

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 7, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew installed/replaced 5 culverts last week and there are a few more that need to be completed before winter.
 - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Landfill has been mowed for the last time this year.
 - c. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew had been busy getting the equipment ready for inspections and winter. He also stated that the screener should be available this week so they can begin getting the sand ready for use this winter.
 - d. Chairman Ives asked if the street signs for Bear Hill Road had been installed. Mr. Rice said he was waiting to receive the new "Not a Thru Road" sign but the speed limit sign has been installed.
 - e. Chairman Ives advised Mr. Rice that the Board had met with representatives of the Merrimack County Jail with regard to their program of having the inmates perform labor tasks for the towns and cities within the County and felt that it would be good to have them assist with the brush cutting. Discussion ensued regarding equipment as well as the Town Pound project.
 - f. Chairman Ives stated that one of the Highway Department employees has put in a request for three weeks of Family Medical Leave and asked Mr. Rice if this would put the Highway Department in a bind. Mr. Rice advised the Board of the current and upcoming projects and stated he did not think it would be a problem.
 - g. Selectman Maxfield asked about striping School Street. Mr. Rice said there were no funds available for this project at this time. Discussion ensued.

- III. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.
- a. Chairman Ives stated for the record that five pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
 - b. Chairman Ives advised Mr. Fiske that the Board had received information regarding background checks on prospective employees. Discussion ensued regarding a need to change the Personnel Policy as well as the applicant being the one to pay the fees associated with the criminal check. Mr. Fiske stated that he had no problem with the finger printing aspect as long as there is a form on file authorizing the finger printing.
- IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
- a. Chief Burr advised the Board that the well which supports the Town buildings is back in working order. He said there was a splice in the wiring which became corroded.
 - b. Chief Burr advised the Board that the fire pond on Loudon Ridge Road by Gilmanton Road has been mucked and a pipe has been put in. He said they are waiting for one more fitting to come in and then they will be finished.
 - c. Discussion ensued regarding the well and concrete blocks to be used at the Safety Building.
- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. Chairman Ives read the Warrant to be signed by the Selectmen for the posting of the Presidential and State Election scheduled on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Selectman Bowles moved to sign the Warrant as read by Chairman Ives. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Selectman Maxfield moved to sign the appointment paper for Melissa D. West, of Loudon, NH to fill the vacant position of Trustee of Trust Funds until March 8, 2011. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. The Board received copies of a check from NH Motor Speedway for the September Nascar event for police and fire coverage in the amount of \$273,432.62.
 - d. The Board received a reminder of the Zoning Workshop meeting scheduled for October 16, 2008 at 6:00 PM.
 - e. The Board received copies of a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding bids and pending items. Selectman Maxfield moved to formally establish an Energy Committee effective October 14, 2008 and invite volunteers to join the Committee. Selectman Bowles seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Selectman Bowles stated that a date and time would need to be set. Discussion ensued regarding placing information in the Ledger notifying citizens that the committee has been officially established. All in favor. Motion

carried. Discussion ensued regarding cable service questions. The Board discussed the retaining wall at Dee Dee Maratea's property. Selectman Maxfield stated that the Board sent Ms. Maratea a letter advising her that nothing could be done until she has an engineer forward a plan to the Town. The Board discussed Batchelder Road drainage issues. The Board discussed the possible amendment to the Personnel Policy relative to the FMLA and Military Leave updates as well as the Criminal Check policy for new hires.

- f. The Board received copies of a letter from NH Banking Department regarding deposits in NH Deposit Investment Pool.
- g. The Board received copies of an abutter notice for a variance for the Villages at Loudon.
- h. The Board received copies of a letter from Donna Harvey regarding cable and internet access for review.
- i. The Board received 2 scholarship thank you notes.
- j. The Board received copies of a grant notice from Department of Safety for review.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman