

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield and Little.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Selectman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- I. Selectman Little moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 20, 2005 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr updated the Board on the progress of the Capital Area Public Health Committee. He provided the Board with copies of the results of the combined meetings. Chief Burr stated it is a work in progress and they are now in the process of trying to get other communities involved to be sure everyone has public health access in an emergency.
 - b. Selectman Maxfield advised those present a tentative date of October 18, 2005 at 7:00 PM has been chosen for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Hearing. He stated the Selectmen have to approve the plan.
- III. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.
 - a. Chief Fiske provided the Board with copies of bills for C. N. Brown in the amount of \$1,978.00 and NHIS \$184,044.91 for police protection and traffic control from race week. The Board commended Chief Fiske for a job well done during race week. Chief Fiske stated the only complaints he has heard or received were regarding not enough space for the RV's, which has nothing to do with the Police Department. Selectman Bowles stated he has not heard a lot of complaints regarding crossing at Route 129, etc.
 - b. Selectman Bowles stated for the record three pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
 - c. Selectman Maxfield stated he would like to commend Fire Chief Jeff Burr on all the work he has done regarding the CAPHC in order for the Town to receive federal funds.
- IV. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.

- a. Mr. Rice discussed the proposal for a Winter Maintenance Schedule. He stated he can fill out the required information and once it is ready have the Selectmen review it for their input. The Board agreed. Selectman Little stated he felt Mr. Rice was in the position to determine how this information would impact snow plowing in Town.
 - b. Mr. Rice discussed looking into getting a waste oil heater for the Highway Garage. He stated currently the fuel used for heat is the same fuel they use for the trucks. Mr. Rice stated the Transfer Station as well as the Highway Department generates enough waste oil to carry the Highway Garage through most of the heating season. Mr. Rice stated he would look into the costs associated with this. Discussion ensued regarding truck fuel versus heating fuel as well as future savings for the Town. Discussion ensued regarding the overhead door as well as regular doors needing to be worked on. Mr. Rice stated he felt the remaining doors would get through this season as he would like to focus on the waste oil heater.
 - c. Selectman Bowles stated he would like to see the Highway Crew take care of the issues with the ditches and culverts and water that backs out on the roads before winter. Mr. Rice stated they have been working on Currier Road. He will work on getting other areas done as time allows.
- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a fax from Susan Sprague from LGC-PLT regarding the advanced payment received from the Loudon Freewill Baptist Church Trustees. Discussion ensued regarding locating a copy of the insurance policy, the current condition of the building as well as discussions with the Town Attorney, and the \$150,000.00 payment by Church Mutual.
 - b. The Selectmen received a copy of an engineering proposal from Foley and Buhl for their review. Discussion ensued regarding getting the steeple at the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church down before it comes down on its own and issues about LGC-PLT not moving forward as quickly as the Selectmen would like to see.
 - c. The Board received cost projection estimates from Kurt Lauer regarding the Town Office project. These items are to be considered in addition to construction and site costs. Selectman Maxfield stated the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Community Building.
 - d. The Board received the Merrimack County Tax Assessment for 2005 in the amount of \$980,832.00 which is up \$117,380.00 over last year's assessment.
 - e. The Board received a copy of an invoice provided by Bob Ordway for work performed by Tasker Landscaping at the Community Building at no charge.

- f. The Board reviewed a copy of the letter to the Planning Board from the Loudon Conservation Commission regarding Berry Road site work.
- g. The Board reviewed a copy of a letter sent to Kezar Real Estate Management regarding the reclamation bond for property on Tax Map #001, Lot #004.
- h. The Board received the September 12, 2005 Open Space Committee meeting minutes as well as the September Zoning Board Agenda which was received on Thursday September 22, 2005.
- i. The Board received the August Solid Waste/Recycling Committee minutes.

VI. Mr. John Plummer was recognized from the audience. Mr. Plummer asked the Selectmen what the plan was for the Town Hall. Selectman Bowles stated they need to get the steeple off the building and address the outside of the structure as soon as possible. He stated those are the main concerns at this time due to safety and weather issues. Selectman Maxfield stated the Board is trying to get the two insurance companies to work together.

VII. George Page was recognized from the audience. Mr. Page stated DES had been out to Clough Pond regarding serious problems with the area. He went on to say one issue is with an individual property owner and there are three issues in which the Town is part of. Selectman Bowles stated the Road Agent has been advising the Board of the issues and the Conservation Commission has forwarded letters regarding issues with Clough Pond. Discussion ensued.

VIII. Selectman Little moved to nominate Roger Maxfield to act as Chairman for the next six months to fill the vacancy. Selectman Bowles stated the motion had been made and seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield stated he felt Selectman Bowles had done a good job and he feels like Selectman Little, that 18 months is a long time for one person to be the Chairman.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Seconded by Selectman Little. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

David M. Little, Selectman