

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 22, 2015**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.
Also present were Road Agent Lance Houle, Sergeant Kristoffer Burgess and Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 15, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.
 - a. Mr. Houle said he came in because he is interested in what the gentleman that is discussing signs at 6:30 has to say.
 - b. Mr. Houle said Lovejoy Road paving is complete.
 - c. Mr. Houle said they have started doing some roadside mowing, fall grading and ditching.
 - d. Mr. Houle said they received applications for the transfer station job He said he and Dustin will be interviewing three tomorrow. Selectman Maxfield asked if this is a part time job and how many hours. Mr. Houle said it is part time and approximately 20 hours per week.
 - e. Chairman Krieger said as discussed at another meeting they are going to require a bond from the person digging across Currier Road for conduit.
 - f. Selectman Ives asked if the shed at Presidential Pines has been moved. Mr. Houle said it has been. Selectman Ives asked about the garage on the other lot. Mr. Houle said the sills were rotted and the garage is not worth moving.
 - g. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Houle about the box that they are renting for \$60.00 per month for the transfer station. Mr. Houle explained that they store the electronics in it. He explained that it would be better to purchase it rather than to continue renting it every month; it would be about \$4500. Chairman Krieger asked if there is a line in the budget that the money can be taken from. Mr. Houle said there is; he will discuss it with Dustin tomorrow.
 - h. Mr. Houle said they only have to get his pickup and truck 4 inspected; everything else is done.
 - i. Mr. Houle said he picked up the ramp for the town office and will install it on Friday.

- III. The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Bill Lake. Deputy Lake explained that he is there for both Fire and Code.
 - a. Deputy Lake said they had an appointment tomorrow to inspect a house on Route 129 for an occupancy permit but they called the builder and cancelled it because of driveway issues. Deputy Lake said the driveway does not meet Town Zoning specs or State of NH specs according to Tim Landry. He said there are issues with the slope; a fire truck would never be able to get up there. Deputy Lake said if they issue the occupancy permit they have nothing to hold to get the driveway fixed so in his

opinion the CO should not be issued until the driveway is fixed. Deputy Lake said he wants to be sure the Selectmen are in agreement because the builder is not going to like it. Chairman Krieger stated that he can come in next week to see them if he wants to. Deputy Lake said there is a zoning meeting Thursday night and he would like to discuss it with them. Deputy Lake said according to Mr. Landry the state is going to look at it again tomorrow, he's pretty sure they aren't going to approve the small section that they are responsible for. Selectman Ives said the state regulates the location of the driveway and our zoning regulations take over on the slope. Chairman Krieger suggested that Deputy Lake get something in writing from the state.

b. Selectman Ives said he is impressed with what Rich Maltais did with the forestry unit.

IV. The Board met with Sergeant Kristoffer Burgess.

a. Chairman Krieger explained that he, Sergeant Akerstrom, Sergeant Burgess and Police Secretary Janice Morin sat down on Monday and talked about some things that are going to be happening. They are going to be doing an inventory of all the vehicles and equipment, an inventory of the evidence room, locks will be changed, camera's will be shut down for the time being until they find out where they go and how they are being monitored; it his understanding that they can be monitored remotely so they need to find out who can do that. Chairman Krieger said the two sergeants are splitting calls at night, if the night officer has a question he/she calls one of them and if they have a question they can call him. Sergeant Burgess said they completed the evidence room today and will be working on the cruisers tomorrow. Chairman Krieger said the goal is to get everything cleaned up and in order so when the next Chief starts everything will be turnkey and ready to go.

b. Chairman Krieger said that between Sergeant Akerstrom and Sergeant Burgess he has no doubt that everything is going to be fine at the station.

c. Chairman Krieger said they are getting ready for the race.

d. Sergeant Burgess said everybody is adjusting well to the big change. Selectman Ives said it sounds like everyone is pulling together and are a cohesive unit.

e. Chairman Krieger told Sergeant Burgess he would like them to hire some part-time help for the Scout weekend at night. He wants the scouts to feel safe and if traffic becomes a problem they could help with that. Chairman Krieger suggested that they drive through during the day also and make their presence known.

f. Chairman Krieger thanked Sergeant Burgess as well as the others at the station for everything they are doing. Selectman Ives said he appreciates them pulling together, they will get this period of time and they will be a stronger unit on the other end. Selectman Maxfield also thanked them.

g. Chairman Krieger explained he has an Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement for the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit. He said this is a special team comprised of local police officers. Chairman Krieger said it cost \$3,000 per year to join and with that we send someone for the training and we get about \$8,000 worth of equipment. He said that Sergeant Burgess is interested in joining it and getting trained. Selectman Ives said it looks similar to the mutual aid agreement the fire department has. Chairman Krieger explained that Sergeant Burgess could get called to another city or town and we would have to pay him for that time. Jeff Miller from the audience stated that Chichester has been doing it for at least five year and it has

worked out overwhelmingly good. He said it is great training, a great resource and for the amount of money it cost there is a large return. Chairman Krieger said Sergeant Burgess was a marine, he is the firearms instructor and he believes he would be a good fit for this. Sergeant Burgess said the trainings are on Thursdays; he already works Thursdays so the town wouldn't have to pay him additional time and they wouldn't have to pay someone to cover him because they have an overlap shift on Thursdays. Selectman Maxfield asked who oversees this program. Chairman Krieger said Mike Pearl from the Concord Police Department runs the unit. Selectman Ives said he likes that it is local and not state. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to enter into the Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement with the Central New Hampshire Special Operations Unit in the amount of \$3,000 with funds to be taken from 01-42100-800-860. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received information from town council regarding NHMS v Town of Loudon.
 - b. The Board received information from town council regarding the audit.
 - c. The Board received a request from Accurate Title to get a 30 day extension for the closing of the Pleasant Street Ext. property that was sold at auction. The Board agreed to the 30 day extension.
 - d. The Board received gravel pit information from the Planning Board. Selectman Ives explained that in 2010 Stan Prescott and Bob Cole reviewed all the gravel pits in town. They made some recommendations on how to keep an accurate assessment of all the pits. He said a request was made at the Planning Board that the Selectmen act on these recommendations. He explained that Donna looked into this and was advised by Central NH Regional Planning Commissions that these regulations should be adopted by the Planning Board not the Board of Selectmen.
 - e. The Board received an Election ballot from New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials.
 - f. The Board received NHDOT information regarding a meeting October 15, 2015 to discuss streetlight discontinuance in Loudon. Chairman Krieger explained that NHDOT want to remove street lights that they feel are not necessary and according to the map there are quite a few.
 - g. The Board received a copy of a letter from NHDOT acknowledging Chief Fiske's letter to them in regards to Staniels Rd/Route 106. Chairman Krieger said this is regard to the lights and the safety concerns. NHDOT said they are monitoring it and will make adjustments if they find them to be necessary.
 - h. The Board received a request from the Maxfield Public Library Trustees to withdraw funds from the Library Collection Maintenance in the amount of \$3,625.22. Selectman Ives made a motion to approve the request from the Maxfield Library Trustees to withdraw the amount of \$3,625.22 from the Library Collection Maintenance fund. Seconded by Roger Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

- i. The Board received the Maxfield Public Libraries Newsletter. The library requests that it be hung up in the town office. Chairman Krieger said it is a very nice newsletter and will be hung up.
- j. The Board received the Loudon Agricultural Commission August 6, 2015 meeting minutes.
- k. The Board received CNHRPC information regarding the update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- l. The Board received the August 1025 Property transfers.
- m. The Board received a thank you note from scholarship recipient Cassidy Boon.
- n. The Board received the 2015-2016 NH Municipal Officials Directory.

VI. The Board received the following reminders:

- a. Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 pm is the Zoning Board Meeting.
- b. Saturday, September 26, 1t 2:00 pm is the Groundbreaking ceremony at the Motorsports Museum.

VII. Chairman Krieger recognized Mike Harris from the audience.

- a. Mr. Harris asked what brings Selectman Maxfield back to the Board. Chairman Krieger explained that Dustin Bowles is now a fulltime employee at the transfer station so that left a position on the Board, after a few weeks of consideration Mr. Maxfield was selected to fill the seat. Mr. Harris said in his opinion it was a good choice. Mr. Harris asked about the process for picking a new police chief, code enforcement officer, animal control officer and building inspector. Chairman Krieger explained that code enforcement, building and health stuff went to the fire department. He said that Deputy Fire Chief Lake has been diving right into it. Chairman Krieger said they haven't started on the police chief job at all; there are two Sergeants that are taking care of business and he is overseeing it for now. Chairman Krieger said they want to get through the race before they start an active search. He said the animal control stuff is done by the police department.
- b. Mr. Harris said he brought three copies of the Laconia Daily Sun. He explained that the City of Laconia has noise challenges similar in some ways to what Loudon has. Mr. Harris said the City of Laconia is in the process of developing a new comprehensive noise control ordinance. He thought the Board would like to have the opportunity to read what they are doing with perhaps the idea that our Town Father's would like to consider what they are doing to protect the residents of Loudon. Chairman Krieger thanked Mr. Harris for the information.
- c. Mr. Harris said that as far as the road signs, there are two things. He said one is that we are still calling the road to the transfer station "Dump road". He thinks that is inappropriate in regards to what goes on at the transfer station. Mr. Harris said he has been in town of many years and the dump used to be a pit in the ground and buried. He said it has evolved into a very good transfer station in his opinion. He believes it is the Selectmen's prerogative to name the roads in town and they should consider changing it to memorialize someone suitable or call it something like Environmental Drive. He said these names would show the pride of the town; it hasn't been a dump for many years. Mr. Harris said he goes there 1-2 times a week and see's everyone

making an effort and to honor that effort the name should be changed. Chairman Krieger agreed that the people that work there do a good job and the people recycling do a good job and he hears what Mr. Harris is saying.

- d. Mr. Harris said the second thing is regarding an incident he had on Lesmerises Road a couple of months ago. He said he got his vehicle stuck, he got it out and all is fine. Mr. Harris said he knows the town has a new road agent. He called the road agent and explained that he looked at the official town map that shows the road goes all the way through and asked the road agent to do whatever he could as far as signage. Mr. Harris said he made it very clear to the road agent that he is not asking for damages or money he just wanted it to be known that there is a problem. He thinks maybe the signage should be better or the map changed. Mr. Harris said he went back to Lesmerises Road a week later with his sons and camera's and found brand new chainsaw cuts on trees and broken off branches that had been obscuring the sign. He said on the other end there is no signs but the official town map shows it goes through. Chairman Krieger asked what map Mr. Harris is referring to. Mr. Harris said maps that can be picked up at the town office and the library that fold and have advertisements. Chairman Krieger said those are not "official" town maps. Mr. Harris said the NH Atlas and Gazetteer is a large format map and it shows Lesmerises Road. Mr. Harris said he called the road agent to be helpful not to make a claim. Chairman Krieger clarified that the signage on one end is visible. Mr. Harris agreed stating that there is no signage on the other end. Chairman Krieger thanked Mr. Harris for bringing it up, they appreciate it when residents get involved and they will get a sign on the other end. Selectman Ives stated that he thinks the current road agent is doing a phenomenal job, he's catching up on a lot of stuff that had been left behind, and he said those branches and trees did not grow overnight. Selectman Ives said the whole department is doing good, morale is great and they have a very organized and well maintained highway department. Selectman Maxfield said that the road agent did take corrective action in cutting tree's and branches and making the sign visible.
- e. Mr. Harris asked if it shouldn't be sorted out what gets published in the Loudon Ledger. He said he wrote the town a very serious letter months ago about the problem of drones being flown at the track and it only got one and a half lines in the Ledger then this thing comes up about Lesmerises Road and its three paragraphs.

VIII. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Robert P. Krieger, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman