

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 11, 2015**

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Also present was: Police Chief Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Rick Wright, Road Agent Lance Houle, Planning Board Representative Stan Prescott and Zoning Board Representative Dave Powelson.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 4, 2015 as written. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. Chairman Bowles opened the Board of Permit meeting.
  - a. Chief Fiske explained that he hadn't heard from NHMS regarding the Color Run that is to be held at night as well as the Boy Scout Jamboree. He said he spoke to Jessica at the track; she said she is on the agenda to meet with the Selectmen next week. Chief Fiske said he asked if she has submitted a traffic control plan to the state, she told him she has spoken to them. He said that he has not seen any correspondence, he doesn't know how many people there will be, what gate they are going in etc. Chief Fiske explained that he wanted to bring it to their attention because time is of the essence. Chairman Bowles asked if a date is set for the events. Chief Fiske said the Boy Scouts are Columbus Day weekend and The Color Run is September 12. Selectman Ives said with kids involved he would like to speak to someone from the Boy Scouts about that event.
  - b. Chief Fiske said Greg Colarusso is looking to put an electrical line across Currier Road for a new house. Chief Fiske is wondering if this is something that should be bonded. He recalls that when the Browns wanted to run a sap line under the road on the ridge a bond was discussed. Chairman Bowles said that was a paved road and they wanted the bond in case they had to go back in and fix the road. Chief Fiske asked if Mr. Colarusso can move ahead or if he needs a bond. Selectman Krieger asked the Road Agent what he thought. Mr. Houle said he doesn't think there will be any mess. Selectman Ives said being a gravel road and with the people being involved he knows they'll do an excellent job. But he is concerned that if they don't set a bond for this one they'll be setting a precedent for the next one that comes along that maybe doesn't have quite the same reputation. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of fixing the road should it not be fixed properly. The Board agreed that a bond in the amount of \$2,000 would have to be put in place.
  - c. Chief Fiske said there is a controversy regarding sprinklers. He said there is a house on Memory Lane and one on Lower Ridge Road being built. He said that since sprinklers cannot be mandated now the question is why do they have to have them. Chief Fiske said he believes the sprinklers were a condition of the subdivisions and those sprinklers must be roughed in before the rough inspection or they won't get a certificate of occupancy. Chairman Bowles said if they are part of a subdivision approval he believes they have to follow through; they can try to go to zoning for relief. Mr. Powelson said with the appeal process they can appeal any decision made by any board. He explained that they have to appeal within 45 days of the decision so they can't appeal the original decision they would have to appeal Chief Fiske's decision. Mr. Powelson said they could try a hardship variance

but this is a life safety issue. Selectman Ives said they can't change the conditions of the subdivision approval on a house by house basis and that's what they are trying to do. Mr. Powelson said they can come see the zoning board.

- d. Selectman Krieger asked Chief Fiske to contact Jessica at the track and fill her in on their discussion tonight. He also suggested Chief tell her that things need to move along quicker.

Chairman Bowles closed the Board of Permit.

### III. The Board met with Chief Fiske.

- a. Chief Fiske said he wrote a letter to NHDOT requesting that the speed limit be dropped from 55 at Staniels Road.
- b. Chief Fiske said an officer went to check on Mr. Shaver's property this afternoon and found that he is continuing to clean up a little at a time but it is nowhere near substantial. Chairman Bowles said he has been in the transfer station so he know he is making an attempt.
- c. Chief Fiske said he will be writing a letter to the Lane and Green junkyards asking that they get a remedial letter from DES so they can move forward with their permits.

### IV. The Board met with Chief Wright.

- a. Chief Wright explained that Loudon's first factory built Engine a 1941 Ford Model T was in the Loudon Old Home Day parade and is in the fire station now. He said Engine 2 was Loudon's second Engine ever and is currently owned by former Fire Chief Jeff Jenkins. Chief Wright said both he and Jeff would like to see the department get this truck back; it is an important part of history. Chief said they are currently looking at options to make that happen.
- b. Chief Wright said he and other Capital Area towns met with four different ambulance billing companies; he said they have another meeting tomorrow. After that meeting he will bring the Selectmen his recommendation for which company he thinks they should hire.
- c. Chief Wright said a sign board was purchased in memory of Joe Merrill and delivered to the fire station yesterday. He said the sign board will be stored at station one and be available to any town agency that has an event that they would like to use it for. Chief Wright thanked Cindy Merrill and Dusty Bowles for their help with the purchase and delivery of the sign board.
- d. Chief Wright said on Sunday the fire department personnel did a cat rescue from a tree on Hardy Road. The cat's owner called and thanked them for the professional and courtesy way they handled the rescue; a picture is being sent to the Loudon Ledger to show appreciation for a job well done.
- e. Chief Wright said the date for the Harvest supper has been set for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Chief Wright said they had their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner at the Sno-Shakers Club a couple of weeks ago.
- g. Chief Wright said at Old Home Day they had some of the old trucks and games for their 75<sup>th</sup>. Chief Wright said he wants to thank all the people that worked for the fire department fundraiser.
- h. Chief Wright said the Timberman Triathlon will be coming through town on Sunday.
- i. Selectman Ives said Judy Merrow brought old photo's to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner. It was a good time going through those photos. Chief Wright explained that she asked if the department has a historian. Chief Wright said they don't but since then he has spoken to Gary

Sleeper who is going to organize photos and put them on disk, Charlie Byrnes is going to update the fire department board of past people and Dick Wright is going to talk to some of the former members and get history.

