

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2015

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Also present was: Fire Chief Rick Wright and Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

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

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 11, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Chief Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright submitted information to the Board regarding missing items from the fire station.
 - b. Chief Wright said they had a several issues with the Timberman Triathlon on Sunday. He explained that he contacted the Gilford Fire Chief who is his contact. Chief Carrier has offered to set up a meeting with the woman that organized the event. Chief Wright said there was a very aggressive race worker that interfered with patient care at a bike accident in front of the track. Chief Wright said there was also an incident in front of the Loudon Mart. The owner of the Loudon Mart said the Rt. 106 entrances to his stores in Loudon and Belmont were coned off without his permission. Chief Wright said they were set up so cars could go through but a guy was standing there yelling at them not to, there was no signage. There was an accident at the Loudon Mart with a bike and a car; there was also an aggressive race worker at that location. Chief Wright said in general their help seems to be very aggressive. Chief Wright said he heard there was significant traffic backed up on 106/129. Selectman Krieger suggested that Chief Wright have the meeting and bring the information back to the Selectmen. Selectman Ives said they have had the discussion in the past as to whether they want to approve having the event in town. Selectman Krieger stated that he isn't sure if they can keep them off 106 but can keep them off the side roads. Chief Fiske said he isn't sure how they could do that. Selectman Krieger said there is no benefit to the town for this event.
 - c. Chief Wright explained that he met with four different ambulance billing companies due to Concord Hospital terminating their billing service. Chief Wright recommends that they go with Comstar at 5%; a lot of other communities in the area use them and are happy. He explained that most of the communities in the area that are losing the Concord Hospital Service are going with Comstar so due to that Comstar dropped their rate from 6% to 5%. Chief Wright said the contract will be for three years with a 60-day opt out option.
 - d. Chief Wright submitted a new paramedic intercept agreement with Concord that needs to be reviewed and signed. Selectman Ives asked if they went up on their rate. Chief Wright said they did not.
 - e. Chief Wright said he spoke to Randy Cummings who confirmed that the Red Roof Inn is being sold; the closing is scheduled for Thursday.
 - f. Chief Wright said the dry hydrant at Oak Hill Drive now has a 6" connection and is closer to the road which greatly improves fire department access. He explained that all dry hydrants in town now have a 6" connection. Chief Wright said the dry hydrant at the end of International Drive was repaired after it snapped off during a test.

- g. Chief Wright said last evening personnel from Loudon, Chichester, and Concord Fire Departments attended training at the Huckleberry facility on Chichester Road. He explained that about 35 Fire and EMS people attended. Chief Wright said Dave and Tracy Huckins provided a cook-out for everyone, he thanks them.
- h. Selectman Krieger made a motion to accept the City of Concord Advanced Life Support Intercept Agreement, valid through June 30, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives stated that this is not an exclusive contract for Concord to be our only Intercept provider; other towns are also used depending upon who is available.

III. The Board met with Chief Fiske.

- a. Chief Fiske asked for a non-public session.
Selectman Ives moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:11 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Bowles – yes; Krieger – yes; Ives – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of non-public session at 6:31 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Bowles – yes; Krieger – yes; Ives – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Roll call vote: Bowles – yes; Krieger – yes; Ives – yes. Motion carries.
- b. Selectman Ives made a motion to approve the appointment paper for Kristoffer Burgess to hold the office of Sergeant with the Loudon Police Department, with a 12-month probation effective August 18, 2015. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. Selectman Krieger added that beginning on that date Sergeant Burgess will receive the same rate of pay as the current Sergeant. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Chairman Bowles stated that they have a Public Hearing scheduled for 6:30 pm; being 6:30 he recognized Mary Witschonke a representative from Sanborn Mills Farm. Ms. Witschonke explained that they have to lower the dam at the farm 9' for maintenance. Wetlands and the Fish & Game have been notified so they have come to notify the town. She said Fish & Game requires it to be lowered 6" per day. Selectman Ives asked if abutters have been notified and suggested that they are even if not required by the RSA. Chief Wright asked when this will be done. She said they can't do it for 30 days so sometime in September. Chairman Bowles asked if there were any questions from the public. There were none so he closed the hearing.

V. Selectman Ives made a motion to appoint Robert Krieger from the Merrimack County Sheriff's Department as the overseer of the Loudon Police force for the remainder of the race season encompassing the Sprint Cup race and any other events at the race track to ensure the safety of the public. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. Mr. Krieger clarified that this is only until they find a Chief. The Board agreed. Chairman Bowles stated that starting today Mr. Krieger will oversee any events at the track; any information regarding the track will come through him. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Selectman Krieger explained that last week the Board received Chief Fiske's letter of resignation effective September 20, 2015. Selectman Krieger made a motion to accept the letter of

resignation as presented to them last week. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives stated that they accept it with a heavy heart, it was unexpected, they knew it would happen eventually but it was a shock. Chairman Bowles echoed those sentiments.

- VII. Chairman Bowles made a motion that Robert Krieger will be the contact person for the Loudon Police Department upon Bob's retirement as the go to person for any major decisions that need to be made. He said the day to day operations will be run within the department. Seconded by Selectmen Ives. Mr. Krieger said this only until they find a Chief. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Krieger stated that he has been in contact with the police department. He said so it's a matter of record there are not going to be in major changes in the department; uniforms are staying the same, cruisers are staying the same, nothing will be changed that doesn't need to be changed before a new department head is hired. Selectman Ives stated that they want to make it as smooth a transition as possible and keep as much continuity as they can.
- VIII. The Board recognized New Hampshire Motor Speedway representatives Jessica Ferreira.
- a. Ms. Ferreira explained that when she was in a couple months ago to discuss the Color Run she said she would be back to follow up on attendance numbers and the plan. She said they are expecting about 5000 attendees, 3500 are currently enrolled in the race. The race is Saturday September 12th. Ms. Ferreira said she has been in contact with NHDOT and sent them the traffic control plan. Selectman Krieger asked if she has been in contact with Chief Wright and Chief Fiske. She said she spoke to Chief Fiske last week, they plan to do the same thing as last year which was three officers; one at S. Perimeter Road, one at Shaker Road/106 and one at 129/106. Selectman Krieger asked if everything is on track property. Ms. Ferreira confirmed it is. He asked if there will be a band. She said they will have a sound stage. Ms. Ferreira said the sound will be shut off by 10:00 pm. Chairman Bowles asked what time the let out is projected to be. Ms. Ferreira said the race should be done by 8:30 pm and they allow the extra time for celebration. Chief Fiske asked what the specific start time is for this event. Ms. Ferreira said the property will open at the South Gate at 4:00 pm for volunteers, early arrivals and day of registrations, the wave time won't be starting until about 6:00 pm. Chief Fiske asked if the police need to be on post at 4:00; she said no not until closer to the wave time. Chief Fiske asked what time the band starts. Ms. Ferreira explained that there won't be a band, just a sound stage for announcements and music playing throughout the event. Chief Fiske asked if that would start at 4:00, she said not until about 6:00 pm.
 - b. Ms. Ferreira explained that they have been approached by the International Chunkin Coalition to hold a Punkin Chunkin event on October 24 & 25 following the 24 Hours of Lemons event. She explained that the Chunkin Coalition is guys from New Hampshire that are Punkin Chunkin world record holders in trebuchet and air cannon. They have been doing public demonstrations for 10 years and participating in Punkin Chunkin for 16 years. Ms. Ferreira said they are proposing a two day Harvest Festival Event that will be held throughout NHMS. The festival will include demonstrations of air cannon, trebuchet and catapult. The entertainment will include live music, other "pumpkin" themed entertainment, festival rides, face painters, balloon artists and concessions. She said they anticipate 2000-3000 attendees between both days and would like to start selling tickets the first week of September. Ms. Ferreira said NHMS will return to update the Selectman of pre-sold tickets and anticipation of attendees. She said this is the same weekend as the Laconia Pumpkin

Festival. Ms. Ferreira said they would like to start the event on Saturday at 9:00 am and end at 8:00 pm, on Sunday they would like to start at 9:00 am and end at 5:00 pm. She said they plan to use the 5-lane entrance for this event. Ms. Ferreira said they expect 15-20 competitors; they will cap it off at 30. She said this will be a very family friendly event. Selectman Krieger asked if people would pay to get in. Ms. Ferreira said yes. Chairman Bowles said his biggest concern is that they be prepared in case there ends up being a bigger crowd than they anticipate. Ms. Ferreira said by doing the pre-sale they will get an idea of how tickets will sell. Chairman Bowles said if it ends up being a nice day they might get more than they expect. Ms. Ferreira said they will have their truck and cones ready should they need it. Selectman Ives asked how loud the air cannons are. Ms. Ferreira said she will get the decibels. Ms. Ferreira said she will follow up with both Chief Wright and Chief Fiske.

c. Chief Fiske asked about the Boy Scouts. Ms. Ferreira said there were administration changes in the Boy Scouts so she and Tom Blanchette met with the new head of the Boy Scout Troop and went over the entire event with them. When she meets with them again she will have more information about attendance etc. Chief Fiske said he is most concerned about any shooting. Ms. Ferreira said she is not sure what their plans are for shooting at this point. Selectman Ives said he would like to have a Boy Scout representative come in and talk to the Board. Ms. Ferreira said she will contact them and get on the agenda.

- IX. The Board recognized Ken Roketenetz, Linda Nelson and Jen Stringer all representatives of Presidential Pines Co-op from the audience.
- Mr. Roketenetz asked the Selectmen for an update on how they are doing getting the two mobile homes out of the park. Chairman Bowles said he called a couple of people but they are not getting back to him. Mr. Roketenetz said they have full possession of two homes. He said they would like to work with the Selectmen getting the four homes removed at the same time. Mr. Roketenetz said with them helping to get this done they would like a little leniency on the taxes that are owed on the two homes they have possession of. Selectman Krieger said that Mr. Roketenetz was going to check with the board to see if they would do something for the town since the town is paying park rent every month and he didn't hear anything back. Mr. Roketenetz said when this whole thing started they came in and verbally agreed that the town would pay the park rent of \$435.00 per month and technically speaking once the town took possession of those homes the non-member rent should have been \$535.00 per month. Selectman Ives said they had quite a few people interested in buying the trailers and everyone was rejected by the board. He said they also had a gentlemen come in two weeks ago that is interested but he can't get in touch with anyone. Ms. Nelson said they are under the impression that the homes are uninhabitable. Mr. Bowles said they need some TLC. Ms. Nelson will get in touch with the gentlemen and get him an application package. She explained the ones that were rejected couldn't pay the rent. Mr. Roketenetz said they have someone that wants to put a brand new double wide on the lot where one of the town homes sits. Mr. Roketenetz will continue working on getting someone to remove the homes. He asked about the taxes on their two. The Board will talk to the tax collector and see what is owed.
- X. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received NHDOT 2016 Highway Block Grant Aid payment information.

- b. The Board received an email from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church regarding the railing at the Town Hall. Chairman Bowles said the highway crew will get to it as soon as they can.
- c. The Board received an email from the Administrator of Chichester. They are posting “No Thru Trucking” signs on King Road and Canterbury Road. The Chichester Board of Selectmen would like Loudon’s Board of Selectmen’s feelings on the signs. The Board agreed that Chichester should do what they feel is right on their roads.
- d. The Board received a response from the town attorney regarding oversight of the race operations during the September race event.
- e. The Board received an abutter letter regarding the construction of the motorsports museum at NHMS.
- f. The Board received a copy of the 2nd Quarter Host Community Fee check in the amount of \$23,265.09.
- g. The Board received a copy of the Agricultural Commission Meeting Minutes of July, 2, 2015.
- h. The Board received Liberty Utilities Natural Gas Pipeline Safety information.

VI. The Board received a reminder that the Planning Board meets Thursday at 7:00 PM.

VII. Selectman Krieger said the ramp that goes into the town office needs to be replaced. It was noted during a recent inspection that it needs to be taken care of. Selectman Krieger suggested that they look into an aluminum one.

VIII. Selectman Krieger stated that he, Selectman Ives and Road Agent Houle did interviews today for the transfer station job. He said they picked someone that they feel will fit the requirements. Selectman Krieger stated that out of fairness to the three involved they will officially announce it next Tuesday.

IX. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:28 PM. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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