

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.
Also present was Police Chief Kris Burgess and Fire Chief Rick Wright.

- 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, September 13, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 6, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IV. Chairman Krieger explained that Dave Powelson died suddenly Saturday. He said Dave will be truly missed, he was very helpful for the town of Loudon, he was a very compassionate and big-hearted man. Chairman Krieger said that records show that Dave joined the Zoning Board in 1993 and became the Chairman of the Board in 2006. He said Dave gave more to the Town than he ever got credit for. Chairman Krieger sent his condolences' to the family; he'll be deeply missed. Selectman Ives echoed Chairman Krieger's remarks. He said he served with Dave on the Zoning Board for eight years; Dave was a very calming influence on the board, very thoughtful, he didn't make rash decisions, he thought things through completely. Selectman Ives said he was a very, very nice gentlemen and will be sorely missed. Selectman Fiske echoed those thoughts. He said he knew Dave for many years and he will be sorely missed.
- V. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright
 - a. Chief Wright explained that he is in the process of applying for a 50/50 forestry grant to replace the very old pump on their second forestry truck. He said if they get it it will be \$2,000; the balance will come out the fire department budget.
 - b. Chief Wright said he is keeping close track of the water sources for fire protection as the drought continues. He said about half of the normal locations are too low for service.
 - c. Chief Wright said the primary elections at the fire station went pretty well.
 - d. Chief Wright said they are ready for the NASCAR race. He said mutual aid is lined up as well as all the special trailers; E911, Health & Human Services, Capital Area Public Health, Fire Marshall's Office, Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. He said he appreciates the help from all of them.
 - e. Chief Wright said the Harvest Supper is Saturday, October 15, 2016.
 - f. Chief Wright said calls are at a record pace; they are at 798 as of today which is more than ever. He said there was a bad accident Friday; five patients were transported. Chief said there was another pretty serious one by Brookside Pizza; two cars were involved. Chief Burgess was the first on site; he pulled the driver out of the vehicle that was on its side and still running with fluids running out of it. He told Chief Burgess he did a great job.
- VI. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

- a. Chief Burgess said that the Northeast Motor Sports Museum is having an open house on Saturday, September 24th from 9am to 4pm.
- b. Chief Burgess said they met with John Mortimer and everything is all set for that event in October.
- c. Chief Burgess said he has received two quotes for the berretta's that they used to carry; he is looking for at least one if not two more quotes. He explained that the quotes he has received are decent but might not be exactly what the firearms are worth.
- d. Chief Burgess said he had a meeting with Marc Richards and his wife on Friday. He explained that there is an issue with the trespassing of livestock. Chief Burgess said he explained the process in handling the issue from this point forward. Selectman Ives asked if Mr. Richards is clear that he needs to follow through with the process if he starts it. Chief Burgess said both Mr. Richards and his wife understand how the process will work moving forward.
- e. Chief Burgess said as far as manpower for the races everything is coming together. He said Janice has worked diligently on the schedule and there are only a couple open slots on Sunday which they will fill as they go along.
- f. Selectman Fiske asked about the Bubble Run at the track. Chief Burgess said between the Bubble Run, the Vintage Cars and other events that took place there was a traffic issue. He said because the Bubble Run took place mostly in Canterbury a Canterbury Officer was stationed at the North gate. Chairman Krieger suggested that this be brought up at the meeting with the track after the race. Chief Burgess said the issue was because of the number of events at the same time.
- g. Selectman Fiske expressed his grave concern with the concert business at the track. He said they have spoken to the track officials about it; that they'd be better to call it a band. Selectman Fiske said his fear is that if it keeps going on it'll be called past practice and allowed. Chairman Krieger said he believes that the covenants say they can have a concert if it's in conjunction with a race. Selectman Ives said it's a gray area when they start advertising the concert instead of the race. Chairman Krieger said they will add it to the list of what they discuss with the track at their meeting after the race.

VII. Chairman Krieger recognized Janice Morin, representative of the Communications Council from the audience.

- a. Ms. Morin said there have been questions as to why elections have been moved from one location to another. She explained that Sharon Drake has been nice enough to reach out to the Town Clerk and Supervisors and written an article for the Ledger. Ms. Morin said they will also be putting the information on the front page of the October issue.
- b. Ms. Morin said the other thing the Council discussed at their last meeting was that they would like the Selectmen to do an article for the next addition of the Ledger about the new town office building. She said some of the members would be taking pictures. Ms. Morin said the deadline is October 14th and they would like to have something from the Selectmen.

VIII. Selectman Ives moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (i) at 6:15 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 6:30 PM; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years. seconded by

Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries

- IX. Chairman Krieger recognized Bernie and Nathan Huckins from the audience. Bernie Huckins explained that they recently purchase property on Clough Pond Road. He explained that they were cleaning up blocks that have fallen down from a retaining wall. Mr. Huckins said they don't intend to remove any more of the wall; just clean up what has fallen down. Selectman Ives explained that the previous owner started developing that property and had someone come in dig out the banking and put up a makeshift retaining wall. It started to affect the road, she received a cease and desist until she got an engineered wall. Selectman Ives explained that their concern is protecting the integrity of the road and when they heard that something was going on there they wanted to discuss it. Mr. Huckins said they are only cleaning up the blocks that have fallen down and cleaning up the foundation that has fallen down. Selectman Fiske asked about the jersey barriers that were on the upper side of the property. Mr. Huckins said they were concerned about the two on the top falling so they took them down. Selectman Fiske said he spoke to the Road Agent who has concerns; especially if there was to be a big rainstorm. He asked Mr. Huckins to get in touch with the Road Agent if they are going to do anymore cleanup. Mr. Huckins agreed. Chief Wright explained that because they didn't know who had bought the place and what they were doing, a cease and desist was issued. He asked if the cease and desist can be released now. Selectman Fiske said he would release it since the Huckins were kind enough to come and discuss it. The rest of the Board agreed. Chief Wright said he will take care of the paperwork tomorrow.
- X. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received the Merrimack County Tax Apportionment in the amount of \$1,541,797.
 - b. The Board received an overdue ambulance bill for review. Chief Wright asked if the bills can be sent directly to collections or if they need to come to the Selectmen first. Selectman Ives said he would at least want to see a list of the names of those being forwarded. Chairman Krieger agreed that they would like to see the names however Chief Wright can forward bills directly to collection.
 - c. The Board received a letter and check from Eagle Scout James Dunbar regarding the Village cemetery. James forwarded \$299.31 which is the remainder of the funds from his Eagle Scout project. The money is intended for the upkeep and care of the Village Cemetery. Selectman Ives said that James did a great job.
 - d. The Board received an email and pictures from Marc Richards regarding trespassing. This was discussed with Chief Burgess earlier in the meeting.
 - e. The Board received the ESMI Self-report for August 2016. Selectman Fiske asked Chief Wright if there have been any complaints regarding noise or smell from the facility. Chief Wright said they have not received any complaints.
 - f. The Board received a copy of a Grant check in the amount of \$445.00 that the Agriculture Commission received.
 - g. The Board received the August 4th Agriculture Commission Meeting Minutes.
 - h. The Board received a request from the American Red Cross for a donation.

- i. The Board received a regional impact notification regarding a Telecommunication tower in Hooksett.
- j. The Board received a thank you from Wingate University for a scholarship that the town gave one of their students.
- k. The Board received an email from Donna White asking at what level event they would like to see a Letter of Intent from the track. Selectman Fiske said he spoke to her about it and told her that any event of significance; anything that involves fire and police. Selectman Ives said that he thought there was a number involved like if there is going to be 3000 or 4000 people they need a Letter of Intent. Chairman Krieger said it will be researched and added to the list of items to discuss with the track when they come in after the race. Chief Wright said the question is that have something going on every weekend so at what point do they need the letter.
- l. The Board received a letter from a resident of Berry Road about the road conditions. Selectman Ives said he has spoken to a few people on that road who say there is no issue. Selectman Fiske said he spoke to the Road Agent about it and the issue seems to be the asphalt breaking up where it joins the dirt. He said other than a little cold patch there really isn't much they can do.
- m. The Board received a letter from someone on Clough Pond Road about installing a septic on the ROW near his property. He would like to discuss it with the Board. Chairman Krieger will contact the Road Agent about this.
- n. The Board received information from Michele York about the Boston Post Cane. The Board would like to see the cane remain in the Historical Society and a plaque perhaps with a picture of the cane on it given to the recipient. Ms. York would like to put the information and application in the next Loudon Ledger. The Board agreed that can be done and they expressed their appreciation to Ms. York for her work on this.
- o. The Board discussed the question as to whether an employee working a special detail has to use vacation/holiday pay. The Town does not have a policy for this. Chairman Krieger said he doesn't mind employees not using vacation/holiday time for this race because some haven't in the past however he wants the town to have a policy. Chairman Krieger said that NHMA said it seems harsh to force vacation time to be used, Canterbury has a policy and Gilmanston is working on one. Selectman Fiske said that employees are not forced to work details; if they are getting benefits they need to get a full week in. Chairman Krieger said he agrees; however there needs to be a policy for the employees to follow. Selectman Ives said he would be lenient and say that if they are working for the track, which is a benefit to the town, they don't have to use vacation time but for any other detail they would have to. Chairman Krieger said they will research it further and come up with a policy that goes through the labor board. Chairman Krieger said in his opinion they let it go for this race and get that policy in place. Selectman Fiske said in his opinion the answer is no. Selectman Ives said since there is no policy in place at this time they should let it go for this race and since the schedule is already in place, they should be allowed to work without using their vacation

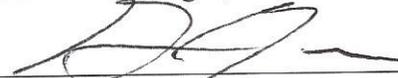
time; a policy will be put in place before the next race. Selectman Fiske said it has been the protocol of the police department so they know what to expect. Selectman Ives said it hasn't been with the Fire Department so they need a town wide policy. He said they can't allow the Fire Department to do it and not the Police; it's unfair to enforce a policy that they don't have in place. Chairman Krieger said they will allow it for this race.

- XI. Chairman Krieger again expressed his condolences to the Powelson family.
- XII. Selectman Ives thanked Chief Wright and the Fire Department for the use of the Fire Station for elections. He also thanked the highway department for setting it up and taking it down.
- XIII. Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 7:20 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

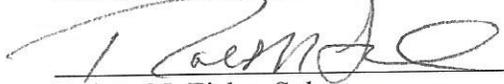
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