- V. The Board met with Mr. Houle.
- a. Mr. Houle explained that they set three basins and 180' of pipe at Oak Hill and Lovejoy Roads. He said they put in a basin and 100' of pipe across from Dragonfly Drive on Lovejoy Road and it worked today. He said he met with Pike today and they looked at driveway tie-ins. Pike will be in on Friday to lay the base. Mr. Houle said Mr. Malfait was very cooperative so they were able to move the stonewall back and set a basin.
  - b. Mr. Houle said he spoke to a gentleman that blew a tire on E. Ricker Road. Mr. Houle reviewed the tax map with the gentlemen it's hard to pinpoint whether it happened in Loudon or Chichester. Mr. Houle said the man is getting a little frustrated. Selectman Krieger asked what the man wants. Mr. Houle said he hasn't asked for anything yet he just wanted the Selectmen to be aware of the situation.
  - c. Chairman Bowles asked about the driveways on Lovejoy Road. Mr. Houle said they started working on them today, marking them, cutting some and getting them tied into the new road. He explained that they will be working on them Wednesday and Thursday in preparation for pavement on Friday.
  - d. Selectman Ives explained that he, Selectman Krieger and Road Agent Houle are the hiring committee for the Transfer Station Manager Job. He said that applications were due last Tuesday. Selectman Ives opened the envelope that contained the applications and said they received three applications. The applicants will be contacted to come in for interviews next Tuesday. Selectman Ives stated for the record that one of the applicants is sitting on this Board, Dustin Bowles. Selectman Ives said Mr. Bowles will not be involved in this procedure whatsoever.
  - e. Selectman Krieger asked Mr. Houle to get together with the office manager to discuss t-shirts for the highway department. Mr. Houle said he will, there have been conversations about colors and what should be on the t-shirt. Mr. Houle suggested they just say Town of Loudon with the seal so the transfer station department can also use them.
- VI. Selectman Krieger thanked all the departments for a successful Old Home Day. It seemed well attended in the morning when he was there. He said the Old Home Day Committee does a very, very good job. He said it couldn't be done without the help of the Highway, Police and Fire Departments. Selectman Krieger said a lot of people that aren't even from Loudon come over. Chairman Bowles said everyone does a good job and the committee certainly puts in a lot of hours to make it happen. Selectman Ives said it shows the teamwork among all the departments, everybody works together and gets the job done. He agrees with Selectman Krieger; people from outside the town say what a nice town this is.
- VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a copy of the August 2015 bill for the Merrimack Valley School district in the amount of \$722,040.64.
  - b. The Board received a copy of a letter from Bob Fiske to NH DOT regarding Staniels Road and Route 106 project. The letter is in regards to his concerns about the speed limit as was discussed earlier in this meeting.

- c. The Board received information regarding the NH Big Tree Program and a certificate of appreciation for Tree #849. Roger Maxfield stated that this tree, located on Piper Hill Road, is the largest Hemlock tree in Merrimack County.
  - d. The Board received a J. O. Cate Van, new driver certification notice for Fred Miller. The Board thanks Mr. Miller for volunteering his time to the Van.
  - e. The Board received population estimates from Office of Energy and Planning.
  - f. The Board received Fuel/Electric Assistance information from CAP. CAP is setting up appointments for the 2015/2016 season. This information will be posted in the town office lobby.
  - g. The Board received the Agricultural Commission July 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
  - h. The Board received Maxfield Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2015
  - i. The Board received an updated Telephone Listing with new Library Director's information.
  - j. The Board received correspondence from Michael Harris regarding drone aircraft.
- V. The Board received the following reminders.
- a. TCP Meeting is Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 PM.
  - b. The auction for the two tax properties is Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM.
- VI. Chairman Bowles recognized Police Chief Bob Fiske. Chief Fiske gave each of the three Selectmen a copy of the following letter:

*August 11, 2015*

*To all my friends and Residents of Loudon:*

*After nearly 44 years serving as your Police Chief, as well as the past 20 years serving as the Code Enforcement Officer, Building Inspector, Health Inspector and in recent years, Emergency Management Director, this letter will serve as my official notice of retirement from these duties effective September 20, 2015.*

*When I started in 1969, after returning from Vietnam, I was the youngest Police Chief in the State of NH at the age of 21. Although I took a brief break for approximately 3 years early in my career, it was evident that the profession pulled me back into the force.*

*In the many years I have worked for the residents of the Town of Loudon, I have seen a magnitude of changes. From a small, 2 person police force that was based from my home residence with my personal vehicle, to the fully staffed police department that consists of 6 full time officers and up to 6 part time police officers, an administrative assistant and dispatcher, fully equipped cruisers, to include a mobile command unit and trailer. In addition, several grants have been obtained over the years to oversee the various threats we need to remain vigilant of such as the emergency command unit, surveillance cameras, and emergency response procedures which deal with the major venue that hosts major races.*

*It has truly been a rewarding and pleasurable experience working for the residents of Loudon. I feel somewhat guilty in leaving my employ because of the close relationship that I have gained with all of our residents.*

*Although I will miss interacting with town folks on a daily basis in my chosen profession(s), it has come time for me to step back and look forward to enjoying a long and healthy retirement.*

*I cannot express enough gratitude to the residents over the years and have been truly humbled by your unwavering support. It has been an honor and privilege to serve and protect the residents of Loudon.*

*I look forward to being involved in the transitioning of my positions to persons qualified to continue the tasks.*

*In closing, I would like to commend the men and women of the Loudon Police Department for their dedication and professionalism to duty. It has been a true brotherhood and I will miss them dearly.*

*Sincerely,  
Robert N. Fiske*

Chairman Bowles stated that they regretfully accept it.

- VII. Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman