

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009**

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present Robert Fiske Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer, David Powelson Zoning Board of Adjustment Chair, and Stanley Prescott Planning Board Vice-Chair.

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

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 4, 2009 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit portion of the meeting.
 - a. Bob Fiske presented a hawker's and peddler's application for Verizon Wireless for a tower at Sunny Side Maples on Route 106. Mr. Fiske said all paperwork was in order.
 - b. Bob Fiske said he also wanted to address the hawker's and peddler's permit for NH Motor Speedway for the September NASCAR event. He said there had been one mishap during the June event and he would like to see a jersey barrier installed along the fence on the apron facing the Big Apple in addition to the tire barrier used in June. Mr. Fiske said he had directed the tires be bolted together to increase the safety factor. Selectman Ives asked about the hours of operation on this activity. Chairman Bowles said he thought the time had been knocked back to 10:00 P.M.
 - c. Mr. Fiske said he had a preliminary event scheduled for October 11 at the Miles Smith Farm on Beck Road. He said Ms. Soule is scheduling an open house with an expectation of 600 attendees with approximately 200 vehicles. She has stated she has sufficient space to accommodate the expected number of vehicles.
 - d. Mr. Fiske said he would like to discuss the situation with NH Motor Speedway while Planning Board and Zoning Board representatives are in attendance. Mr. Fiske said he would like to make the recommendation, given recent events, that the Speedway be required to post a bond in an amount significant enough to cover the police and fire protection required. He said it is his recommendation this be mandated. Chairman Bowles said he felt the situation does affect all the Boards. Mr. Fiske said he had presented the Police Department billing to the track following the June event in the amount of \$260,000 +/- . As of this date, the bill has not been paid. He said he received notification from William Brooks, Chief Financial Officer for Speedway Motorsports Inc., that he felt the bill was ludicrous and the manpower was arbitrary. Chief Fiske said this is the third race conducted under the new ownership with past bills having been paid, and the manpower was requested by the track and subsequently supplied. Chief Fiske said his manpower replaced hours manned by the State Police with a rate of \$43.00 hour vs. \$70.00 hour for the State Police. This resulted in a \$26,000 savings to

the Speedway. Chief Fiske said the Speedway feels that because they pay \$600,000 in property taxes annually, they should have the benefit of at least the Loudon Police Officers at no additional cost. Chief Fiske his response was this would be totally ludicrous and was not about to happen. He said due to being so close to the September race, he is not sure how the Selectmen intend to proceed. He said in addition to this issue, he has not had the cooperation from the Speedway regarding requests for information on the construction/mining issues ongoing. He said materials have been moved off site to private locations and he has been promised either a P38 form or letter of intent to ensure this material will be moved back to track property, but to date has received neither. Selectman Maxfield said it is not reasonable to expect property tax dollars to be used to offset the expense of the race when taxpayer dollars are used to pay the school, county, and the town. Chairman Bowles said the Board did meet with General Manager Jerry Gappens to discuss this situation. He said the minutes of that meeting will be published in The Ledger, but the meeting does not appear to have resolved anything. Selectman Ives said the Board has tried to be cordial to the track but if this does not get resolved it may be necessary to take legal action. Chairman Bowles stated he feels the bill will be paid, but it will probably be at the last minute. Chief Fiske said he agrees with Chairman Bowles, but he really feels increasing the bond should be looked at. Selectman Ives asked Chief Fiske about the August 27 job fair scheduled for NHMS. Chief Fiske said there will be three officers on duty to handle the traffic flow. Stanley Prescott said he and Planning Board/ZBA secretary Donna White had met with representatives from Central NH Regional Planning Commission on Monday on another matter. During the discussion it was recommended town officials contact officials from the Town of Foxboro Massachusetts to discuss how they manage the issues with Gillette Stadium. Population wise the towns are about the same size with the same form of government. Chairman Bowles said another issue that needs to be addressed is the valuation update or reassessment of the track property which will probably coincide with the next town wide re- assessment in 2011. Selectman Ives said if the payment is not received soon it may be necessary to get the State involved in the discussions. Chief Fiske said he still feels an increase in the bond should be instituted if the payment is not received before the September event. Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit meeting.

