

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 7, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, July 31, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Ives said he has approved the Minutes as presented because that is what was said during the meeting; however, he does not agree with everything Mr. Fiske put in the Minutes as being totally accurate. Selectman Bowles said that he agreed with Selectman Ives. Chairman Maxfield said he also does not agree with all of the statements Mr. Fiske made. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice discussed the silt issue at Clough Pond near Polly Touzin's property. He discussed using the excavator and a silt fence. Ms. Touzin asked about the silt fence. Mr. Rice said that the fence is placed into the water so the silt does not flow back into the water while they are working. Ms. Touzin asked if Judy Houston would be present during the work on the pond. The Board said that yes, Ms. Houston would be overseeing the project, but that she would probably not be present for the entire time. Ms. Touzin asked about her dock relative to the silt that has accumulated under it and asked if it were going to be removed and replaced. Discussion ensued regarding the dock. The Selectmen stated if they can move the dock without destroying it, they will or they will try to scoop out the silt without moving the dock. Ms. Touzin asked when the work would begin. Mr. Rice said as soon as the excavator becomes available. Ms. Touzin asked if Mr. Rice felt the catch basin would fix the problem of the silt going into the water. Mr. Rice stated, with the two catch basins it should stop the sand from going to the pond. Ms. Touzin said a lot of the water is going over the road and is concerned that the ditching may not fix the problem. Chairman Maxfield said that an engineered plan has been drawn up to mitigate the problem. Mr. Rice will contact Ms. Houston when he is ready to begin the work.
 - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been out working on road washout issues.
 - c. Chairman Maxfield stated he went to 132 Piper Hill Road as he had received a phone call regarding the crack between the road and driveway. Discussion ensued regarding culverts.

- d. Selectman Ives asked about the brush cleanup on Clough Pond Road. Discussion ensued regarding using the pole saw and picking up the branches along the side of the road.
 - e. Discussion ensued regarding issues with culverts under driveways and that property owners are responsible for maintaining those culverts. Mr. Rice will make copies of the RSA and hand them out to property owners when dealing with culvert issues. He also stated that he would submit the RSA into the *Loudon Ledger* so people will be made aware of their responsibility.
 - f. Selectman Ives asked about driveway issues on Route 129. Mr. Rice stated that driveway issues on State Roads needed to be addressed with John Pillsbury, out of the Gilford DOT Office.
- III. Selectman Bowles moved to enter into executive session to discuss a Highway Department personnel issue at 6:45 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Maxfield yes, Ives yes, Bowles yes. Motion carried. Chairman Maxfield stated the result of the executive session was discussion regarding a personnel issue.
- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received information from The Local Government Center regarding overtime compensation relative to Police Officers and overtime after 43 hours.
 - b. The Board received a request from a Highway Department employee for Family Medical Leave.
 - c. The Board received a notice for a Budget and Finance Workshop.
 - d. The Board received a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding the dry hydrant at the Village Dam. Chairman Maxfield stated RM Piper dug down and placed insulation around the pipe for the dry hydrant.
 - e. The Board discussed the August 3, 2007 correspondence from the Maxfield Library Trustees. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board is waiting for correspondence from Town Counsel regarding this issue. Selectman Bowles said it is unfortunate that the Trustees continue to not find time to sit down with the Selectmen to discuss the issues. He said he is appalled at the demands that are being sent to the Board, he feels it is not proper to demand that the Board does what the Trustees want. Selectman Bowles went on to say that, he feels the RSA clearly states there is to be a negotiated agreement between the Selectmen and Library Trustees. Selectman Ives said he totally agrees with Selectman Bowles and feels it is in the best interest of the Town to stay the course that has been decided upon. Selectman Bowles stated he does not like the allegations that are being made; that the pay increases they are demanding are not the pay increases that were agreed upon last December. He said some of the increases are much more than the 3.25% that they were advised they were getting. Chairman Maxfield stated the Trustees might be asking now for what

they wanted during budget time. He said it would be so simple for them to just come in and discuss what they want with the Selectmen. Chairman Maxfield went on to say that RSA 201-A: 11-3 says “pursuant to a payment schedule as agreed upon by the Library Trustees and the Selectmen”. He said the Library Trustees sent the Board a letter that basically said send us the money we’re authorized to pay our annual bills. Selectman Bowles stated the Board sent the Trustees a letter asking them to please forward their bills as has been done in the past and they will be paid on time. He said it is a little difficult for the Town to pay the bills when the Library holds on to those bills. Chairman Maxfield stated the Library was built in 1907 and the system in place has worked for 100 years.

- f. The Board received a letter from Michael Harris regarding his concerns for leaded gasoline at NHIS. The Board stated there are laws in affect preventing leaded gasoline use. A memo will be forwarded to Mr. Harris. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Harris previously advising the Board that he would not be contacting them regarding NHIS any longer, and yet he still is. Selectman Ives said Mr. Harris advised the Board that he would not meet with the Board in person; it had nothing to do with written correspondence.
- g. The Board received copies of the NHIS payment for Police Special Events July Nextel Cup Race in the amount of \$214,774.61.
- h. The Board received a response regarding the question of the outside light at the Town Hall. The light is not part of the municipal street light inventory and is billed on the Town Hall electric bill each month.
- i. The Board received correspondence regarding the Davis litigation as well as correspondence regarding the Baillargeon litigation.
- j. The Board received an e-mail and response regarding cemetery maintenance.
- k. The Board received a copy of a driveway permit for Dee Dee Maratea on Map 58 Lot 20. Discussion ensued regarding the lot merger with Map 58 Lot 19.
- l. The Board received a thank you card from the Cummings family.
- m. The Board received a Scholarship thank you from Victoria Brocious.
- n. The Board received the final Legislative Bulletin of the 2007 season.
- o. The Board received a notice of a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.
- p. Chairman Maxfield stated he felt that the Library Trustees needed to be sure that the bills are forwarded to the Town Office for payment. Selectman Bowles said the bills need to be paid in a timely manner and the Board had sent written correspondence requesting that the bills be submitted immediately. Chairman Maxfield stated he would contact the Library on Wednesday.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman