

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

Also present was Police Chief Kris Burgess, Fire Chief Rick Wright and Road Agent Lance Houle.

- 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 20, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.
  - a. Mr. Houle explained that the last time he was in he discussed making Mike Pickering his second in command to replace Tad who is retiring; he brought Mike in to meet with the Board. Selectman Ives congratulated Mike and told him that the Selectmen have his back and that he's glad Mike is taking the position.
  - b. Mr. Houle said he is going to order the road salt; the price is the same as last year.
  - c. Mr. Houle explained that he has been doing some research on the ball fields and what they have been costing the town. He said they have had a contract with Tru-Green for quite a few years. Mr. Houle said he looked into the cost of the electric and dumpsters. He said he would like to eliminate the dumpster at the Staniels Road field; the field isn't used much after baseball and it looks like homeowners are using the dumpster. Mr. Houle said the biggest expense is Tru-Green. He explained that due to the lack of water the fertilizer has been piling up so he called Tru-Green and asked them to stop applying because it's burning up the fields. They told him they have a contract; they have two more applications and they will be putting them down. Mr. Houle said he will be looking for someone else; the contract is automatically renewed every December unless they are contacted. Mr. Houle said he will be sending them a registered letter. He said he spoke to someone about getting the fields aerated and testing the soils so they know how to deal with the fields next spring. Selectman Ives suggested that Mr. Houle contact the UNH Cooperative Extension about testing the soil.
  - d. Mr. Houle said that it's time to send some of the glass to the regular hopper at the Transfer Station. He said they have a big pile of glass with no plan as to what's happening to it. Mr. Houle said they can grind it but he hasn't found any use for it. He said until they find out what they can do with it they shouldn't be adding to the pile. Selectman Fiske asked if they are under the gun to dispose of the big pile of glass they have. Mr. Houle said they are not. Selectman Fiske said there is no reason to make it bigger if they aren't getting any money for it. Selectman Ives asked Transfer Station Manager Dustin Bowles if it's correct that if there is a plan in place the state cannot put them on a deadline to get rid of it. Mr. Bowles agreed that's correct. Mr. Houle said there is money in the budget to cover the additional tipping fee. Selectman Fiske said people including himself already throw glass into the hopper; he confirmed with Mr. Houle that there is no problem at the incinerator with the mixed glass going into the hopper. Selectman Fiske said there is no sense in making the pile bigger until they know what they are going to do with it.

- e. Selectman Fiske asked about the status of the pile of tires. Mr. Houle said they are being shipped out; they can only ship so many per load. Selectman Fiske asked if that is being accomplished. Mr. Houle said it is.
- f. Chairman Krieger asked Mr. Houle about the issue on Berry Road. Mr. Houle said he is meeting with those people tomorrow morning.
- g. Chairman Krieger asked if Mr. Houle met with Mr. Magoon on Clough Pond Road. Mr. Houle said he has spoken to him. Mr. Magoon introduced himself from the audience. Mr. Houle explained that he has measured sections of Clough Pond Road from stonewall to stonewall and it measures 50'. He said he found in a deed for the Magoon property that there is an easement for the septic across the street. Selectman Fiske said it's always been that the property owner owns to the middle of the road however the right of way is 50' stonewall to stonewall. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Magoon to clarify what he is looking for. Mr. Magoon explained that right now there is a holding tank for the septic on the lake side, a pipe runs under the road to where they have an easement for parking to a drywell and a second pipe back across the street to another drywell which has failed. Mr. Magoon said the designer of the septic system needs to know where the right of way is. He explained that Mr. Houle said he can use the easement area but the problem with that is that area is not where the drywell is. Mr. Magoon said the easement also states that the existing septic system can be replaced where it is. He said they would like to get a design for the cottage side of the road so the road won't have to be disturbed. Mr. Magoon explained that the problem is that the cottage sits only about 10' from the road so he asked Mr. Houle if he could put it in the right of way. Mr. Houle told him he could do but was not authorized to put it in writing. Selectman Fiske asked Mr. Magoon to clarify where he would like to put the septic. Mr. Magoon said there are two options to pursue. One would be where the drywell was where they park he said this wouldn't be in the easement area it would be under the parking area about 6' off the road in the right of way. Mr. Magoon explained that the second option would be on the same side of the road as the cottage, the septic field would be in front of the cottage. He explained that either option would not be 25' off the road because his cottage isn't even 25' off the road. Mr. Magoon said he is looking for written permission to allow the septic system in the right of way. Selectman Ives said he wants to make this work however he has a responsibility to the town as far as liability. Selectman Fiske said that they don't have a problem with it as long as they see the design and location of the system first. Mr. Magoon clarified that they are okay with going into the right of way as long as they approve the design first. The Selectmen agreed.

#### IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright

- a. Chief Wright explained that he and his administrative assistant have been going through multiple obstacles the last few months getting the ambulance billing/Medicaid reenrollment taken care of so their ambulance billing service can bill Medicaid directly. He explained that a significant amount of money will be coming to the town in the next few weeks.
- b. Chief Wright said they did a water test at the fire station. He explained that everything passed except for total chloroform which tested high. Chief Wright said he took a sample in a couple of different places and they all came back high so the testing company recommended chlorinating the well.
- c. Chief Wright submitted a request from the Loudon Firefighter's Association for the Town to pay half the cost of on the job injury or death insurance for each member of the fire

department. The cost is \$20 per member annually. He explained that each member of the department pays \$10 in dues to join the association, that money goes towards the insurance. Chief Wright said there are 36 members at this time. He said there is funds available in the fire department compensation line to cover it. Selectman Ives said he does not have a problem paying half the cost. Selectman Fiske said it's good insurance but they need to be prepared for other departments to come forward as well. Selectman Ives said the 90% of these people are volunteers; it's not full-time with benefits for most of them; this is a small benefit for cheap money that they can offer the volunteers. Chairman Krieger said it sounds good.

- d. Chief Wright said at a recent meeting bullet proof vests were discussed. They would like to put a few different size vests in each of the two ambulances. Chief Wright said he has spoken to Chief Burgess about this and he has some unused vests they can have. Selectman Fiske said he has no problem with it. Selectman Ives said he'd like to run it by an attorney because these people aren't trained to use them. Selectman Fiske confirmed with Chief Wright that they won't have a policy that mandates that they be used. Selectman Ives asked what the liability is if they provide the equipment, it isn't used and someone gets hurt. Chairman Krieger asked the office manager to ask NHMA the question about liability.
- e. Chief Wright said the alarm system at the highway garage is scheduled to be installed late October.
- f. Selectman Ives asked if everything went well at the track. Chief Wright said it did; it was quiet except for the one incident on Friday. Selectman Fiske asked if he heard an attendance numbers. Chief Wright said unofficially he heard around 60,000. Chief Burgess said he heard 50-60,000.

V. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.

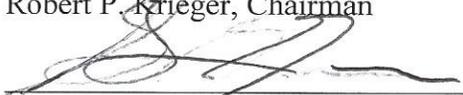
- a. Chief Burgess said everything went well for them at the NASCAR event as well with the exception of that one incident on Friday. He said they had the road open about 8:30 on Sunday. Chief Burgess submitted copies of the bills going to C.N. Brown and Fanatics for police coverage during the event.
- b. Chief Burgess said he would like to recommend a candidate for the full-time position that they have available. He said this candidate, Anthony Strout, works part-time for the town now and works as a corrections officer full-time. Chairman Krieger asked if he would be going to the academy. Chief Burgess confirmed that he is part-time certified so as soon as he is hired he can get out on the road and then they have one year to get him into the academy. Selectman Fiske asked if he would be willing to sign a contract. Chief Burgess said he spoke at length to him about it and he has no problem signing one. Selectman Fiske explained that the reason for the contract is so that the Town doesn't invest in this person and he comes out of the academy and leaves to go to the state police or a bigger city. Selectman Fiske confirmed that he will be hired with a 12-month probation period, he also asked if a strict background check has been done. Chief Burgess agreed with the 12-months; he said he's been with the town for almost a year, a background check was done when he started. He also explained that the state prison shared their information regarding him. Selectman Ives asked when he will be starting. Chief Burgess said he wants to give his current employer a two-week notice. Chief Burgess will get the paperwork in order and bring it back in next Tuesday. Chairman Krieger said they all agree that he can be hired; they will make the appointment official and sign the paperwork next week.

- VI. Chairman Krieger recognized Elgie Goodwin from the audience. Mr. Goodwin requested that the Selectmen sign paperwork allowing the Bee Hole Beavers permission for their trails to cross roads. He explained that they submit this paperwork every year. Mr. Goodwin explained that usually it is one permission form that includes all roads however; they are interpreting that the state is requiring one form for each crossing so they have submitted the paperwork that way. Selectman Fiske recognized John Wentworth from the audience. He would like to hear what Mr. Wentworth has to say. Mr. Wentworth said he is a member of the Bee Hole Beavers Club but he is not there to speak for them. He said he uses the trail that goes across Wiggins Road a lot and he wants to be sure he can keep using it. Mr. Wentworth explained that he understands there is federal money that might be available to replace the bridge but with that money comes regulations about erosion mitigation; they want to be sure Bee Hole Brook and the wetlands are not damaged in any way. Selectman Fiske asked Mr. Goodwin if atv or wheeled vehicles will be able to use the bridge if it's built with grant money. Mr. Goodwin said he doesn't know anything about the grant. The Board signed the permission slips.
- VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received information regarding reclassifying a road.
  - b. The Board received an email from Michele York regarding the Boston Post Cane. The Board discussed whether the oldest citizen should receive a replica cane or plaque. The majority of the Board choose a plaque.
  - c. The Board received the budget memo to go to department heads and committees for review.
  - d. The Board received information from Nobis Engineering regarding the Septage Facility Permit.
- VIII. Chairman Krieger recognized Office Manager Brenda Pearl.
- a. Ms. Pearl explained that she received a call from Breanne Mullen, who couldn't attend this meeting. Ms. Mullen said Capital Soccer is looking for fields for a soccer tournament on Columbus Day weekend. Ms. Mullen said LYAA would oversee the use of the fields, paint the field lines, put out the goals and run the concession stands. She said that the school charges \$500 per day for their field use, Ms. Mullen would like to charge Capital Soccer \$500 for the weekend. Ms. Mullen said if the money wouldn't be going to LYAA they wouldn't be interested in doing it. Chairman Krieger said the money would go to the general fund not to LYAA in case of things such as the highway department needing to do some work on the fields or the fence after they rent it.
  - b. Ms. Pearl showed the Board a 91-A request from Mr. Tuson. The Board agreed that Mr. Tuson should be allowed to review the documents and receive copies if he wants them.
- IX. Chairman Krieger explained that he would like to look at a special detail policy and review the towns vacation policy. He said an employee can work for the town for thirty years and never get more than three weeks' vacation. He said he would like to take a look at the formula. The Board will discuss this next week.
- X. Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 7:28 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Robert P. Krieger, Chairman



Steven R. Ives, Selectman



Robert N. Fiske, Selectman