

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.  
Also present was Police Chief Kris Burgess and Road Agent Lance Houle.

- I. Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- II. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, August 23, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle
  - a. Mr. Houle explained that he mentioned to the Board a couple of weeks ago that he was thinking about doing some pavement sealing on Loudon Ridge Road. He explained that it will be about \$23,000. Selectman Ives confirmed that this will extend the life of the pavement. Mr. Houle said it would. Selectman Ives asked where he was considering doing it. Mr. Houle said he would start at Route 129 and go around the sharp corner to about the Browns; about a mile and 2/10ths total. Mr. Houle said he has the money in the budget. Selectman Fiske said if it'll extend the road five years it should be done. The Board agreed that it could be done.
  - b. Mr. Houle said a homeowner on Church Street called about three trees on Church Street that she would like taken down because of branches in her yard. He explained that there is a tree that is on town property that isn't a danger now but if the other two were removed it could be. The Board said if the one on town property isn't a danger it should be left for now.
- IV. Road Agent Lance Houle asked to go into a nonpublic session to discuss a personnel issue. Chief Selectman Ives moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) at 6:10 PM.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of non-public session at 6:15 PM; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Chairman Krieger said the discussion was about the promotion of a highway department employee. Mr. Houle explained that he would like to promote Mike Pickering to be second in charge of the highway department starting October 1<sup>st</sup> at \$19.00 per hour. The board agreed.
- V. Jeff Miller said that with as many executive sessions that have been held lately he looked at a list of the top ten reasons for going into nonpublic session from the AG's office. He said that personnel being promoted or discussed as long as it doesn't hurt reputation or character should be in public session. Chairman Krieger handed Mr. Miller a copy of the nonpublic session form that the Board received from the town attorney. Chairman Krieger said that according to that they are within their rights.

- VI. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.
- a. Chief Burgess submitted a Letter of Intent for the September race and the Bubble Run. He explained that the majority of the Bubble Run will be held in Canterbury. Selectman Fiske asked for clarification as to where it will be held and where the traffic will be exiting from. Selectman Fiske asked that Letters of Intent be submitted the week before Board of Permit and be included on that agenda so the Planning Board and Zoning Board have a chance to review them. Selectman Fiske asked Chief Burgess if the rides at the track are inspected. Chief Burgess said he will ask.
  - b. Chief Burgess submitted a copy of the bill that went to the track for Hot Import nights.
  - c. Selectman Ives asked how things are going with the gas lines. Chief Burgess said they are going well. Selectman Ives asked if they are cooperating fully with the department. Chief Burgess said they are.
  - d. Chief Burgess explained that they previously discussed the hourly rate for the dispatcher for the races but hadn't come to a conclusion. He said he did research and suggested \$25.00 per hour. Selectman Ives asked if he could find someone at that rate. Chief Burgess said he could. Selectman Fiske asked if the \$6.00 overhead charge will be added. Chief Burgess said it will be. Selectman Ives said even though it's not taxpayer's money it's the tracks money he feels an obligation to not gouge them. Chairman Krieger said that is lower than what he was thinking; about a month ago they were talking about \$30.00. Selectman Fiske said the recommendation from the Chief is \$25.00 so he is all for \$25.00 to the dispatcher with \$6.00 for overhead; a total of \$31.00 billed to the track. Chief Burgess suggested that they try it at this rate for the September race and discuss it next year if they need to. The Board agreed.
  - e. Chief Burgess explained that the Pittsfield Police can no longer assist with their cruisers during races unless they are allowed to bill the track directly. He said if they can't do that they will still assist just not with cruisers. Chief Burgess said they typically have two officers; the charge would be \$74.00 per officer with a cruiser billed directly to the track. Selectman Fiske said Pittsfield has done a great job over the years however he would be concerned with them billing separately. He asked if they can use Loudon cruisers. Chief Burgess said they can. Selectman Ives agreed saying that it would open the door to other towns wanting to do their own billing.
- VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a letter and check in the amount of \$5,000 for the NH the Beautiful grant received towards the purchase of the skid-steer. Chairman Krieger explained that Dustin Bowles applied for and got that money. The Board thanked Dustin.
  - b. The Board received the Highway Block Grant aid notification for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The anticipated amount is \$172,515.16.
  - c. The Board received a check from NHMS in the amount of \$134,110.90 for the Fire Dept and Police Dept manpower for the July race.
  - d. The Board received the MVSD September invoice in the amount of \$712,499.64.
  - e. The Board received an inquiry from Chief Wright as to whether a building permit for the new town office should be started. The Board agreed that he should go ahead with that permit.
  - f. The Board received the Loudon Agriculture Commission August 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes.
  - g. The Board received a request from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for \$500 to be added to Loudon's 2017 budget.

- h. The Board received a thank you card from Barbara Cameron for her surprise retirement party from the J.O. Cate Van.
- i. The Board received a thank you from a scholarship recipient.
- j. The Board received a copy of the current expenditure report.

VIII. The Board received the following reminders:

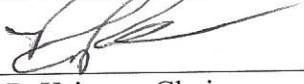
- a. Thursday, September 8 at 1:15pm is a TCP Meeting.
- b. Monday, September 12 at 7:15pm is a School Board Meeting.
- c. Tuesday, September 13 is the State Primary Election; there will not be a Selectmen's Meeting.

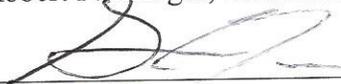
IX. Chairman Krieger recognized Michele York, representative of the Historical Society. Michele explained that the original Boston Post Cane is kept at the Historical Society. She is asked often who has the cane now. Michele found records that say the last person to receive it was Cara Dowes in 2007. She read the following: *On August 2, 1909, Mr. Edwin A. Grozier, Publisher of the Boston Post, a newspaper, forwarded to the Board of Selectmen in 700 towns\* (no cities included) in New England a gold-headed ebony cane with the request that it be presented with the compliments of the Boston Post to the oldest male citizen of the town, to be used by him as long as he lives (or moves from the town), and at his death handed down to the next oldest citizen of the town. The cane would belong to the town and not the man who received it. The canes were all made by J.F. Fradley and Co., a New York manufacturer, from ebony shipped in seven-foot lengths from the Congo in Africa. They were cut to cane lengths, seasoned for six months, turned on lathes to the right thickness, coated and polished. They had a 14-carat gold head two inches long, decorated by hand, and a ferruled tip. The head was engraved with the inscription, — Presented by the Boston Post to the oldest citizen of Loudon. The Board of Selectmen were to be the trustees of the cane and keep it always in the hands of the oldest citizen. In 1924, Mr. Grozier died, and the Boston Post was taken over by his son, Richard, who failed to continue his father's success and eventually died in a mental hospital. At one time the Boston Post was considered the nation's leading standard-sized newspaper in circulation. In 1930, after considerable controversy, eligibility for the cane was opened to women as well.* Michele said she isn't sure why the Historical Society has it. She said that a plaque was given to Cara Dowes. Michele would like to know how the Board would like to handle this. She explained that Canterbury put in their newsletter that they were taking recommendations for their cane, applications were available at the town office and the cane was presented in August. Chairman Krieger said that what Canterbury did would work, something could be put in the Loudon Ledger. Chairman Krieger said he would hate to see the cane leave. Selectman Ives agreed and said he likes the idea of the plaque. Selectman Ives said the perhaps it could be presented at Old Home Day. The Board thanked Michele for bringing the question to them.

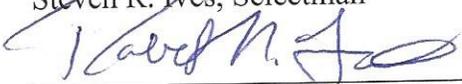
The Selectmen's office received a phone call from TD Bank. They want to donate the mural that is in the bank to the historical society or to the town. Michele said they don't have room for it in the historical society but maybe it could be hung in the barn. Chairman Krieger said he will go to the bank and take care of it.

X. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn 6:42 PM. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

  
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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

  
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Robert N. Fiske, Selectman