

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2014**

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger. Also present was Road Agent David Rice and Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 7, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew is almost finished screening sand for the winter. Chairman Ives asked if Mr. Rice was set for salt. Mr. Rice indicated that he felt obtaining salt would not be an issue.
  - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board that he was considering a warrant article for Town Meeting to upgrade Lovejoy Road and Stonegate Terrace. Mr. Rice said there were a few culverts that would need to be replaced on Lovejoy Road and there was a spot that would need to be dug up at the area of the sag in the road. Chairman Ives and Selectman Krieger inquired about Piper Hill Road. Mr. Rice said he would be putting more patch in the area with the issue on Piper Hill Road for the winter; next summer he would be digging up a portion of Piper Hill Road and fixing the issues. Mr. Rice indicated that the funds would come from his regular budget for the Piper Hill Road project. Chairman Ives inquired about an area on South Village Road near Plourde Sand and Gravel's property where the pavement is breaking up. Mr. Rice said he may decide to cold plane South Village Road. Selectman Krieger inquired about expanding the width of South Village Road around the Richard Brown House to the Country Store due to people walking to and from the store. Mr. Rice said he could look at expanding the width and putting in a fog line. Mr. Rice said Pleasant Street is another area that will need to be addressed in the future. It was discussed that there are a lot of heavy tractor-trailers traveling on Pleasant Street.
  - c. Mr. Rice discussed the need to repair the loading dock area at the sand/salt shed located at the Transfer Station. It was stated that this project would need approximately 9 yards of concrete and could be included in the work being done at the same time as the Transfer Station building project. Chairman Ives agreed that it should be included in the Transfer Station project. It was stated that the second bid had not been received.
  - d. Mr. Rice discussed the issue with individuals plowing snow across the road and fines that can be established. The Board discussed the ordinances that other towns have as well as the State RSA referencing this issue. Selectman Bowles stated he felt that there was already an ordinance on the books and that if it is already in place, the ordinance may need to be updated. Chief Fiske inquired about possible wording and asked who would determine if there was an actual violation of the ordinance. The Board will research this issue.
  
- III. The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.
  - a. Chief Fiske stated that he felt everything went well with the September race events at NHMS.
  - b. Chairman Ives asked about the Color Run event. Chief Fiske stated that the Color Run went really well. Chairman Ives asked if there were any complaints of noise. Chief Fiske said that there were no complaints about this event.

- c. Chairman Ives asked if Chief had talked with Mr. Phillips regarding the noise issue that happened during the September race event. Chief Fiske stated he had and asked Mr. Phillips to contact the PD immediately next time. Mr. Phillips had indicated that he did not want to bother the PD, as he knew that they were very busy but will contact the PD directly in the future. Chief Fiske stated that the noise issues Mr. Phillips was talking about did not come from the track that morning; he felt it could have been as far away as Gilmanton.
  - d. Selectman Bowles asked if there were any issues at the Miles Smith Farm Day event. Chief Fiske said nothing detrimental happened, but it was a congested area. Selectman Bowles stated Carole Soule felt there were close calls with vehicles trying to get in and out of the event and will be contacting Chief Fiske to discuss options for next year's events.
  - e. Chief Fiske stated he has been lead to believe that there may be a warrant article to come before Town Meeting regarding farm animals being allowed in residential areas of town. There was brief discussion regarding farm animals currently being in areas of town.
- IV. Kate Miller, Attorney for the Town regarding the cable franchise contract, began discussing her interaction with Comcast and TDS. The Board addressed some parts of the discussion they had with Scott Brooks of TDS last week.
- V. Chairman Ives opened the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed franchise contract agreement with TDS in the (798)-telephone exchange area of the Town of Loudon at 6:30 pm.
- a. Attorney Kate Miller explained that she had been in negotiations with TDS to provide cable options for properties in the (798)-telephone exchange area. She stated that there are three of seven town buildings that could be serviced by TDS for fiber optic cable. The Town Office Building/Community Building, Safety Complex, and Maxfield Public Library are all in the (798)-exchange area so they would receive free cable services from TDS. If the town chose to subscribe to TDS internet, there would be a cost to each subscriber but the service would be available. She stated that the Loudon Elementary School, Highway Garage, Station #2, and the Transfer Station would not be in the service area. Chairman Ives stated that the new Town Office Building will be located down the road from the current site and asked if the new building would be available to receive service from TDS still. Attorney Miller stated that it would be all set because it would still be in the (798)-exchange area. She advised the Board that she did ask for the one-year free internet service to municipal buildings but TDS said no. Mr. Colbert of TDS stated that all the other towns going through this process have asked for the free service as well, but at this time, TDS has declined. He also stated that TDS is the first company to be offering 1-gig for home internet service. Attorney Miller stated for the record that the franchise agreement name would be the Kearsarge Telephone Company and that TDS provided an affidavit providing financial information to back up the obligations of Kearsarge Telephone Company for any future issues. Attorney Miller provided the updated franchise agreement for the Board to review and Mr. Colbert of TDS amended the date on the forms to show October 14, 2014 as the date of the contract agreement on behalf of TDS. Mr. Jim Whedon of 149 Greenview Drive stated that this option does not work for him and the residents of Greenview Drive. Attorney Miller discussed cable contracts and issues between differences in the Comcast contract and the TDS agreement, and she stated that she would do some research with Comcast and find out where things stand with the negotiations. Mr. Whedon asked Mr. Colbert if there were plans for TDS to expand. Mr. Colbert said not at this time. He stated that there is stimulus money available for companies to use to get the cable and internet services out to areas that are not currently getting those services due to the location or distance from the service lines already in place. Attorney Miller stated that

Comcast and Fairpoint have opted out of receiving the federal funding that other providers have chosen to participate in those programs. Chairman Ives stated that the Public Hearing was closed and the Board was back in their regular session.

VI. Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Kearsarge Telephone Company Cable Television Franchise agreement for Loudon NH as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received the Merrimack Valley School District October 15th invoice for \$727,388.64.
- b. The Board received the request from Breanne Mullen, President of LYAA, for their \$5,000.00 appropriation from the budget. Chairman Ives stated LYAA does a tremendous job with their programs. Selectman Bowles said it was nice to have so many volunteers to make this program successful.
- c. The Board received a copy of the check from NHMS for payment for the Sylvania 300 in the amount of \$125,981.75 for both police and fire coverage.
- d. The Board received a copy of the check from Fillmore Industries to pay for the bags of calcium chloride they purchased from Highway Department.
- e. The Board received a ZBA abutter notification for a special exception hearing on the Inisfree Investments, LLC property on Chichester Road.
- f. The Board received the Municipal Emergency Trouble Reporting Procedures from Comcast for review.
- g. The Board received the message that Richard Bridgford (1 Spring Street) called on 10/09/14 to commend the Ambulance/Fire Crew for all their help and hard work.
- h. The Board received the following reminders:
  1. The Town Clerk is closed Wed and Thurs the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, due to the annual conference.
  2. Thursday, October 16 at 7 pm is the Planning Board meeting.
  3. Thursday, October 16 at 7 pm is the Loudon Candidates Forum.
  4. Saturday, October 18 is the state surplus property auction.
  5. Saturday, October 18 is the LFD Harvest Supper from 5-7 pm.

Selectman Krieger moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman