

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009**

**PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr, Road Agent David Rice, and Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.**

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

- I. Chairman Bowles stated there were two representatives from Girl Scout Troop # 12641 to observe the Selectmen's Meeting and earn the "My Community" badge. The Scouts in attendance were Kate Merrill and Sidney Ingraham.
- II. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 21, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeffrey Burr. Chief Burr said Ryan Brown has resigned his position effective July 31. Chief Burr said he would like approval to hire Thomas B. Henley for the vacant position. Selectman Ives moved to hire Thomas B. Henley for the full time firefighter position effective August 4, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Ives said Mr. Henley is being hired to replace Ryan Brown, who has resigned to take another position in another town, not to create another full time position. Selectman Ives said Mr. Henley had been the number two choice decided on by the hiring committee. Chairman Bowles said an amendment to the motion is needed as Chief Burr would like to increase Mr. Henley's hourly rate to \$16.64 once he receives his state intermediate EMT license. Selectman Maxfield moved to amend the motion to include the provision to increase the rate of pay to \$16.64 once Mr. Henley receives his intermediate EMT license. All in favor of the amendment. Motion on the amendment carried. All in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice said he has been working with True Green to separate out the cost of the Veteran's Memorial maintenance from the Recreation Fields maintenance. He said he has also received a proposal to core aerate the ball fields to help thicken the growth of grass. The cost would be an additional \$1,800. Mr. Rice said he is not in favor of moving forward with the proposal at this time. The Selectmen concurred if there is not sufficient funding in the budget to cover this additional cost they are not in favor of approving this proposal.
  - b. Mr. Rice discussed the Wiggins Road mitigation plan received from The Louis Berger Group. Mr. Rice said he has discussed using Wayne Thistle's excavator to remove the rocks and debris. Mr. Rice said the town has to have a wetlands scientist on site during this work. He said he has discussed this with Judy Houston, the engineer for Louis Berger and she will be on site as needed. Mr. Rice said August 10 is the tentative date for the project start.
  - c. Mr. Rice said the crew is grading the dirt roads. They have been ditching on Lower Ridge and will start on Bumfagon Road on Thursday.

- d. Selectman Ives asked if there were any updates on the paving of the lot at the town office. Mr. Rice said he does not have a definite date yet.
- V. Chairman Bowles stated for the record that five pistol permits were signed for approval.
- VI. The Board met with Steve Bennett, Transfer Station Manager.
- a. Mr. Bennett said he wanted to address the disposal fees being charged at the Transfer Station. Mr. Bennett addressed the rates for building demolition, which he said were the least expensive in the area. He said based on the disposal costs incurred by town, he would recommend increasing the cost on the building demolition from \$45 per cubic yard to \$50 per cubic yard. Selectman Maxfield moved to support an increase in cost of building demolition to \$50 per cubic yard. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Roy Merrill asked about establishing a separate fee for roofing shingles, separating this item out of the building demolition. Selectman Ives moved to support establishing a disposal fee for roofing shingles, separate from building demolition, at \$75 per cubic yard. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Discussion ensued on disposal fees and advising residents of the proposed increase. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Bennett next addressed microwave ovens. He said he was not aware this item could not be placed in the metal pile. He said the average weight of an oven would be 30 pounds and a disposal fee of \$5.00 should be sufficient to cover the disposal costs. This item would be included with the disposal of electronic items. Selectman Maxfield moved to support establishing a fee for disposal of microwave ovens at \$5.00 each. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Ives said this is a wave of the future and might encourage people to use the products longer. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Bennett addressed light bulb disposal. He said the current rate for florescent bulbs is adequate. But the CFL bulbs need to be addressed. Chairman Bowles said the small bulbs probably end up in the hopper anyway and he does not feel a disposal cost should be established at this time. Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield agreed. The last item Mr. Bennett addressed is anti-freeze. He said it costs the town 75 cents per gallon to dispose of. He said he feels this is a fair disposal fee to break even. Selectman Ives moved to support establishing a disposal fee of 75 cents per gallon disposal fee for anti-freeze. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. The Board will now set a public hearing to discuss the proposed fee increases. A notice of the public hearing will be advertised in the Concord Monitor and notices will be posted in the five locations within the town. The date of the public hearing will be Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Building.
- VII. Selectman Maxfield explained the process of the Selectmen's Meeting to the Girl Scouts. He said each of the Department Heads who attended the meeting work for the Selectmen. He said the Selectmen set the budget for the town, and process a lot of paperwork. Selectman Maxfield explained that Mr. Bowles was the current Chairman of the Board. The question was asked about how long you could be a Selectman. Selectman Maxfield said a Selectman is elected by the people for a three year term. You can serve as many terms as you want as long as the people elect you. Selectman Maxfield was asked how he found out about running for Selectman. He

responded anyone can run for Selectman as long as they are a town resident and 18 years of age. He said there have been two female selectmen. He said you have to sign up to be on the ballot for the town election. The question was asked about the budget. Selectman Maxfield broke down the budget by the different portions that go to the town, the school, and the county. The question was asked what the Selectmen do for the town. Selectman Ives said basically look out for the best interest of the town. Chairman Bowles said the Selectmen oversee the other departments within the town. The question was asked if the town gets money from someone who buys a house in the town. Selectman Maxfield said the people who buy the houses pay taxes to the town. The Selectmen were asked if they hire people. Selectman Ives said yes, the Selectmen approve the hiring and firing of town employees. Chairman Bowles added but not elected officials. The Selectmen thanked the Scouts for coming to the meeting and encouraged them to continue to become involved in town government.

VIII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board revisited the correspondence from The Local Government Center regarding the downshifting of fees back to the towns by the state. This is considered an unfunded mandate and goes against the state constitution. Selectman Maxfield expressed his concerns for the assessment of fees being charged to each town to participate in the court action, considering that New Hampshire Municipal Association has several attorneys on their staff. Chairman Bowles asked Selectman Maxfield to contact the NH Municipal Association to get clarification of the fee assessment and report back to the Selectmen. The Board agreed they would sign the protest letter to be forwarded to the NH Retirement System as suggested by NHMA.
- b. The Board received copies of RSA Chapter 286 regarding fees as requested from town counsel.
- c. The Board received correspondence from NHDES on proposed changes to stream crossing rules.
- d. The Board received a copy of the payment received from Town of Chichester for the 2009-2010 Ambulance Subsidy in the amount of \$30,416.00.
- e. The Board received a request for scholarship payment to be made directly to the loan company for Samuel Doyon. This was the procedure approved for last year's award. The Board agreed this was acceptable as long it is specified to be paid directly to the tuition loan.
- f. The Board received copies of correspondence addressed to the Planning Board from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding his most recent inspections of two cisterns, one on School Street and one on Memory Lane.
- g. Chairman Bowles said due to the resignation of Town Clerk Terry Hamel, the Board has made the decision to appoint Helen McNeil to this position until the March elections. Selectman Maxfield moved to appoint Helen L. McNeil to the position of Town Clerk until March 31, 2010. Second by Selectman Ives. Selectman Ives moved to amend the date to March 13, 2010. All in favor of the amendment. Amendment carried. All in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles said he had spoken with Mrs. McNeil this evening and everything is going very well.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor.  
Motion carried.

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Dustin J. Bowles, *Chairman*

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Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman