

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 7, 2014**

Present: Chairman Ives and Selectman Krieger. Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright.

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

- I. Selectman Krieger moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, September 30, 2014 as written. Seconded by Chairman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.
  - a. Chief Wright said they held a fire extinguisher training at D.S. Cole Growers today. He explained that included a video and actual fire extinguisher use in a barrel. Chief Wright said that any business that would like similar training can contact the Fire Department at any time.
  - b. Chief Wright said it is fire prevention week; the third grade class came to the station today and had a class with Fire Prevention Officer Lieutenant John Reese. He explained that the rest of the classes will be in Thursday.
  - c. Chief Wright stated the pond at the dry hydrant on Beck Road was mucked out last week. He explained that the contractor, highway and fire department worked together to remove trees. The fire department flushed and tested the hydrant yesterday and its back in service. Chief Wright stated the dry hydrant work at Freedom Hill Cooperative is scheduled for November and they have found someone to take down the trees. He stated the dry hydrant at Pleasant View Gardens has been installed and the water level is now high enough to flush and test. All other dry hydrants have been pumped and tested and three of the cisterns were replenished with water. Now all seven cisterns are full.
  - d. Chief Wright stated that LYAA had their pizza party for soccer last Saturday. Since it was raining, the fire department personnel made room in the fire station for the kids to have their party inside and out of the rain. Chief Wright received an email from Breanne Mullen of LYAA, thanking the Loudon Fire Department for allowing the LYAA soccer party to be held inside the station.
  - e. Chief Wright provided the Board with information on another possible dry hydrant. This is preliminary information, and therefore, the prospective property owner would like to keep the details private at this time.
  - f. Chief Wright provided the Board with a possible fire department training opportunity. This information is also private at this time due to being in the planning stages.
  - g. Chief Wright advised the Board that the two bulbs have been delivered and installed at the War Memorial and there appears to be some issue with an additional light fixture that needs to be checked out by an electrician. Chairman Ives stated Harry O might be available to check on the issue.
  - h. Chairman Ives stated that he was at the LYAA pizza party on Saturday, and said the children were so excited to be able to hold the party inside the fire station.
  - i. Selectman Bowles commented that the Harvest Supper is coming up. Chief Wright stated there are signs posted about town and it is on the website.
  
- III. The Board met with Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett.

- a. Mr. Bennett discussed building an addition to the back of the recycling building to hold the bales of recycled materials. Chairman Ives asked if he would be getting rid of the tractor-trailer. Mr. Bennett stated that he would, as currently the trailer is short and only holds two bales high worth of materials. He went on to discuss the changes for future handling of recyclable materials; stating that the area of the proposed addition is located in area by the loading dock. He said that there is plenty of room for a tractor trailer to back in for loading, which makes this the best place for Mr. Bennett stated that he and Selectman Bowles had obtained a couple of quotes for the concrete work that would be required for this project. He said they would need a concrete wall with footings as well as a concrete floor. The size of the addition would be 18 X 48 which would allow for two full rows of stacked bales (two 40-foot trailers worth of recyclable materials), allowing the town to hold the materials until they can get the best price per ton, before the materials are shipped out. Mr. Bennett stated that he had received two quotes for the concrete work and one for the building work. He said one concrete quote was from Milligan, which came in at low bid with a 5 inch thick concrete floor at \$6,960.00; versus the other concrete quote from Al Brock with a 5 ½ inch thick concrete floor at \$7,350.00. The building quote Mr. Bennett received was from Loudon Building Supply & Hillbilly Home Development for \$17,781.61 for labor and materials. He stated that Bill Butterfield of Hillbilly Home Development did not include the cost of the 10-foot overhead door and installation, as he felt the town would want to have a professional overhead door installer do the work. Mr. Bennett went on to say that, Mr. Butterfield had an engineer check plans for snow load and structural safety and decided the laminated/manufactured rafters would be the design to go with versus the truss type design. The rafter design will allow for more storage options and should provide enough storage for many years. Selectman Krieger asked why Mr. Bennett received only one building quote. Mr. Bennett stated that he and Selectman Bowles discussed the fact that Hillbilly Home Development had a larger crew than many other contractors around and they felt the type of project this is and the timeframe they want it done by, would require a contractor with more than one or two employees. Selectman Krieger stated he would like to obtain another quote for the building material and construction, from another contractor in town; stating that he would want them to be able to meet the same timeframe as the other contractor. Jay Berwick's name was mentioned for Mr. Bennett to contact. Mr. Bennett discussed the issues with the consolidated materials program that has been implemented and the changes over the years. He said due to the changes in recycling, it is important for towns to have the ability to store recyclable materials for longer timeframes so they can obtain the highest price and best delivery options. Selectman Bowles discussed that the cardboard recycling gets picked up relatively quickly once the trailer is full, and the town hauls the plastic recycling ourselves, so we haven't had many issues with that product either. Chairman Ives asked why the need to get the project done so quickly, and asked if a contractor came in with a lower bid but couldn't do the work until spring, would that be an issue. Mr. Bennett and Selectman Bowles discussed that they have been working on this project for two years, and now that they have a good plan to move forward with; and they feel this is the right time to do it. Mr. Bennett and Selectman Bowles both agreed, that if a contractor couldn't do the work until spring, it would be ok. There was discussion regarding the Capital Reserve Fund and finances for this project. Selectman Bowles discussed the issues with the trailers that are available at the Transfer Station. It was also stated that this project would not have siding, it would be plywood sheeting, and there should be very little site work required as well.

- IV. The Board met with Scott Brooks of TDS to discuss a possible franchise agreement for cable for portions of Loudon.
- a. Chairman Ives stated that the Board had met with the attorney handling the cable contract last week in closed session to discuss cable options. Mr. Brooks stated that TDS wants to offer cable to Loudon residents with the 798-phone exchange. Selectman Krieger asked if TDS would be less costly than Comcast, or at least comparable. Mr. Brooks indicated that based on the existing costs, TDS appears to be \$20.00 - \$60.00 less per month, depending on the options customers have. Selectman Krieger asked if having TDS come in to town, could Comcast do anything about it. Mr. Brooks said that there have been numerous talks between attorneys and there is now a general template that is used to be sure that the customers will still receive the same type of services as they had with their existing cable company. He said that TDS now offers most of Chichester cable services and they had to deal with the existing cable supplier in Chichester the way they will have to do in Loudon. Selectman Krieger said he was looking forward to TDS coming to Loudon. Chairman Ives asked if Mr. Brooks felt TDS would be looking to expand beyond the 798 area in Loudon. Mr. Brooks stated he did not see an expansion beyond the 798-exchange area any time soon. TDS would need to roll out more fiber optic cable in order to expand, and currently it does not look like it is in the plan for the near future. Chairman Ives stated one concern he has is that by having TDS come to Loudon it will give a small portion of Loudon residents choices for cable, but there are still numerous places in Loudon where residents have no options for cable at this time. He said he is also looking forward to TDS coming to Loudon as it may help getting services to other areas if there is competition between cable suppliers. Selectman Bowles asked what TDS was offering to Loudon customers that were comparable to Comcast. Mr. Brooks said Comcast's Triple Play options; broadband, voice, and data. Discussion began regarding funding sources for expansion, school requirements, etc. Mr. Moffett of Greenview Drive provided his contact information in case there were any questions or updates he could help with. He advised Mr. Brooks that he was one of the residents who did not have cable options at this point. Mr. Brooks provided the Board with background information and statistics. Discussion began regarding the public hearing scheduled on October 14, 2014 for the TDS franchise agreement.
- V. Chairman Ives stated the Board had received a proposal to do the fence repair at the cemetery between the Library and the Safety Building. Discussion began regarding a prior proposal for this project. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the proposal from Ashley Construction, Bob Mailhot of 228 Bumfagon Road, Loudon to repair the fence and gate at the cemetery in the amount of \$940.00. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
- VI. Chairman Ives stated that the Notice of Sale Tax Deeded Properties needs to be approved and signed. The Board agreed that the minimum bid for Tax Map 68, Lot 002 will be \$500.00 and Tax Map 69, Lot 415 will be \$3,000.00.
- VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board reviewed the draft budget worksheet spreadsheets, and approved the use of the new format as presented.
- b. The Board received four (4) overdue ambulance bills for review. Selectman Krieger moved to forward the following past due ambulance bills to collections Account #479 in the amount of \$533.10, Account #5266 in the amount of \$405.01, Account #5650 in the amount of \$564.30,

Account #5813 in the amount of \$272.49. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- c. The Board received the ESMI Self-report for August 2014.
- d. The Board received information from UNH regarding Forest Laws for Municipal Officials.
- e. The Board received a letter from Property-Liability Trust regarding their annual meeting on December 16.
- f. The Board received information regarding Loudon Candidates Forum to be held October 16 at the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church.
- g. The Board received the following reminders:
  - 1. The Transfer Station is now open winter hours: Tues & Thurs 9 am-5 pm and Sat. 8 am-5 pm.
  - 2. The Building Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow is cancelled.
  - 3. Saturday, October 11 is the Color Run at NHMS.
  - 4. Monday, October 13 is Columbus Day – Town office is closed.
  - 5. The Town Clerk is closed Wed-Thurs the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> due to the annual conference.
  - 6. Thursday, October 16 at 7 pm is the Planning Board meeting.
  - 7. Thursday, October 16 at 7 pm is the Loudon Candidates Forum.
  - 8. Saturday, October 18 is the State auction.
  - 9. Saturday, October 18 is the LFD Harvest Supper from 5-7 pm.

VIII. Selectman Krieger discussed the Concord Crime Line stating that if someone witnesses or has information of a crime in Loudon, they can contact the Concord Crime Line number and give their information. If the person helps solve a crime, they can be rewarded for their information and efforts as decided on by a panel of board members. Selectman Krieger went on to say that, he currently goes to these meetings, and is willing to volunteer for the position of Loudon's representative. Currently, Loudon does not have a representative participating as a voting member of the Concord Crime Line Board. Chairman Ives and Selectman Bowles thanked Selectman Krieger for volunteering for this position.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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