

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008**

PRESENT: Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Maxfield.

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 26, 2008. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield stated he would like to amend the minutes of August 26, 2008, paragraph IV, the last sentence. The sentence currently reads "Selectman Maxfield stated the fund is set up through the year 2108, and he hopes that the Selectmen in the future will keep an eye on this account". Selectman Maxfield said he would like to strike the first part of this sentence and revise the wording to say "Selectman Maxfield stated the fund is set up and he hopes the Selectmen, in the future, will keep an eye on this account". Selectman Maxfield moved to approve this amendment. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor of the amendment. Motion carried. Chairman Ives called for a vote to approve the minutes as amended. Moved by Selectman Bowles. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield said he wanted to clarify this fund has been set up in perpetuity. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Ives stated the Board of Permit, which had been rescheduled to tonight, was cancelled as there were no items on the agenda. In addition, Chairman Ives reminded those present the Selectmen's meeting for September 9 is cancelled due to the State Primary Election.
- III. Selectman Bowles moved to approve a petition and pole license No. 9AA8YK, Pole 38-29 on School Street, Loudon. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IV. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of Tuesday, August 26, 2008 as presented. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. Chairman Ives stated the Board has received letters of resignation from Deputy Tax Collector Dorothy Mulkhey and Deputy Town Clerk Eileen Maxfield, which the Board accepts with regret. He commended both ladies for their many years of dedicated service to the Town of Loudon, and expressed the Board's appreciation. Selectman Bowles

said he concurred with the Chairman's statement and also expressed appreciation for their service to the town. Selectman Maxfield said he concurs with these comments as well.

- b. Selectman Bowles moved to appoint Deirdre Littlefield of Pembroke New Hampshire to fill the vacancy of Deputy Tax Collector as well as Deputy Town Clerk effective September 2, 2008. Both terms to expire March 31, 2009. Second by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Ives stated both Tax Collector Helen McNeil and Town Clerk Terry Hamel recommended Mrs. Littlefield for the position as she has been working in both offices and is familiar with the procedures and the town's people. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence from Merrimack Valley School District relative to the proposed purchase of the Beede Electric property adjacent to the school complex in Penacook.
- d. The Board received the invoice from George Sansoucy for the 2008 utilities assessment update for approval. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve payment to George A. Sansoucy PE, LLC for the 2008 utilities assessment update in the amount of \$3,000. Second by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Maxfield noted that Mr. Sansoucy has been reviewing the utilities assessment for Loudon for the past 12 years or more and that the public utilities are the second highest tax payers in the town. He stated he felt the funds are well spent in contracting with Mr. Sansoucy for this service. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. The Board noted the receipt of the insurance reimbursement for the generator at Fire Station 2 that was damaged by lightening.
- f. The Board received a memo from office assistant Bonnie Theriault regarding the current cemetery maintenance contract. Mr. St. Laurent has said he will continue the maintenance in 2009 for the same contract price. Selectman Bowles moved to award the 2009 cemetery maintenance contract to Arthur St. Laurent Lawn Care for the same price as approved for 2008. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- g. The Board received the draft minutes of the August Planning Board meeting for review.
- h. The Board received two past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Maxfield moved to send the following past due ambulance bills to collection; Account # 40467 in the amount of \$544.10 and Account # 37577 in the amount of \$535.60. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- VI. Chairman Ives recognized John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer asked if the Selectmen were planning on re-stripping any roads in town. Chairman Ives said it is not planned for now. He said the Board is concerned about the high fuel costs and is trying to be very conservative in an effort to get through the winter expenses. If there are funds available toward the end of

the fiscal year this may be looked into at that time. Selectman Maxfield said the Board is going to meet with County Commissioner Asplund- Walsh to discuss inmates from the Merrimack County Jail performing work for the town at no cost. There are several projects that could be addressed through this program.

- VII. Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:02 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, *Chairman*

Dustin J. Bowles, *Selectman*

Roger A. Maxfield, *Selectman*