

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Present: Chairman Bowles, Selectman Krieger, and Selectman Ives.

Also present was Ron Lane, Historical Society and Steve Bennett, Transfer Station.

Chairman Bowles called the Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Public Hearing for the Purchase of the American Legion Property Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 3, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Krieger moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 9, 2012 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carries.

- I. Chairman Bowles stated for the record that he signed two pistol permits.
- II. The Board began their review of correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a memo from Jean regarding the tax rate setting. The Board decided that they would adjust the overlay amount to approximately \$85,000 for this year. They decided to reduce the unreserved fund by approximately \$400,000 to help reduce the tax rate. The Board explained that this is all an estimate until they get information from DRA regarding the school district, Hardy rd etc.
 - b. The Board received the MS-5 for their review and signature.
 - c. The Board received a copy of the auditor's draft report for review. The report shows (and the Board agrees) that all the department heads, committee members and elected officials are doing a very good job.
 - d. The Board received correspondence from Town Council regarding the Claire Crowley road bond.
 - e. The Board received an email from Central NH Regional Planning Commission regarding a Broadband Planning Meeting. CNHRPC is looking for someone to represent the town at the meeting. Selectman Krieger stated that he wants to know who will be representing the town if someone from another Board is going.
 - f. The Board received information regarding the NRRRA Annual Meeting. This information will be forwarded to Steve Bennett.
 - g. The Board received the NH Local Government Center program reports CD.
 - h. The Board received correspondence from M.A. Bean Associates, LLC regarding bridge repairs and replacements.
 - i. The Board received a letter from the Department of Safety regarding 2012 Homeland Grant information.
 - j. The Board received two abutter notices from the Loudon Zoning Board of Adjustment. One is for a special exception for reduced setbacks for the purpose of

- putting an addition on the back of a house. The second is for a variance to allow someone under the age of 55 to reside at the Villages at Loudon.
- k. The Board received a letter from Xfinity regarding grandfathered cable packages.
 - l. Miscellaneous correspondence.
- III. The Board met with Steve Bennett from the Transfer Station.
- a. Mr. Bennett explained that it is the time of the year to set the GMQ (Guaranteed minimum quantity). He explained that the co-op has estimated that the GMQ should be set at 3143 ton. Mr. Bennett said that he calculated it a couple of different ways and he came up with about the same number so he suggests that 3143 would be the way to go. Mr. Bennett said if things continue as they have they will be under the GMQ this year by about 100 tons. Mr. Bennett explained that the total trash being delivered to Wheelabrator has slowly but steadily fallen in the last few years enough so that the Co-op is going to be renegotiating their contract with Wheelabrator. He explained that the tipping fee is set by the number of tons so less trash means higher tipping fees. Mr. Bennett said there will be a meeting coming up to find out what the co-op learned from Wheelabrator. Ron Lane asked if this means that it costs more money to ship less trash. Selectman Ives explained per ton it is more money but the bottom line will be about the same. Mr. Bennett said to save money we have to recycle more and not send as much trash over.
 - b. Selectman Ives asked what will happen if Concord withdraws from the Co-op. Mr. Bennett said he doesn't know yet.
 - c. The Board thanked Mr. Bennett for his very good work at the Transfer Station.
- IV. Chairman Bowles read a public notice that states due to elections the Town Clerk and Tax Collector will be closed on Tuesday, November 6th, the Planning/Zoning Board and Selectmen's office will close at 4:00 pm and there will not be a Selectmen's meeting that night. Voting will take place at the Town Hall at 433 Clough Hill Road from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.
- V. The Board received the following reminder:
- a. Thursday, October 18th @ 6:00 pm – First Zoning Workshop.
- VI. The Board recognized Bob Levan from the audience.
- a. Mr. Levan arrived late and asked if he missed discussion about anything financial such as taxes.
 - b. Chairman Bowles explained that they approved the MS-5 and talked about the overlay amount and the unreserved fund balance.
 - c. Mr. Levan asked if the MS-5 shows the unreserved fund balance. Chairman Bowles said it does, for this year it is \$1,067,706 and they would like to reduce taxes with approximately \$400,000 of that. Chairman Bowles explained that they don't have the school district, Hardy Road or Concord information so that is an estimate for now.
 - d. Mr. Levan asked how much that would leave in the unreserved fund balance. Selectman Ives said about \$675,000, the state recommends they leave no less than

- 5%. Selectman Ives explained that they wouldn't want to go lower than that because the fund has saved them in the past such as when they lost the bridge. Mr. Levan agreed that they shouldn't go any lower.
- e. Selectman Ives said they're also lowering the overlay so that will help. He stated that they have been able to cut the budget every year and they are right at the point where there's not much left to cut.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman