

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 12, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice discussed the progress on Goshen Drive and Sheeprock Road. He advised the Board that a culvert at the end of Goshen Drive needs to be replaced and discussed the paving schedule. Mr. Rice discussed some new changes relative to the culvert and Route 106. He said that Pike would begin paving on Wednesday. Mr. Rice stated that Pike would come back to finish paving the end of Goshen Drive once the culvert is replaced.
 - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the reclaiming of Upper City Road is tentatively set for the week after Labor Day.
 - c. Mr. Rice said that the Highway Crew had been dealing with issues with dirt roads due to all of the rain. He stated that they had been patching roads as well. Mr. Rice advised the Board that Bumfagon Road and Asby Road need additional work as well.
 - d. Chairman Ives stated he had spoken with Recreation Chairman Alicia Grimaldi and she agreed it would be best to wait until spring time to resurface the tennis courts. Mr. Rice will advise the tennis court company that the work will be done as early as possible in the spring. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having a Warrant Article for resurfacing versus just filling the cracks. Discussion ensued regarding different companies for this service.

- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr advised the Board that the generator for Station 2 has been ordered and he should have the bill for payment next week. Chairman Ives asked about the status of the old generator. Chief Burr stated it has already been taken to the Transfer Station for disposal. He advised the Board that the transfer switch has been ordered.
 - b. Chief Burr advised the Board that he has received the results of the energy audit from Public Service Company and they have provided a list of items that should be addressed. He stated that the total cost to make all the changes PSNH suggested be cost \$7,478.30. Chief Burr said that PSNH has a grant program

where they will cover half of the cost and the Town would be responsible for the remaining \$3,739.15. He said the estimated annual savings is projected to be \$1,406.82 per year. Chief Burr said he does not have the \$3,739.15 in his budget this year. He went on to say that PSNH has another option where the Town could continue to pay a monthly amount at the current rate and over the next 2.7 years it would pay for the work and the Town would not have to put any additional money upfront. Selectman Maxfield asked what was causing the inefficiency at the Fire Station. Chief Burr said it was the lights that appear to be the biggest problem. Discussion ensued regarding paying for this outright or the monthly payments. Chief Burr discussed his concerns regarding the Fire Department budget already being tight, fuel costs, and the added expense due to the replacement generator. He said he does not see where his budget can find the \$3,739.15. Chip Cochran was recognized from the audience. Mr. Cochran stated that the company he works for does this type of energy audit every year and the company has seen a savings with all of the changes they made. Selectman Bowles stated he felt if the Board was to agree to these changes, the payment should be made all at once so the actual savings could be monitored. He said he felt that by paying monthly installments it would not show any savings. Selectman Bowles asked if there was a time limit on the grant. Chief Burr will contact PSNH to find out if there is a specific timeframe for this offer and get back to the Board. Discussion ensued. Chief Burr will find out if there are any other payment options with PSNH.

- c. Chairman Ives asked about the status of the fire pond on Loudon Ridge Road. Chief Burr stated that this will begin late September.

IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received copies of a letter to the Editor of the Concord Monitor thanking Dave Rice and the Highway Crew for their prompt attention to a road matter.
- b. The Board received a letter from Ruth Murray regarding work done on Country Hill Road.
- c. The Board received copies of a response from Planning Board member Gary Tasker regarding the VOA plantings. Mr. Tasker stated that the plantings appear to be what was included on the plan with the exception of a few dead plants that need to be addressed. Selectman Bowles said he felt the issue is not with the plan; it is with the changes to the boundary line between Craig Maxfield's property and the VOA. He said the VOA took out more trees than they initially said they were going to do and the agreement was to replace as necessary to keep the neighbors happy. Chairman Ives said he felt Mr. Maxfield should go before the Planning Board with his concerns. Selectman Bowles said Mr. Maxfield has been before the Planning Board before. Discussion ensued regarding VOA funding and having VOA and Mr. Maxfield come before the Planning Board or turning it over to the Compliance Department. Chairman Ives suggested that this issue be brought up at the next Board of Permit.
- d. The Board received copies of a newspaper article regarding Talladega economics for review.

- e. The Board received copies of a letter Bob Fiske sent to Joanne Sanborn for review.
- f. The Board received copies of a DES notice regarding Pleasant View Gardens application.
- g. The Board received copies of the ESMI 2nd Quarter Host Community Fee payment in the amount of \$12,178.88.
- h. The Board received copies of a notice of resolution adopted by NH General Court for review.
- i. The Board received copies of past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Maxfield moved to forward past due ambulance account #31466 in the amount of \$589.80, account #18670 in the amount of \$606.80, and account #21085 in the amount of \$544.10 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- j. The Board received copies of an e-mail from Attorney O'Brien regarding the redistricting litigation.
- k. The Board received a scholarship thank you card for review.
- l. The Board received copies of the MS-4 Revenue Report for review and changes.
- m. The Board received copies of a letter from NH Land Surveyors Association regarding stamped plans.
- n. The Board received a request by the County Commissioner to meet with the Selectmen on September 30, 2008 to discuss an inmate work program.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman