

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 12, 2014**

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger. Also present was Road Agent Dave Rice and Fire Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 5, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice said that they have finished paving the roads. The truck is almost put back together so they will be starting the gravel work on the sides of Oak Hill Road.
  - b. Mr. Rice said he picked up the new truck for the transfer station on Friday. He will be getting the pump and things swapped over. Chairman Ives asked what is going to happen to the old truck. Mr. Rice said they have a lot of things to strip off it and then it can go wherever the Selectmen want to send it. Selectman Krieger suggested it be weighed, see what its worth and put it out for bid.
  - c. Mr. Rice said they had a mishap with the big mower so it is at John Deere to be fixed.
  - d. Mr. Rice said he will be doing some research and getting together with Chief Fiske to discuss a policy and fine for snow plowing across the road. He discovered that Chichester has a policy so he will talk to them and other towns to see what their fines are. Selectman Krieger asked that Mr. Rice have it to the Selectmen next week so they can get the information into the Ledger.
  - e. Mr. Rice discussed impact fees with the Board. Selectman Bowles said the money has to be spent on improvements not on regular maintenance. Selectman Krieger asked about the drainage work on Oak Hill Road. Selectman Bowles said yes, that was an improvement. The Board discussed Currier Road and Piper Hill Road.
  - f. Mr. Rice said the new one-ton should be arriving soon.
  
- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.
  - a. Chief Wright said they had a good turnout of fire department personnel for Old Home day; for the parade, for the concession stand work and for the fireworks. He thanked the people that supported the Fire Department Association fundraiser.
  - b. Chief Wright said the Timberman Triathlon comes into town on Sunday, he has personnel assigned to cover the event at the event coordinators cost. There will be someone at the bike aid station at the library and two in the ambulance at Station 2.
  - c. Chief Wright said the delivery date for the new ambulance has been revised from mid-October to December 20 due to the factory experiencing a higher amount of business than anticipated.
  - d. Chief Wright said the new cistern on Pittsfield Road now has water in it. He will be scheduling a date to test it. Selectman Bowles asked about the easement for the cistern. Chief Wright will look into it.
  
- IV. The Board recognized Jim Brown from the audience. Mr. Brown explained that he has lived on Loudon Ridge for many years; they have a piece of land, map 36, lot 8 that is 47 acres and has been

in current use. He said that somehow the land was taken out of current use and they were assessed \$340.00 because they put a small building on there for the purpose of running the maple orchard. He explained that the building is sitting on concrete blocks. Mr. Brown said it seems unfair that it was taken out of current use. Selectman Krieger asked how big the building is. Mr. Brown said it is 8' x 10'. Chairman Ives said that according to the Land Use Change Tax paperwork; .086 of an acre was disqualified. Mr. Brown said he met with the town assessor the other day. Mr. Brown said the building has power run to it. Mr. Brown said he can't find any other town that does this and he talked to the farm bureau and they haven't heard of this kind of thing. Larry Moore said he thinks this sets a dangerous precedent, this is an agriculture community, and he's not changing the use of this forest land in any way. Mr. Moore said the amount of land taken for this is small; none of these buildings are permanent structures and can be picked up with a loader and moved. Selectman Bowles said the building has electricity hitched to it with a meter. He explained that he is not an assessor, the town hires an assessor and they understand the law, but once you do something permanent it changes the use. Kathy Hayes explained that times have changed and to be more efficient they need to have electricity, to pick up the building and move it would probably create more harm than it does to leave it there. She said she believes it is unfair to all of a sudden pick out one building on Loudon Ridge Road and have it changed. Selectman Bowles explained that they didn't pick out one building, the assessor does a section of town each year and this came up during a measuring and relisting of that area; there were other changes made in the area. He said they are not asking for it to be moved. Chairman Ives said they want some time to review this before making a decision. Selectman Krieger said that he needs to know more about it because he doesn't want to do anything illegal and he doesn't want to make it harder for the farms that are left in town. Earl Tuson said the town doesn't tax people for anything under 100 square feet. Selectman Bowles corrected him that you don't need a building permit for something under 100 square feet but it is still taxed. Selectman Krieger suggested that maybe there is something that the town can adopt for the agricultural community. Earl Tuson said there is RSA 79-f. The Board will look into this. Larry Moore said his problem is not with paying taxes on the building it is with taking it out of current use. Willie Stinson asked if this would fall under a tree farm. Chairman Ives said he doesn't know; that is why the town pays professional assessors, they know the laws. The Selectmen said they will research it and write them a letter or invite them back to a meeting. The Browns said they would like to come back.

- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District invoice due August 15th for the amount of \$727,388.64.
  - b. The Board received the annual ambulance subsidy check from Town of Chichester for \$32,038.79.
  - c. The Board received the ESMI 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Host Community Fee payment \$24,061.27.
  - d. The Board received a refund for the "Ash Credit" from the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery in the amount of \$93,442.00.
  - e. The Board received a memo from Donna White regarding an Impact Fee Update.
  - f. The Board received a copy of the Writ of Possession for Map 69 Lot 415.
  - g. The Board received a NH DOT notice of final inspection meeting for Route 106 pavement rehabilitation scheduled for Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.
  - h. The Board received a Regional Impact Notice from the Town of Sanbornton regarding a Verizon Wireless Cell Tower application and public hearing.

- i. The Board received scholarship thank you cards and letters from Jessica Ingerson, Colby Tierney, and Stephen Schwab
- j. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.

VI. The Board received the following reminders.

- a. There is a building committee meeting, Wednesday, August 13 at 4:00 PM.
- b. The Tank is being relocated on Friday, August 15 at 9:00 AM.
- c. The Timberman Triathlon will be coming through town on Sunday, August 17.
- d. The town auditor will be in the office Monday, August 18 through Wednesday, August 20.

VII. Selectman Krieger offered his thanks to everyone that helped make Old Home Day a success. A lot of time and effort goes into it.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman