

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

**Present: Selectman Bowles and Maxfield. Chairman Kardaseski is not present.
Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Police Chief, Code Enforcement/
Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.**

Selectman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- I. Selectman Bowles stated the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 23, 2005 could not be approved as Selectman Maxfield did not attend that meeting and Chairman Kardaseski is not present. The minutes will be brought back for approval next week.
- II. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.
 - a. Mr. Fiske discussed the issue of the speed limit on School Street, which has been 25 MPH during the road construction. It was agreed the speed limit on School Street is now back to 30 MPH to Batchelder Road and 35 MPH from Batchelder Road to the Concord line.
 - b. Mr. Fiske discussed the surveillance camera at the Recreation Field. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Rice talking with Marcia Flynn for permission to cut a tree on her property to have better visibility. Mr. Rice stated if Mrs. Flynn wanted the stump removed then they would have to reset the corner stone pin.
 - c. Mr. Fiske discussed the request from Harry Maclauchlan to put a sap house on his property on Bumfagon Road. Chief Fiske stated he had advised Mr. Maclauchlan he needed to obtain a building permit for an accessory building for agricultural use as long as the Selectmen agreed that this was allowable. Mr. Maclauchlan has already been advised about the current use penalty relating to the curtilage surrounding the sap house and driveway. The Board agreed Mr. Maclauchlan could proceed.
 - d. Mr. Fiske discussed the building permit application relative to some changes in the wording for the 2008 building permit application. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes. Selectman Bowles and Maxfield stated they did not have a problem with the changes.

- e. Selectman Bowles stated one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
- a. Mr. Rice advised the Board Ridge Road is all done and they have a little more to clean up on School Street.
 - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board the mower is on the back of the John Deere and they are going to begin work with it. Mr. Rice also stated Alan Minery would begin roadside mowing next week.
 - c. Selectman Maxfield discussed Loudon Ridge Road. He said the road is nice from Route 106 to Route 129.
 - d. Mr. Rice stated he needed to replace a culvert on Oak Hill Road and one on Ricker Road. He stated the ditches would be put back in on both the tar hills on Currier Road so they can be resurfaced. Selectman Bowles discussed an area on Flagg Road that is going to need to be repaired.
- IV. Selectman Maxfield gave an update on the Veterans Memorial at the Maxfield Public Library being donated by the VFW Post #448. He stated the construction was going along very well. There is currently one 30-foot flagpole in place, and two 25-foot flagpoles would be installed soon. He stated it would be for the American, State, and POW Flags. Selectman Maxfield went on to say that the project was brought before the Planning Board, Selectmen, and the American Legion membership for their review. He stated there has been one objection to moving the current Memorial located at the triangle on Village Road. Selectman Maxfield stated in all the presentations and included in the plan was the relocation of the current Memorial. He stated the plan is to move forward with the original plan to include the relocation of the current Memorial. Selectman Maxfield asked Selectman Bowles what he wanted to do. Selectman Bowles stated he did not want to make the decision, as he is not a Veteran. He feels the people involved with any war or service should be the ones who make the decisions. Selectman Maxfield stated it is a nearly unanimous decision among the Veterans to move forward with the project. Mr. Fiske stated he is not trying to make a problem, but it was his understanding that the plan was a conceptual plan. He went on to say he did not think it was proper to move the Memorial as it has been memorialized for years. Selectman Maxfield stated the objective is to memorialize all Veteran's. Mr. Fiske stated he is 100% behind the intent. Selectman Maxfield stated the Selectmen approved it and the Planning Board approved it. Mr. Fiske asked when they approved it, as he just was made aware that the Memorial was going to be moved. Selectman Maxfield said Chairman Kardaseski said she had no problem with it and obviously, he had no problem with it. Selectman Bowles stated he still stands on his statement that it was up to the Veterans and Service personnel and if they were all in agreement with it then it was fine. Selectman Maxfield said he felt the information was included on the plan and it had been discussed that

it was going to be relocated. Mr. Fiske stated he felt that, while he can appreciate the new memorial site, he feels its almost like moving a gravestone.

- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. Selectman Bowles stated the Selectmen and Church Trustees met last Thursday to discuss the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church reconstruction. He stated they are working on a contract with Steve Fifield to rebuild the roof and exterior of the structure before winter. Mr. Fifield will contact Selectman Bowles with the information.
 - b. The Board received a copy of the storage trailer lock combinations. Discussion ensued regarding possibly having the pews refinished at the State Prison as well as the need to move some of the remaining furniture to other areas.
 - c. The Board received a letter from FEMA regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - d. The Board received copies of the draft audit report from Auditor Paul Mercier.
 - e. The Board reviewed a request to waive ambulance fees due to extreme hardship. Selectman Maxfield moved to reduce the ambulance bill for account of #30933 by \$300.00 leaving a balance of \$313.52. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Maxfield asked that Office Manager Jean Lee forward a letter to the parties making the request. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - f. Selectman Maxfield moved to send past due ambulance bills account #24240 in the amount of \$68.25, account #30527 in the amount of \$449.44, account #29487 in the amount of \$236.08, account #17023 in the amount of \$1,305.54, account #29836 in the amount of \$415.44, account #29714 in the amount of \$432.44, account #29313 in the amount of \$105.66, account #29272 in the amount of \$589.00, account #29461 in the amount of \$474.50, and account #27743 in the amount of \$622.42 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- VI. Selectman Bowles asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments.
- a. John Plummer asked if it were necessary for the Board to forward the past due ambulance bills to collection. He asked if the Town was successful in recouping the costs. Selectman Maxfield stated they have been successful in getting approximately 80% or better. He stated almost all of the accounts being sent to collection this evening are from out of town. Selectman Maxfield contacted Office Manager Jean Lee and was advised the Town was currently getting approximately 70% of collections.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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