

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 19, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

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 12, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a letter of intent from NHMS regarding the Sylvania 300 event scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 – Sunday, September 21, 2014. The Board discussed the schedule of activities. The Board discussed the ending time for the bands. The ending time for previous events will be looked at and a letter written to the track if necessary.
 - b. The Board received a letter of intent from NHMS regarding the Color Run scheduled for Saturday, October, 11, 2014. Chairman Ives said this event takes place within the track.
 - c. The Board received a memo from Chief Wright regarding the subdivision cistern on Pittsfield Road. Chief Wright said the cistern was tested by the Fire Department and worked well. He did ask Mr. Dumont to paint a full line mark on the water gauge. Mr. Dumont will pave the pull off area with state approval. Chief Wright also said he received the easement deed for the cistern; it has been signed and notarized.
 - d. The Board received a request from Bob Fiske regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy on Pittsfield Road. The Board said the cistern has been tested by the fire department and will not hold up the certificate of occupancy.
 - e. The Board received a copy of a memo sent to Chief Fiske from Chief Wright thanking the Police Department for the police escort for Dick Wright's retirement celebration.
 - f. The Board received a copy of a quote from Harry O Electrical Corp for Station #1, Station #2, and Police Department for review. The Board agreed that the work should be done.
 - g. The Board received a letter from State of NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) regarding hazard mitigation plan update funding.
 - h. The Board received an email from the Loudon Communications Council regarding their response and consideration to submissions they have received for inclusion in the Ledger.
 - i. The Board received a Project Notification from Continental Paving for resurfacing NH Route 106 near Autumn Drive in Concord to Cascade Park Campground (they are not resurfacing the Staniels Road intersection area at this time).

- j. The Board received a check from Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery in the amount of \$38,565.00. This is the second refund check for the “Ash Credit”.
- k. The Board received a donation from Philip Browne to LYAA for allowing him to use the field parking lot. The check will be forwarded to LYAA.
- l. The Board received the ESMI Compliance report for July 2014.
- m. The Board received a request from American Red Cross for funds for the upcoming fiscal year.
- n. The Board received scholarship thank you letters from Hannah Young and Stephen Schwab.

VI. The Board received the following reminders.

- a. Wednesday, August 20, 10am – Sheriff to serve Writ of Possession to 242 Redwood Road.
- b. Thursday, August 21, 7pm – Planning Board meeting. A conceptual site plan for the new town office will be presented.

VII. The Board recognized State Representative Howard Moffett from the audience.

- a. Mr. Moffett said that one of the most important bills this year was the gas tax increase. He said he supported it; it was something he thought was absolutely essential for keeping the infrastructure (roads) of the state in shape. Chairman Ives asked if it’s true that some of the gas tax money gets siphoned off for other uses. Mr. Moffett said that has been true in the past and is still happening with the 18 cents that has been in effect since 1991. He explained that article 6a of the state constitution provides that the highway and bridge fund can be used for two things roads & bridges and monitoring the safety of traffic of roads and bridges. Mr. Moffett said that monitoring has allowed the money to be used for patrol of the state highways; he said money was also diverted to DRED, Fish & Game and other things it had no business going to. Mr. Moffett explained that when the increase first came up in 2013 he went to chair of the public works and highway committee and told him he thought there needed to be an increase but unless the leaks were fixed he would not vote for it. Mr. Moffett said that every piece of the 4 cent increase is going to the highway and bridge fund some will still go to patrols but they have stopped the money from going to agencies that have nothing to do with roads and bridges.
- b. Mr. Moffett said another bill was to increase the flexibility in processing absentee ballots. He said he discussed this with our moderator Mike Labonte. Mr. Moffett said this bill will allow them to start processing absentee ballots within two hours after the polls open as long as the process is noticed in advance.
- c. Mr. Moffett said a bill regarding reporting of elected officials to NH Retirement System was cleared up.
- d. Mr. Moffett said there is a bill regarding biometric data; essentially it means they are going to have to be careful about the collection of fingerprints, photo’s etc. He said there are now very few things it can be done for except things like security at the airport.
- e. Mr. Moffett said there is a bill that would require letter notice to abutters, as long as there aren’t more than 100 abutters, of any zoning ordinance change.

- f. Mr. Moffett said a warrant is now needed before searching portable electronic devices.
- g. Mr. Moffett said he introduced two bills to legislature. He said the first doesn't really affect either Loudon or Canterbury but he is concerned about it because he cares about energy and taxes. He explained that for the last several years it has been that if a municipality entered into a pilot program with a company that wanted to do renewable generation facility (hydro, solar, wind) they could enter into an agreement where the town could agree with the developer to accept a payment in lieu of taxes at a lower amount than the facility would have been responsible for paying if it had been taxed at a regular basis. This allowed for economic development in some towns where developers had a good site but the economics wouldn't have been feasible without a break on the taxes. The problem was that DRA was equalizing property taxes in the town as though they were being taxed on fair market value. So if the town was in a cooperative school district or when it came time to pay county taxes they had to pay taxes at a much higher rate than they were taking in for pilot payments so it was becoming a burden to the taxpayers. He explained that the bill was passed and it basically just cleaned up the tax statute.
- h. He said the other bill was to prohibit discrimination in the admissions policy at the Veteran's home in Tilton against Veteran's that smoke. He said for many good reasons they became a smoke free campus but there were quite of few Veterans that smoke, those that were there became grandfathered and were given a place to smoke outside in a monitored environment. The Board said starting July 2013 you can't come to the home unless you agree to participate in a smoking cessation program; some veterans were turned away because they wouldn't give up smoking. He said there were a group of democrats and republicans that understood they were trying to do this for their health but these are veterans.
- i. Chairman Ives said that one issue that they are always concerned with is the cost of education. He explained that it's important to the board that the town residents realize that nearly \$800,000 goes to the school district each month. Mr. Moffett said he has been following the school board meetings. Selectman Bowles said the increase this year was over 1 million.
- j. Chairman Ives asked if most of the voting at the legislative level is done across party lines or are they voting for what they think their constituents want. Mr. Moffett said it is all over the place, a general statement can't be made about it, it depends on the issue and a lot of different things. He said as an example the budget passed in 2013 passed almost unanimously.
- k. Selectman Krieger thanked Mr. Moffett for coming in and for attending Old Home Day. Mr. Moffett said he will be running again. He said he has enjoyed it; he has gotten to know Loudon much better and is always amazed at town meeting. Selectman Bowles thanked Mr. Moffett for making himself available to the public.

VIII. Selectman Bowles said they need to do something about two storage trailers at the transfer station; he said they are falling apart and he is worried about putting the forklift in them. He said they have talked about extending the roof and removing the trailers. Selectman Bowles said if Chairman Ives and Selectman Krieger agree he will work with Steve and Dave to get prices. They agreed that the project should move forward.

IX. Chairman Ives said he went to the retirement celebration for Dick Wright. He said it was a well attended fun night.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 6:59 P.M. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman