

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles and Selectman Krieger.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 16, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board recognized Helen McNeil's twenty years as a member of the Tax Collector's Association. Selectmen Krieger congratulated her on that achievement, Chairman Ives said she does an excellent job and Selectman Bowles said the town is lucky to have her.
- III. Selectman Krieger made a motion to appoint the following people to the Loudon Agricultural Commission effective today: Annette Batchelder, to expire March 31, 2015, Cindy Shea, to expire March 31, 2016, Christos D. Koufos, to expire March 31, 2016, Carole Soule, to expire March 31, 2017 and Bruce Dawson, to expire March 31, 2017. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles thanked these people for volunteering to start the commission back up.
- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a copy of the invoice to go to NHMS for Fire Department coverage for September 19-21, 2014 race event. The Board agreed that it should be forwarded to NHMS. Chairman Ives stated his appreciation to the Town of Pembroke and the Pembroke Fire Department for the use of their ladder truck for the second race in a row.
 - b. The Board received the NH Retirement System contribution rates effective July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017.
 - c. The Board received six overdue ambulance bills for their review. Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bills to collection: acct #3556 in the amount of \$669.20, acct #4856 in the amount of \$505.95, acct #5116 in the amount of \$646.70, acct #2172 in the amount of \$682.40, acct #5312 in the amount of \$114.47, and acct #5661 in the amount of \$546.30. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Board received a letter from Comcast regarding grandfathered cable packages.
 - e. The Board received an email from Webster Selectman Bruce Johnson, regarding a resolution for the State of NH to provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs.
 - f. The Board received a copy of the dam inspection for the property owned by The Ledges Golf Links, Inc.
 - g. The Board received a copy of a DES On-Site Full Compliance Evaluation Report for property owned by Fillmore Industries, Inc.
 - h. The Board received a scholarship thank you letter from Sean Newcomb.
 - i. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

- III. The Board received the following reminders:
- a. Thursday, September 25, 2014 the Board is meeting with town counsel at 7:00 am in Concord at his office.
 - b. Sunday, September 28, 2014 is the New England Half Marathon (Millennium Running). Chairman Ives stated that this is the one that starts at the track and goes down Shaker Road. Selectman Bowles said there are signs out, he hopes people notice them.
 - c. Thursday, September 25, 2014 is the Zoning Board meeting.

- IV. The Board met with Dick Berggren and Jerry Gappens to discuss a proposed North East Motor Sports Museum in Loudon.

- a. Mr. Berggren gave a brief explanation of the group working on bringing this museum to New Hampshire. He stated that there are 23 board members working on this project, and they are all volunteers. Mr. Berggren stated that this museum would be for cars, motorcycles, and anything to do with the sport of racing. He indicated that this project has two possible sites. One site is in Loudon, located on NH Route 106, and will be on a parcel of land owned by NHMS. This parcel is north of The Big Apple Convenience Store. The proposal is to lease a 2-acre parcel of land to build a one-story steel and concrete building, 165 feet long and 60 feet wide. It would be just less than 10,000 square feet with the possible expansion of an additional 10,000 square feet in the future if needed. There is a potential plan to have a theatre included in the plan at some point in the future. Mr. Berggren advised the Board, that the building would not be taxable as they are a non-profit organization and fall under the 501C-3 exemption. The building would hold racing artifacts, vehicles, collections, and any type of memorabilia pertaining to racing. Mr. Berggren stated the focus of the museum would be geared towards getting children interested in racing and hopefully inspiring them to continue being involved in the sport. He said that currently there are over 400 people who have bought memberships to the museum, as this is how this project will move forward. The second possible site is located in Epping New Hampshire, at New England Dragway. Mr. Berggren said that there has been a proposal to build the museum in Epping; however, he feels that in his opinion, the museum should be in Loudon. Mr. Berggren stated that with Route 101 being so close to the race track and the larger population in that area, there are some members on the board that feel the Epping site would be the best choice. He discussed New Hampshire racing history and said this area tends to have more oval track fans, therefore, he sees the museum being built near the oval track.

Jerry Gappens discussed that the Race Track agrees that the museum should be built in Loudon, and he sees the project as a benefit to the area. Chairman Ives asked what would happen to the building if for some reason the museum had to close down. Mr. Gappens stated that it would revert to the track and they had numerous possible uses for the building. Some possible uses were storage, hospitality area, or even rent the building out for private functions. He said the use of the building in the future is something they would look into if needed.

Mr. Berggren asked the Board for their opinion on this project. Chairman Ives stated he felt there would be a benefit to the area with increased patronage to local businesses. Mr. Berggren stated he felt the biggest benefit would be to the track itself. He said that racing is not drawing in the younger crowd but with the museum

being geared towards the education of children, he sees the potential to get the interest generated again. Selectman Bowles said if this project benefits the local economy, then he has no reason not to support it. Selectman Krieger asked why the proposed site of the museum was not closer to the track itself. Mr. Gappens stated that they felt having the visibility of NH Route 106 would be beneficial and that there are trams that run during race events that would probably be available to bring patrons back and forth as needed. The Board all agreed they felt this would be a potential benefit for Loudon.

Mr. Gappens explained that the discussion regarding this project began in 2008, and said that with all the improvements to the track and the buildings being upgraded, this new building would fit in with the overall theme of the Track.

It was discussed that the museum would probably be open only on the weekends as this museum will be operated by volunteers and will survive by admission prices and donations.

Mr. Berggren advised the Board that he is ready to have a meeting with his board members to make a decision on the site of the proposed museum within the next few weeks.

A Loudon resident was acknowledged from the audience. He stated that he felt if the museum was put anywhere other than Loudon, it would be a mistake.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman