

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

**Present: Selectman Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.**

**Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Jeff Burr, Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little, and her Assistant, Greg Wells.**

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 10, 2006 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Emergency Management Director Sigrid Little and Assistant Greg Wells.
  - a. Mrs. Little asked the Board if the volunteers under the CERT team for Emergency Management would be covered under the Town's insurance policy if Emergency Management activated them during an emergency incident. She stated if a CERT member was working on their own, not having been activated by Police, Fire, or Emergency Management, they would be covered under the Good Samaritan law. The Board will look into this issue and get Mrs. Little an answer.
  - b. Chairman Bowles stated that Mrs. Little has obtained all the signatures required for the Loudon Emergency Operations Plan. The Plan is now in place.
- III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
  - a. The Board reviewed a confidential letter that they received while Selectman Maxfield was away and the Board needed to take action on it. Chairman Bowles advised Mrs. Lee to remove the other letter from the file as directed.
  - b. The Board reviewed copies of the draft MS-1 for review.
  - c. The Board received copies of an e-mail from Engineer Judy Houston regarding Berry Road and well monitoring.
  - d. The Board received notification that the CD for the maintenance bond for Joe Bohi's portion of Bee Hole Road is up on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board advised Mrs. Lee to check with Fire Chief Burr and Engineer Tony Puntin regarding inspections, but at this time, they do not agree to release the bond.
  - e. The Board received a reminder of the School Board/Municipal Officials meeting, which is next Wednesday, October 25, 2006.
  - f. The Board received a letter from Claire Crowley regarding the dry hydrant on Greenview Drive. Ms. Crowley stated in her letter that the ponds would be constructed this month.

- g. Chairman Bowles stated for the record that three pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
- h. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Local Government Center – Property Liability Trust to pay Target New England \$20,725.00 for work performed at the Town Hall/Loudon Freewill Baptist Church and authorize the Chairman to sign the request. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated he felt this was the final payment for reconstruction of the downstairs. Selectman Maxfield stated he felt they did a nice job with the restoration. Selectman Ives said they did it in a timely manner. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Chairman Bowles opened the Public Hearing to accept the FEMA Grant Monies received from the May Floods.

- a. Chairman Bowles read the public notice for those present. He stated the Town has applied for \$304,953.16 for bridge repair for Cross Brook Road, \$296,495.12 for bridge repair for Chichester Road, and \$44,400.91 for total road repair. To date, the Town has received \$266,468.32. Chairman Bowles stated that the money received so far is for reimbursement for road damage that has already been repaired. A member of the audience inquired if by accepting this money does this mean the Town would not be eligible for other money. Chairman Bowles stated no, this is the first payment, the Town has three different applications to FEMA, and this money is for reimbursement of the money the Town has already spent on road repairs. Selectman Ives said the Town has also applied for State Bridge Aid. Selectman Maxfield said the repairs to the bridge/dam in the Village are being paid for by the Warrant Article passed at Town Meeting and is not part of FEMA money. An audience member inquired about the status of Chichester Road Bridge. Chairman Bowles said that the contractor felt the bridge should be set next Monday, and if all goes well, the bridge should be able to be traveled the first week in November. Selectman Ives moved to accept the \$266,468.32 FEMA Disaster Grant money with said funds to be deposited into the general fund for reimbursement of monies already spent. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Bowles closed the public hearing.

V. The Board reconvened the Selectmen's Meeting.

- a. Chairman Bowles read the notice of the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at the Loudon Town Hall on Clough Hill Road.
- b. Selectman Ives moved to approve the petition and pole license and one new pole on Pittsfield Road, Town of Loudon, pole number #9AA0JS dated September 1, 2006. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Selectman Maxfield moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the haulers permit for Waste Management, 104-A Route 132 North, New Hampton, NH

for a front loader truck for the ensuing year. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

- d. Selectman Ives moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the haulers permit application for Waste Management, 104-A Route 132 North, New Hampton, NH for a roll-off truck for the ensuing year. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

VI. Chairman Bowles recognized William Lehan of Flagg Road from the audience.

- a. Mr. Lehan said that he wanted to talk with the Board about the new property assessments. He said that he received his notification late and did not have the opportunity to meet with the Assessors. Chairman Bowles advised Mr. Lehan that Assessor David Wiley would be at the Office on Thursday, and he suggested that Mr. Lehan setup an appointment with him to discuss his concerns. Discussion ensued regarding the update being based on sales in Town over the last few years as well as the tax rate setting process. Mrs. Lehan asked about the company doing the assessing and stated that she did not think that anyone did a site visit to their property regarding their new home. Chairman Bowles said that if no one walked the property there could be problems with the assessment of the new building. Mrs. Lehan asked what the criteria were for the assessments. Selectman Maxfield discussed how the assessments were derived. Selectman Maxfield discussed Cross Country Appraisal Group and stated that Jeff Earls is a former DRA employee who has a lot of experience. Mr. Lehan discussed the land that he donated to the Town for a turnaround and stated there is no notation on his assessment card addressing the turnaround. Selectman Ives stated that there have been property owners that have been happy and satisfied with the answers they received regarding their assessments as well as others that have not been happy with the assessment or answers they received. Discussion ensued regarding taxing properties, the budgeting process, and cash flow issues if the tax bills are delayed. Discussion ensued regarding the turnaround and no mail being delivered to Mr. Lehan's home.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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