III. The Board resumed the regular Selectmen's meeting and discussions with Department Heads.

IV. The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

- a. Chief Fiske presented one pistol permit for approval.
- b. Chief Fiske said he had received a request from the Girl Scouts to extend the curfew for one hour to allow scouts to be at the Recreation Field to view the meteor shower taking place.
- c. Selectman Maxfield addressed a question he had received regarding raffle ticket sales during Old Home Day. Chief Fiske said his suggestion was a blanket

hawker's and peddler's application that can be approved by the Selectmen and would cover all those involved with Old Home Day.

- d. Selectman Ives asked Chief Fiske about the meeting he had with the security personnel from the Speedway. Chief Fiske said he did meet with Jerry Gappens, Mark Furlong, and Ray Bourque on Monday to discuss manpower for the September race. He said the track is looking to reduce manpower any way they can. Chief Fiske said he will listen to their requests, but once the manpower is cut, he will not have people available to be pulled from other areas to assist track security personnel. Chief Fiske said after much discussion, a detail sheet was marked up. Chief Fiske said he also reminded these gentlemen of the incident that took place several years ago during which a serious accident occurred while traffic was being directed by track security instead of regular police officers. Chief Fiske said he felt the meeting ended on a good understanding.
- e. Chairman Bowles said the Wiggins Road mitigation project is underway and almost completed. He said he would like Mr. Fiske to look at this area and ensure the safety barriers are sufficient in regards to the brook crossing. Selectman Ives said it was his understanding jersey barriers were going to be placed at the edge of the banking. Chairman Bowles asked Chief Fiske to get back to the Board once he checks on this situation.

V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board acknowledged receipt of payment from NH Motor Speedway for the Fire Department coverage for the June NASCAR event in the amount of \$39,782.50.
- b. The Board received an email from Albert Jones on Pleasant Street referencing service problems with Comcast.
- c. The Board was presented with an invoice from The Louis Berger Group for the Wiggins Road restoration plan for approval. Selectman Ives moved to approve payment for invoice #CM-1717-0002 in the amount of \$1,650.00. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Majority vote. Motion carried.
- d. The Board received an email for additional scope of services from The Louis Berger Group for the Wiggins Road restoration plan. Selectman Ives moved to approve an additional \$1,600.00 for the Wiggins Road restoration plan, with funds to be withdrawn from the Selectmen's engineering fee line. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Majority vote. Motion carried.
- e. The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee in regards to the annual audit which begins Monday, August 17 and a request to review estimated revenues that need to be submitted to DRA by September 1.
- f. The Board received copies of memos of wetland buffer issues on Memory Lane from Bob Fiske for review. The Board will draft a letter to the Conservation Committee to follow up with the land owners.
- g. The Board received a copy of a letter sent to Terry Knowles of the Charitable Trust Division of the Attorney General's office by Deborah Kardaseski in regards to Library Trust Fund expenditures.
- h. The Board received a copy of the Highway Block Grant payment for July in the amount of \$43,614.77.

- i. The Board acknowledged receipt of the ESMI Host Community Fee 2nd Quarter 2009 payment in the amount of \$12, 404.62.
- j. The Board received an email from Alicia Grimaldi, Recreation Committee Chair in regards to the installation of the back board at the tennis courts. The Board will draft thank you letters to Dave Therrien and Loudon Building Supply for their assistance with this project.
- k. The Board received copies of the July Agricultural Committee minutes for review.
- l. The Board received copies of the July 28 LYAA meeting minutes for review.
- m. The Board received an email from NH DOT requesting a letter of support for a grant application on Historic Bridge Preservation Plans.
- n. Chairman Bowles said the Board needs to address two estimates received for paving of Lovering Avenue and Soucook Lane. Selectman Ives moved to award the paving contract for the work on Lovering Avenue and Soucook Lane to Suburban Paving of Bow NH in the amount of \$104,550. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:47 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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