemetery Association. He explained that the trust isn't making any money and costs are going up. Chairman Ives asked if there are still lots available in the cemetery. Bob Ordway stated that there are. Selectman Bowles said he doesn't know what the process is for taking a cemetery. Chairman Ives said they will look into it; it might have to go before town meeting. Stan Prescott explained that there are two cemeteries there, the Mount Hope which the town owns and the Moore cemetery which the Union Cemetery Association owns. Mr. Prescott said if the association went defunct the town would get the cemetery but they don't want to do that. Mr. Lebrun said they are willing to help the town, but the paperwork as a nonprofit is \$75.00 which they don't have and the insurance has doubled. Selectman Bowles said they don't have the money in the budget for this year but if the association finished out this year, they could budget for it next year. Selectman Krieger asked if the people who can make this decision were in the room. Mr. Ordway explained that they are; he is the president, Mr. Prescott is the secretary/treasurer and others in the room are

trustees/members. Selectman Bowles said that he would like to see some of them stay involved. They agreed they will still be willing to help out. The board will look into it and get back to the association.

VI. Chairman Ives recognized Marc Richard from the audience. Mr. Richards explained that he just wanted to check in with the board to see where they stand on the pig situation. He said the last couple of weekends the smell has been horrendous. He explained that the state has washed their hands of it. Mr. Richard said he understands it is a farming community, that it is conservation land but one thing that attracted them to this piece of property was the goats across the street, but never expected pigs. He wanted to know where the board stands at this point so he can decide what steps he may need to take legally against the farmer. Mr. Richards said he wouldn't be able to sell his house for what he paid for it now because of the pig farm. Chairman Ives explained that they have a copy of the easement and a letter from the conservation commission. Selectman Bowles said that as far as the pigs go he doesn't believe they have a lot of grit, as long as best management practices are being met. He said he thinks the only thing they can do is work with the farmer to contain the smell. Chairman Ives said he went by the property and visually he doesn't think they look that bad and that particular day there wasn't much smell. Mr. Richard said that the discouraging thing is that they are caught in the bee's nest. Selectman Krieger suggested that the board mediate a meeting between Mr. Richards and the farmer. Mr. Richards said he would be willing to attend a meeting. The board will reach out to Mr. Tuson.

VII. The Board received a reminder that Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm is a Planning Board meeting.

VIII. The Board received a contract from Nobis Engineering for the design plan for the new town office. Selectman Bowles moved to authorize Chairman Ives to sign the contract with Nobis Engineering in the amount of \$24,800 for geotechnical engineering, site & utility plans, landscape design, permitting, meetings and constructions documents. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:8 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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