

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Present: Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives.
Also Present: Road Agent Lance Houle

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 14, 2015 as written. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.
 - a. Mr. Houle explained that on Thursday they are going to have the cracks sealed on Hemlock Hill, Plateau Ridge and Cross Brook Road.
 - b. Mr. Houle said Pike grinded Lovejoy Road last week. He explained that they have started to add gravel. Mr. Houle said he would be closing the road on Wednesday while they lay fabric. Chairman Bowles asked that Mr. Houle stay in contact with Chief Wright and Chief Fiske during the road closure. Mr. Houle said he hopes to finish graveling Lovejoy Thursday and go to Piper Hill on Friday. He said they also will add a little gravel to Stonegate Terrace. Mr. Houle said everything will set and they should be in the second week of August to pave.
 - c. Chairman Bowles said he spoke to Mr. Martin about the glass at the Transfer Station, they feel there is about 1000 tons there at this point. Mr. Martin feels it can be ground up in 4-5 days and would cost \$20,000 which is \$20 per ton. Chairman Bowles said at the last NRRRA meeting they were saying it is \$23-24 per ton. He said because it is one sight, and they can set up for 4-5 days they are willing to do it for that price. Chairman Bowles said now they need to figure out how to pay for it. Selectman Ives asked what is done with it. Chairman Bowles said it can be used around culverts, to sub-grade below gravel, and lifting areas of roads that are wet. He explained that it is a very usable product. Chairman Bowles said they need to do something because eventually DES is going to ask what they are doing with that big pile of glass. Selectman Ives asked when the last time they had it ground was. Chairman Bowles said never. Selectman Ives clarified that this would be an expense with no revenue coming in from it but they would have a stockpile of material to use. Chairman Bowles said when it was discussed with the previous road agent he thought half of the cost should come out of the transfer station budget and half out of the highway department budget. Chairman Bowles said they might have to wait until next summer and raise the money. Selectman Ives asked how long the price is good for. Chairman Bowles said he will check. He said the good thing is that it is not a yearly occurrence, that pile has been accumulating at least since Steve Bennett has been there; 12 years. Selectman Ives said he'd hate to sacrifice the budget. He'd like to see it built into the budget next year. Chairman Bowles said he will contact Mr. Martin and ask if he will hold the price for budget purposes. Chairman Bowles explained that there will be some return because they will use that instead of buying some gravel. Chairman Bowles said the transfer station has an expendable trust fund that they might be able to take half from but they would still need to find the other half. Chairman Bowles

- said they like to do it in the summer when it's as dry as possible; the end of August first of September is the ideal time for crushing. Selectman Ives said if they can find it in the budget for this year he wouldn't be opposed to it but if it can wait and it be built into the budget it would be best. Mr. Houle stated that at least they are working on a plan; that should satisfy DES.
- d. Selectman Ives said he was talking to someone in Epsom who told him that they don't use sand on their dirt roads in the winter, they use pea stone. Mr. Houle said they do, it's expensive. He said it has its purpose like in a heavy freezing rain storm but using it for everything would be a huge expense.
 - e. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Houle if he was going to get the paving done at the garage that they spoke to the crew about. Mr. Houle agreed to look at the paving and the budget.
 - f. Mr. Houle said Brian Magoon removed some trees for him on Lovejoy, Batchelder and School Streets. Mr. Houle said there are a lot more that really need to come down around town. Selectman Ives suggested that he keep picking away at them; some each year.
 - g. Chairman Bowles explained that they received an email from the Freewill Baptist Church regarding the hand rail that was taken out for the funeral of Betty Frost. Chairman Bowles said they need to figure out how to get that re-secured and get it so it can be easily removed for future funerals.
 - h. Mr. Houle explained that he received a call from Mike Harris. Mr. Harris claimed that he drove his car down Lesmerises Road off Clough Pond Road, he said there was no sign, the first 50 feet or so wasn't bad but then it got bad, he couldn't turn around or back out so he drove his car out and did damage to his vehicle. Mr. Houle said there is a big white sign there and about 30 feet in there were tree limbs down near the ground which would indicate the road is not traveled heavily. Mr. Houle said he went and took pictures of the sign and the trees hanging. He said Mr. Harris left another message today. Selectman Ives suggested that if Mr. Harris contacts Mr. Houle again he should explain that he is not authorized to settle anything like this and Mr. Harris should contact the Selectmen's office. Roger Maxfield asked what the sign says. Mr. Houle said it says closed by gates and bars; non-maintained road.
 - i. Selectman Ives told Mr. Houle that if he runs into anyone that is giving him a hard time he doesn't have to take any abuse he just needs to send them right to the Selectmen; that is what they are there for.
 - j. Chairman Bowles said that Steve Bennett updated the job description for the Transfer Station Manager. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Houle to review it. He explained that Mr. Houle and Selectmen Ives and Krieger would be reviewing the applications. He said the job will be posted on the town website and around town.
- III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received appointment papers for Agricultural Commission members: Cindy Shea term to exp 3/31/16, Christos Koufos term to expire 3/31/16, Carole Soule term to expire 3/31/17, Bruce Dawson term to expire 3/31/17, Annette Batchelder 3/31/18, Larry Stone term to expire 3/31/18, and Douglas Towle term to expire 3/31/18. Chairman Bowles explained that these are not new appointments.

These are corrected appointment papers; the originals said “Agricultural Committee” they should have read “Agricultural Commission”.

- b. The Board received an invoice in the amount of \$23,410.25 to NHMS for Fire Department expenses for NASCAR race for review. Chairman Bowles noted that this amount was down from last year.
- c. The Board received an email from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church regarding front step handrail. This was discussed earlier in the meeting. Selectman Ives asked who requested that the railing be removed. Chairman Bowles said he offered it to Henry when he was making his condolences. He explained that it is always removed for funerals. Chairman Bowles explained that the bolts rusted into the shield so when they went to take them out the bolts twisted off, and need to be replaced. He said it is fixable; the highway guys just haven’t had time to get to it yet.
- d. The Board received a copy of a letter that went from Chief Fiske to the Loudon Police Personnel. Chairman Bowles read the following: *I would like to express my appreciation for everyone’s help and coordination during this past race week. This particular weekend is notorious as being a busy and stressful weekend as most of you are aware. I was proud to see everyone working in harmony and saw true team participation. Whether it was responding to calls, checking on personnel, to setting up road closure details, all went smoothly.*
- e. The Board received the Clough Pond Beach water test results from Chief Fiske. The results are good for swimming.
- f. The Board received a change of attorney paperwork for Fairpoint litigation from the town attorney.
- g. The Board received a copy of the Loudon Agricultural Commission June 4, 2015 meeting minutes.
- h. The Board received a copy of the check they received for the hay field mowing.
- i. The Board received Emerald Ash Borer information from NH Dept of Agriculture.
- j. The Board received information from Deb Avery regarding her daughter Brooke’s UNH/Hockey East press release and a thank you for a scholarship.
- k. The Board received a thank you letter from Scholarship recipient Chance Grimaldi.
- l. The Board received an Xfinity TV service change notice.
- m. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

VII. Selectman Ives stated that the building committee is waiting for plans from the architect, who is waiting for information from her engineer. Once the architect has the information and finishes the plans it will go out to bid to general contractors. Selectman Ives said they have a list of three general contractors they want to work with and a list of sub-contractors i.e excavators, electricians, plumbers, most of these are from town. He said they are still moving forward but it is dragging right now and is frustrating but they are moving forward.

VIII. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:43 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman