

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger.

Chairman Ives called the Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 20, 2011 as written; seconded by Chairman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.
- II. Chairman Ives stated that due to the race and the long weekend Police Chief Fiske was not present. Chief Fiske did submit a bill for C.N. Brown/Loudon Big Apple for security for the race for \$967.50. Chief Fiske also submitted a bill for New Hampshire Motor Speedway for the September race for \$94,150.25. Chairman Ives stated that these bills were for police only, nothing to do with the fire department.
- III. Chairman Ives stated for the record that he signed five pistol permits.
- IV. Selectman Bowles made a motion to hire Brenda Pearl as a part-time administrative assistant to Jean Lee. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. Chairman Ives stated that Mrs. Pearl's hours are eight hours on Mondays, four hours on Tuesdays and eight hours on Wednesdays for twenty hours per week but that those hours are flexible and one reason she was hired was because she is able to be flexible. All were in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles said that letters need to be written to the other applicants, thanking them for applying and explaining that the position is filled and their applications will be kept on file.
- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a) The Board received and reviewed some legal correspondence.
 - b) The Board was made aware the office received the Municipal Law Lecture Series and Basic Law of Budgeting books.
 - c) The Board received a copy of the New Hampshire Motor Speedway Fire Department billing for the Sylvania 300 for \$23,586.50. Selectman Krieger stated that this was under budget and they did a good job. Chairman Ives said that both departments did an excellent job keeping costs down but that they are at the threshold; they cannot cut any more personnel.
 - d) The Board received a copy of the Capital Improvement Committee minutes for their review.
 - e) The Board received a copy of the September Zoning Board minutes for their review.

- f) Selectman Krieger made a motion to send the following ambulance bill to collection: account #49659 for \$672.80. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- g) The Board received a notification of a revised assessment on town owned Canterbury properties on Tallant Road for review.
- h) The Board received a rate setting hearing notice from the Local Government Center and Primex.
- i) The Board received a copy of an abutter letter that went out last week.
- j) The Board received an email from Central NH Regional Planning on the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan update.
- k) The Board received a scholarship thank you letter.
- l) Miscellaneous Correspondence.

VI. Selectman Krieger asked about the street signs on Village and Chichester roads, the street sign at Bee Hole and Chichester road and the railing at the Town Office. Selectman Bowles said that the crew has been busy at the dump but they should be finished this week. Discussion ensued about a name for the street behind Z-1.

Chairman Ives opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. by reading aloud the following Notice of Public Hearing:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Loudon will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Building, located behind the Town Offices. Purpose of this hearing is to amend the Town of Loudon Solid Waste/Transfer Station Ordinance, Section III-h Licenses/Fees as follows:

Increase Individual Residential Sticker from \$1.00 to \$4.00.

Increase Individual Commercial Sticker from \$1.00 to \$4.00.

This increase to become effective with the sale of the 2012 stickers beginning on December 1, 2011.

Chairman Ives explained that during discussions at town meeting about the Household Hazard Waste Recycling Day \$10,000.00 was appropriated to have it every two years. In discussion they came up with the idea to increase the price of the stickers to raise the money so that every two years they are not boosting the budget by \$10,000.00, the money will already be in there to do it. Chairman Ives explained that the reason they choose to go from \$1.00 to \$4.00 is that the town sells about 1800 stickers so they will raise about \$5,400 per year. The town will generate that amount to cover the Household Hazard

Waste Recycling Day. Selectman Bowles stated that the stickers are close to \$1.00 each to get made which is why they were charging that \$1.00 before.

Selectman Bowles made a motion to Increase Individual Residential Sticker from \$1.00 to \$4.00 and to increase Individual Commercial Stickers from \$1.00 to \$4.00 for the purpose of raising revenue to support the Household Hazard Waste Recycling Day to begin on 12/1/2011. Seconded by Selectman Krieger.

Discussion: Chip Cochran asked what happens as people get rid of stuff, they're not going to have the same amount of stuff every other year, so the money you need is going to go down unless the price to get rid of it goes up. Selectman Bowles said that is an unknown. Mr. Cochran asked what happens if in two years the cost is only \$4,000.00 will the price of the stickers be lowered. Selectman Bowles stated that the money would end up in the general fund at the end of the year. Chairman Ives said that a few years down the road if the sticker price needs to be adjusted they can revisit it. Steve Bennett from the transfer station explained that the two previous collection events cost between \$8,500.00 and \$9,000.00 which is why they picked \$10,000.00. He further explained that he recently received a notice from Clean Harbors the company that does the event, saying that they will be raising prices on certain things; they weren't specific as to what materials yet. Chip Cochran asked if Clean Harbors is the only company that does this. Mr. Bennett stated that they are really the only ones in the New England area; they are from the Boston area and do everyone in New England. Selectman Krieger stated that within three years this needs to be looked at again in case there is extra money that taxpayers are paying for the stickers. Chairman Ives agreed and explained that this is a start and seemed the fairest way because the people that use the dump will be bringing the household hazard waste and will be buying the stickers. Selectman Bowles said it's easier to have the money in the account rather than raise and appropriate the money every other year. Barbara Sullivan asked if money was appropriated at the last town meeting for this and if so what happens to that money when this new program starts. Steve Bennett stated that the next event will be April of 2012 and that there is a start up fund for that. Selectman Bowles explained that at town meeting there was an article to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 to get the initial start up and from then on the money will be raised from stickers. Chairman Ives asked if there was any further discussion, hearing none he took a vote. All were in favor. Motion carries. Chairman Ives closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

VII. Selectman Bowles moved to go in to an executive session at 7:13 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes; Ives – yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Present were Selectmen Ives, Bowles and Krieger. Selectman Krieger moved to come out of executive session at 7:24 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes; Ives – yes. Chairman Ives stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss two letters from two attorneys representing two town employees. These are two individual cases; both letters were received this week. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years, seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes; Ives – yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman