

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.
Also present were Fire Chief Rick Wight and Sergeant Robert Akerstrom

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 29, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright said he has additional Comstar paperwork that needs to be signed. Chairman Krieger asked when the contract begins. Chief Wright answered November 1st.
 - b. Chief Wright gave the Board information regarding a personnel issue and training reimbursement.
 - c. Chief Wright explained that both fire stations had their annual fire alarm test. He said that station 2 passed with no problem however station 1 did not pass. He explained that because the system is so old that rotary dialing no longer works; it doesn't call in to anywhere. Chief Wright said that until the part comes in the alarm will go off in the station with the strobe outside. He said typically it gets called into Fire Alarm which is a service they do for free for all the Fire Stations in the Compact.
 - d. Chief Wright stated that the Millennium race went very well from what he saw. He heard there were 1200 runners.
 - e. Chief Wright said the Boy Scout Jamboree is this weekend. 3200 Boy Scouts have registered to attend not counting scout leaders and parents. He explained that there will a fireworks show at 9:00 pm Saturday night. Chief Wright said the forestry truck will be up there from 4-10pm.
 - f. Chief Wright said the Punkin Chunkin event will be held at the track October 24-25. He was told that they have 150 RV registrations and expect as many as 5000 people.
 - g. Chief Wright said he looked at the old cruiser with Sergeant Akerstrom. He said they are interested in getting that car for Code Enforcement purposes. Chief Wright said they would like the lights and sirens left on rather than the Police removing them and the Fire Department putting them back on. Selectman Ives asked if the lights and sirens are in case a call comes in while they are on an inspection. Chief Wright said it is; it has already happened a few times. Chairman Krieger asked about the color. Chief Wright said he isn't sure it makes sense to invest in red right now. Chairman Krieger said his concern is that it looks like a police car and he wouldn't want anyone to mistake it for that. Chief Wright said he can get a price to get it repainted. He explained that they will change the strobes from blue to red and get decals. Selectman Ives stated that he'd like to see decals on the sides of the car and change the lights rather than invest in a paint job right now. Chairman Krieger said he is concerned that something bad could happen and it would be a fireman not a policeman. Chief Wright

said before it gets put on the road he will get prices on a paint job. Chairman Krieger and Selectman Maxfield agreed.

- h. Chief Wright said he received an email from Selectman Maxfield regarding the status of the CERT team. He called Faith Stevens; he is going to meet with her this week. She doesn't want to be leading the team anymore but would be interested in still being on it. Selectman Maxfield said that Brian Grimaldi is very interested in the CERT team and might lead it.
- i. Selectman Ives asked how preparations are going with the Harvest Supper. Chief Wright said well.

III. The Board met with Sergeant Bob Akerstrom.

- a. Sergeant Akerstrom said the new cruiser will be in the first week of November.
- b. Chairman Krieger asked about the lists he was working on. Sergeant Akerstrom said the evidence room has been cleaned out. He said as far as going cruiser to cruiser; he hopes to accomplish that Thursday. Sergeant Akerstrom said they have inventoried surplus equipment; they have 8 light bars, some push bars they can't use, a bunch of cages for cruisers and older siren boxes. Selectman Ives asked if one of the light bars can be fitted to the Code Enforcement cruiser. Sergeant Akerstrom said it has been recommended that the light bars not be used.
- c. Janice Morin submitted a couple of pistol permits to the Board for signature.
- d. Janice Morin submitted four bills to be sent out this week; Fanatics in the amount of \$5,900.00, NH Motor Speedway in the amount of \$105,515.25, C.N. Brown in the amount of \$1,200.00 and Millennium Racing in the amount of \$1,600.
- e. 24,381 email
- f. Janice Morin said she spoke to Bill Lambert this past week about the Staniels Road camera; he didn't understand that they didn't have access to it. She spoke to someone else in the state and they now have access to the camera at the PD.
- g. Janice Morin asked what the status of the hiring process is. Chairman Krieger said they are in the process of getting a committee and the funding together. He explained that there was a large payout so they have to play catch up with that. Ms. Morin asked if they have started advertising yet. Chairman Krieger said that is something they are intending to discuss tonight; he would like to get going on that right away. Ms. Morin said it will take time to do backgrounds and go through the motions. Chairman Krieger said he has a vested interest in moving this along quickly, he doesn't mind helping out but for everyone working over there something normal would be better. Selectman Ives said he wants to be sure they don't just hire someone to fill the slot they have to get the right person. Ms. Morin said she just wants to see that the process is actually rolling. Selectman Ives said they have spoken to a few people about being on the committee. Ms. Morin said she has already asked to be on the committee as well as Chief Fiske has asked. She asked what the process will be for that. Chairman Krieger said he does not have a problem with the Chief being on the committee. Ms. Morin said it would be nice for the transition because he has the expertise. She said that someone from the PD should be on it. Chairman Krieger said he doesn't know if present employees are the way to go because they may apply. Chairman Krieger said they are trying to figure out the best for who would be on the committee so they get someone that will be a good fit for the town and for the PD. Selectman Ives said they

have to be a little careful and conscious of the taxpayers mindset; if you have all professional law enforcement people on the committee they could say it was a closed selection committee. Selectman Ives said they should have a few members from the public and a few from law enforcement. Selectman Ives mentioned Dick Wright as a possible committee member; he is well known and respected in the community. He said people's perception is very important when picking the committee. Chairman Krieger asked Bob Fiske if this is something he wants to do. Mr. Fiske said yes it is. Chairman Krieger said the rumor mill is running rampant and like Selectman Ives said they do not want to make a hasty decision. Selectman Maxfield stated that they have also asked Jeff Miller to be on the committee. Ms. Morin stated again that she is interested in serving on the committee. She asked if there is any target date. Chairman Krieger said they are trying to figure out the money situation; what went to the Fire Department under Chief Wright's command and what is left for the position. Chairman Krieger said he knows what the surrounding towns pay for their Chief and Loudon has the added responsibility of the track. He said the three of them need to decide what that salary will be. Ms. Morin said the department needs to have security in knowing that it's going to happen. Selectman Ives said it's going to be months not weeks, because they didn't know this was happening so they had nothing in place. He said they had to get through the race, Chairman Krieger stepped up and took care of, they had to deal with Code Enforcement and Building Inspector, and Chief Wright stepped up and took care of that so things have been progressing at a pretty good pace. Selectman Ives said the final thing is to find a Chief and that will take some time. He said they can't put a definitive timeline on it. Ms. Morin said she isn't asking for that she just wants to hear that something is moving forward. Chairman Krieger said looking at the budget they have some catching up to do, that's a given. He said that by next week they'll have money figures, talked to LGC about an ad, and the committee members. Chairman Krieger said Selectman Maxfield will be the Selectman on the committee. Selectman Maxfield stated that they have to look at the budget until July 1, 2016; so they are looking for money for six months until a new budget is in place. Bob Fiske asked how that would fare at town meeting; they're talking about a seventh full-time police position. Chairman Krieger said that's why they have to look at the money. Mr. Fiske's Code Enforcement salary went to the Fire Department so some of it is left as well as the Police Chief's salary. Mr. Fiske said he isn't concerned about the money his concern is what the town's people will think about them hiring a seventh person without asking them. Selectman Krieger said that is a question that will be asked and answered.

- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received the Merrimack County 2015 tax apportionment in the amount of \$1,522,778.
 - b. The Board received a letter from NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals regarding Eversource Energy 2014 Tax Year abatement.
 - c. The Board received a request from Earl Tuson regarding updating the tax maps to indicate that Tax Map 25, Lot 7 has a Conservation Easement.

- d. The Board received the Maxfield Public Library meeting minutes for September 14, 2015. Selectman Ives said that the new director is doing an outstanding job.
- e. The Board received a request from Central NH Planning Commission for a representative from Loudon to serve on the Brownfields Advisory Committee.
- f. The Board received an update from James Dunbar regarding his Eagle Scout project. James said he has worked at the cemetery three times, he has picked up brush, started sanding the fence and dug holes for the kiosk.
- g. The Board received a memo from the office manager.
 - Lance and Dustin would like to hire Pat Golden for the part-time position at the Transfer Station. He will be working 15-20 hours per week; he would be replacing Dustin who is now full-time. Selectman Ives made a motion to hire Pat Golden for the part-time position at the Transfer Station, to start immediately, with a pay rate of \$11.50 per hour. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives explained that Mr. Golden had interviewed for the full-time position so they have met him and seen his resume.
 - Steve Bennett will be covering for Dustin and Robbie when they take vacation days. The Board said his hourly pay will be the amount that Dustin was making before he went full-time.
 - Greg Colarusso wants to know when he can get the \$2,000 road bond back that he placed for the job on Currier Road. The job was completed last week. The Road agent recommends holding it for 30 days to be sure the road doesn't settle. Selectman Ives said a bond for a new paved road is held for five years but since this was just a trench across a dirt road he thinks 30 days is appropriate. Selectman Maxfield stated that he would abstain from any vote on this however he knows they used a compactor and would he agrees with 30 days. Chairman Krieger agreed to thirty days. Selectman Ives said he has faith in the road agent's opinion.
 - Chairman Krieger said they need to discuss the Health Department salary as it relates to Chief Wright. Selectman Ives said that the remaining salary should be transferred to Chief Wright since he is doing the job. Chairman Krieger said that's what he remembered but wanted to check with the rest of the Board. Selectman Maxfield agreed.
- h. The Board received information regarding the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act from the MVSD Homeless Education Liaison. The liaison can be reached at 753-4311.

VI. The Board received the following reminders:

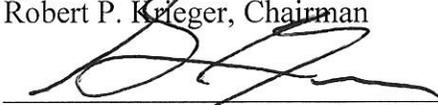
- a. Thursday, October 8 at 1:15 pm is a TCP meeting.
- b. Friday, October 9 – Sunday, October 11 is the Boy Scout Jamboree at NHMS.
- c. Monday, October 12 – Columbus Day, the Town Office is closed.

- VII. Chairman Krieger stated that New Hampshire Motor Speedway has a new executive vice president and general manager, David McGrath. Chairman Krieger said he met him today; he seems like a very nice guy and he looks forward to working with him.
- VIII. Chief Wright said there is a street light out at the bridge on N. Village Road and asked who is responsible for that. Chairman Krieger suggested Chief Wright contact the road agent.
- IX. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 6:52 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

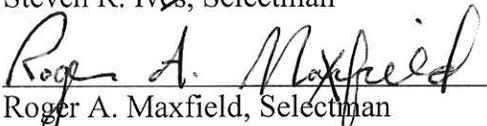
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