

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Present: Chairman Krieger and Selectman Ives.

Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Road Agent Dave Rice.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 24, 2013 as written. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright submitted a thank you letter. In the letter he commended the efforts of the Loudon Fire Department personnel and the Loudon Police Department Officers who worked together at the recent structure fire on School Street. He recognized parents picking up their children at the school and school personnel for spotting the fire, calling 911 and warning the occupant of the house of the fire. He recognized Police Corporal Robert Akerstrom, who was first on the scene, for helping Firefighters with the initial report of fire, location of the occupant, dragging fire hose and helping extinguish the fire. Chief Wright recognized Loudon Firefighters Mike Souther and Ed Dempsey for knocking down the fire in the ell of the building and working with many others to extinguish the fire in the barn. Deputy Chief Bill Lake, and Firefighters Jeff Cyr and Jonathan Leonard ran the Pumper Trucks that kept water flowing. Chief Wright stated that thru the combined efforts of the Fire and Police Departments and ten area Fire Departments the fire did not spread into the main portion of the house or nearby buildings in the neighborhood. He thanked all involved for a job well done. Chief Wright also thanked Road Agent Dave Rice for his assistance with the town excavator. Chairman Krieger expressed his thanks and pride for a town and departments that work so well together. Chief Wright said everything came together including the fact that the hydrant was working. He said that Mike Labonte, Mickey Mulkhey, and Russ Pearl worked on the hydrant; it was tested the week before and again the day of the fire at 2:00 pm and the fire call came in at 3:20 pm. Selectman Ives said that having water that close certainly helped.
 - b. Chief Wright explained that they got the insurance money for the lightning damage. He got the new Opticom and will get DOT to install it.
 - c. Chief Wright explained that he and Deputy Chief Lake have interviewed several people for the Captains position. Selectman Ives asked if he is going with one Captain for now. Chief Wright said two; one for Station 1 and one for Station 2 like they used to have.
 - d. Chief Wright said they flushed the dry hydrants at Beck Road and Piper Hill Road, they were fine. They have a two or three more to do.
 - e. Selectman Ives said that when he was at the UJOC during the September race he spoke with Dick Wright who asked if at some point they could put a conference table up where the storage area is for a command center. Selectman Ives said that way they wouldn't have to move the apparatus out. Chief Wright said there is a lot of stuff up

there, he has already talked to the full-time guys about cleaning it out this fall, but there is the issue of only being one exit up there.

- III. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice explained that they have been grading and capping roads.
 - b. Mr. Rice said they are getting ready to get sand/salt ready for the winter.
 - c. Selectmen Ives said that recently he noticed how bad Voted road is getting and suggested it get put on the list to be done. Mr. Rice agreed that both Voted and Country Hill need to be re-done. Mr. Rice said he would like to do Oak Hill because they are patching it every few weeks and then a few smaller roads.
 - d. Mr. Rice asked if the job ad is ready to go into the newspaper. Chairman Krieger explained that before they put the ad in they want to talk about the salary. He has information regarding what the guys in the department are making; he also has information from other Towns about what they pay. Chairman Krieger said in his opinion the pay is low in Loudon. Mr. Rice agreed, he said he would like to talk about the departments pay being raised next July. Chairman Krieger said if we're going to hire someone qualified the pay has to be right. Chairman Krieger said his goal is to look hard at this when we do budgets this year. Selectman Ives stated that he doesn't want to bring someone in at a pay rate that will upset the employees we have. Mr. Rice agreed. Chairman Krieger said that probation will be six months. Mr. Rice asked if he should wait for six months to order uniforms, they are a cost for the town. Selectman Ives suggested waiting until the end of the probation period especially considering the time of the year and the fact that the new person will be sitting in a truck plowing most of the time, he won't be out working beside the road. Chairman Krieger agreed. The Board agreed the ad is ready to go in the paper. Mr. Rice said he will look through the applications, talk to the applicants and when he has someone he thinks would work he will bring him in to meet with the Selectmen.
 - e. The Board discussed holding a CPR class for town employees.
- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a letter and a check from PLT for the Fire Department insurance claim.
 - b. The Board received a letter and check in the amount of \$14,160.35 from the State of NH – Homeland Security & Emergency Management regarding the March 18, 2013 snow disaster.
 - c. The Board reviewed an invoice going to NHMS for Fire Department manpower for the September race.
 - d. The Board received a copy of an invoice that went to NHMS for Police Department manpower for the September race.
 - e. The Board received a copy of an invoice that went to C.N. Brown for Police Department manpower for the September race.
 - f. The Board received a copy of a letter from NHDOT regarding the intersection of Staniels Rd and Route 106 in response to a letter that Chief Wright wrote to NHDOT concerning the safety of the intersection.

- g. The Board received a letter from the Conservation Commission regarding appointing a new member. Selectman Ives suggested that the paperwork be held until next week so that all three Selectmen can sign the appointment paper.
 - h. The Board received a letter from Upton & Hatfield regarding Moser & Jones v Loudon.
 - i. The Board received a memo from Upton & Hatfield regarding Fairpoint.
 - j. The Board received a draft budget memo for their review. The Board agreed the November 14th will be the deadline for department heads and committee chairpersons to submit their annual budget requests.
 - k. The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding a road bond.
 - l. The Board received a letter from a resident regarding opposition to night racing at NHMS.
 - m. The Board received a letter from a resident regarding Comcast availability. The resident asked for the Boards help in getting Comcast coverage in the entire town.
 - n. The Board received a letter from a resident regarding content in the Loudon Ledger.
 - o. The Board received a letter from NHPUC regarding a Pipeline beneath the Soucook River.
 - p. The Board received EMSI's self-report for August 2013.
 - q. The Board received information from Chief Fiske regarding Miles Smith Farm Day on October 13, 2013 from 10 am – 4pm.
 - r. The Board received a letter from Xfinity regarding reactivation fees.
 - s. The Board received a public notice from Town of Hopkinton regarding a Wireless Tower.
 - t. The Board received a Town of Warner, ZBA Balloon Test Notice.
 - u. The Board received a letter from Community Development Finance Development regarding Planning Grant Funds.
 - v. The Board received Liberty Utilities Fixed price option information.
 - w. The Board received NH Federal Credit Union Fall Festival information.
 - x. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.
- IV. The Board received the following reminders:
- a. Wednesday, October 2, 2013 from 2:30-3:30 a representative of Senator Ayotte's will be in the town office to answer questions. The representative called today and explained that if the Government shut-down is over then she will be here. If not she will re-schedule.
 - b. Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:15 is the Merrimack Valley School Board meeting.
- V. Selectman Ives moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:54 p.m.; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of executive session at 7:03 p.m.; seconded by Chairman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:04 P.M. Seconded by Chairman Krieger. All in favor.
Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert P. Krieger, *Chairman*

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman