

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010

Present: Selectmen Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles. Also present Road Agent David Rice and Deputy Fire Chief Rich Edgecomb.

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 12, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record two pistol permits were signed for approval.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board the highway crew is continuing to prepare for the winter weather and are continuing with grading the dirt roads.
 - b. Mr. Rice said the paving on the top of Batchelder Road would be on Thursday, weather permitting.
 - c. Selectman Ives asked if Mr. Rice had heard anything back from the Clough Pond Association on the grant request to NH Lakes. Mr. Rice said he had spoken with both George Page and Andrew Knowlton. Mr. Knowlton was to be in contact with Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the project. Mr. Rice said he will contact Mr. Knowlton again to see where things are.
 - d. Selectman Ives asked if the town has a lot of trouble with road signs being stolen. Mr. Rice said it happens occasionally but not on a regular basis.
- IV. The Board met with Deputy Fire Chief Rich Edgecomb.
 - a. Mr. Edgecomb advised the Board three new members joined the department.
 - b. Mr. Edgecomb said the Harvest Supper went well with approximately 450 dinners being served. He said the Fire Department Association will be making a donation to the Loudon Food Pantry once the final tally has been completed.
 - c. Mr. Edgecomb said the ladder truck is back in service after undergoing some repair work. He said Forestry 1 is out of service at this time due to a front end problem. Repairs are in process.
 - d. Mr. Edgecomb advised the Board there will be EMT refresher training taking place at the Safety Building on October 22 and 23.
 - e. Selectman Ives addressed the memo that was presented to the Board at their October 5 meeting. He said he had spoken with Chief Burr and requested Chief Burr to attend the Selectmen's meeting to present his request before the full Board.
 - f. Selectman Bowles asked for an explanation of the vote by the Fire Association to deny use of their tables and chairs to NH Motor Speedway for the annual children's Halloween Party. Selectman Bowles asked if there was a good reason for this decision. He said he doesn't call this good community cooperation and the only reason the party takes place at the track is because it is the only facility large enough. He said it is difficult enough to make everything work up there without something like this getting thrown into the

pot and making the town look bad. Mr. Edgecomb said that as Vice-President of the Association, he could explain how the vote came about. He said Mike LaBonte had asked if the tables and chairs would be available for the track to use. Mr. Edgecomb said there was grumbling among the association members who feel they have been treated badly, it went to vote by the members and that was the result. Selectman Ives said he understands the Association is separate from the Town and the Selectmen have no say on what the Association does. He said he finds it very disappointing that at this time of year, where the Town supports the Department with the Harvest Supper and then the Association turns around and does this. Selectman Bowles said the work done to put the Halloween Party together is totally volunteer, no one receives one dime. He said this party is for the kids in the community. Mr. Edgecomb said this was all brought up at the Association meeting. Selectman Bowles said what goes on during the race season has to be separated from something like this. He said it is very disheartening that now this comes back to haunt us. Chairman Maxfield asked if the Association would be willing to re-look the situation. Mr. Edgecomb said the next meeting is a month away so it would be too late to change the results of the ballot vote, which came out with a majority against the request. Selectman Ives said his personal opinion is to be sure the Association members know of the Board's displeasure with this decision and he will personally attend the next meeting to express his displeasure in person. Mr. Edgecomb said the Track had been sent 10 tickets to the Harvest Supper free of charge. Selectman Bowles said that was fine, but this is a totally separate issue. This is for the kids, many of whom look forward to this party. In addition, it gets the kids off the street and gives them a safe place to enjoy Halloween. Selectman Bowles said he hopes this does not end up being a situation where the Fire Department starts a riot act with safety issues and does not try to work with these people. Selectman Ives said he is obviously a safety advocate but it has come to his attention that there are other businesses that have been cited for safety violations as well. He said he hopes the Chief is not acting in a heavy handed manner in these situations.

V. Chairman Maxfield addressed the public hearing held on October 12th to establish an annual renewal fee for daytime parking permits. Selectman Ives moved to establish the annual parking permit renewal fee at \$20.00. Selectman Bowles seconded the motion for discussion purposes. Selectman Bowles said he is not sure he is in favor of this plan. He said he does not feel there have been a lot of problems with the current permits. He said permit holders he has spoken with are down about 20% over previous years. Selectman Bowles said the track is expanding their on-site parking so there may be less and less of the outside parking areas. Selectman Ives explained the process the permit holders go through with an application to the Planning Board. He said the renewal fee would be to have someone do inspections to ensure the safety requirements are being met. Chairman Maxfield called for a vote. All in favor of the \$20.00 annual renewal fee, Ives yes, and Maxfield yes. All opposed, Bowles yes. Motion carried by majority vote.

VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. Chairman Maxfield read a reminder of the 2010 tax rate appointment on Wednesday at 2:30 P.M. at Department of Revenue Administration.
- b. The Board acknowledged receipt of a copy of the bond payment for Clough Pond Road.
- c. Chairman Maxfield reviewed a request for a scholarship award to be applied to a student loan payment. The Board approved this request.
- d. The Board reviewed the approval for a grant award from Primex to purchase ergonomic equipment for the Selectmen's Office. The grant amount is \$375.00.
- e. The Board received correspondence from Senator Lou D'Allesandro regarding the State's inventory of properties within the Town of Loudon.
- f. The Board received copies of the NHDOT/NH Motor Speedway traffic plan meeting minutes from September 9 for review.
- g. The Board received copies of the ESMI compliance reports for July, August and September.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Second by Selectman Bowles. All in favor.
Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dustin J. Bowles, *Selectman*