

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Kardaseski, and Bowles.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr. Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske is not present.

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

- I. Selectman Kardaseski moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 12, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board the Highway crew had been patching roads and were getting caught up on road grading.
 - b. Selectman Maxfield stated he and Mr. Rice had discussed Mr. Wlodyka's property on School Street relative to asbestos siding on the existing house. Mr. Rice has contacted DES and is waiting for information from DES relative to costs associated with the demolition and removal of the house.
- III. Chairman Maxfield stated that members of the Loudon Webelo Pack #247 were in attendance at tonight's meeting. After brief introductions, Chairman Maxfield explained the process of the weekly Selectmen's Meetings.
- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that four pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
 - b. The Board received a letter from Tony Merullo regarding the Clough Pond subdivision.
 - c. Selectman Kardaseski moved to forward past due ambulance account #26415 in the amount of \$415.00 and account #15974 in the amount of \$680.00 to collection. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Board received a copy of the letter sent to David Martin of Clough Pond Road from DES Wetlands Bureau regarding the fence at Clough Pond Beach. Chairman Maxfield stated he had contacted Conservation Commission Chairman Julie Robinson regarding this issue. Discussion ensued regarding the fence and its ownership.

- e. The Board received an abutter notice from the Zoning Board regarding the LeClerc property on South Village Road. The property owners want to have a dog grooming business in the apartment building.
 - f. Chairman Maxfield stated the Selectmen have received a petition to turn a portion of Young's Hill Road, beginning at the intersection of Route 129 and continuing in a westerly direction approximately 1,250 feet into a Scenic Road. He went on to say that this would be a Warrant Article placed on the March 2005 Town Warrant. Discussion ensued regarding a portion of Currier Road being a Scenic Road.
- V. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
- a. Discussion ensued regarding the dry hydrant on Bee Hole Road. Selectman Bowles stated he had spoken with Joe Bohi regarding this and was instructed that it appeared there was debris or silt causing the problems, which have been addressed.
- VI. Chairman Maxfield explained more of how Town Government works to the members of the Webelo pack. A brief question and answer period ensued touching on duties of the Selectmen, the tax rate setting, recreation issues, assessing, etc.
- VII. The Board met with Mark Vanson and Mike O'Brien of the Loudon Youth Athletic Association.
- a. Mr. Vanson discussed the need to expand the recreation fields. Mr. O'Brien discussed setting up an exploratory committee to research areas for more recreation fields. Chairman Maxfield suggested talking to Merrimack Valley School District regarding using a portion of the land they purchased for a future middle school to be used for recreation fields. Mr. O'Brien stated he had discussed this idea with School Board Chairman Katie Jones, and was told this was not a possibility at this time as the School Board was proposing Phase III of their building project and the recreation field would not be included. Mr. O'Brien advised the Board that Mark Vanson (a Loudon resident) was willing to assist with the feasibility study of the property in Town to be utilized for recreational fields. Mr. Vanson is a Civil Engineer and is currently working on developing semi-professional soccer fields in Manchester. Discussion ensued regarding Town-owned property on Route 129. This land has been walked by members of LYAA. Discussion ensued regarding wetlands, site distance, driveway access, size, etc. Mr. O'Brien stated he would like to meet with the Conservation Commission Committee, members of the Recreation Committee, and work together to move forward with this research. Tom Schiler stated that there are currently no fields available for spring soccer. Grant money, fundraising, volunteers, and donations were discussed. Selectman Kardaseski inquired if walking/hiking nature trails were going to be considered as part of the recreation plan.

Mr. O'Brien stated that this is definitely going to be considered. Chairman Maxfield stated a Warrant Article could also be an option. Discussion ensued regarding Warrant Articles. Members of LYAA will meet back with the Selectmen in approximately one month to provide the Board with the findings of their research.

- b. Selectman Kardaseski reminded Mr. O'Brien that he needed to meet with Road Agent David Rice to winterize the irrigation system at the Staniels Road ball field.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Deborah A. Kardaseski, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman