

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.  
Also present were department heads Lance Houle, Sergeant Burgess, and Chief Rick Wright.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 13, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Krieger stated that he had signed three pistol permits.
- III. The Board met with department head Lance Houle.
  - a. Mr. Houle stated that it had recently been brought to his attention by a gentleman who lives in the Villages at Loudon that that someone had put up five or six No Trespassing/Private Property signposts in the vicinity of the intersection of Old Concord Road and Fox Pond Road. Chairman Krieger asked if there was a name on the signs; Mr. Houle said no. Selectman Maxfield felt it was important to ask who owned the property on Fox Pond Road. Mr. Houle stated that he spoke with Mick Mulkhey, who said he believed that Old Concord Road was a town road while Fox Pond Road was private, but Mr. Houle couldn't say for sure and felt it was worth looking into since it's blocked off right now and could cause safety concerns if used for snowmobile trails. The Board and Mr. Houle discussed the location and direction of the roads in question, and Selectman Ives stated he believes Fox Pond Road leads into Riverview Lane, which is still a town road. Selectman Ives noted that Mick Mulkhey has a camp in that area, and so he initially wondered if Mr. Mulkhey had put up the signs since there had been issues in the past with people breaking into his camp, but agreed with Mr. Houle that Mr. Mulkhey would be knowledgeable about the area since he'd lived there for many years. Chairman Krieger suggested finding out who owns the property in question and asking them about the signposts; Mr. Houle confirmed that there are smaller signposts are located along Morning Glory Road in The Villages that were likely posted by a resident of The Villages, and that there are larger, more rugged signposts that have been driven into the ground on Fox Pond Road that block the road off. Selectman Ives noted that when the development was put in, part of the zoning was that those roads remain open, which Selectman Maxfield confirmed based on previous Planning Board minutes.
  - b. Mr. Houle presented a bid for a plow from E. W. Sleeper in addition to the previous bid from Donovan. He confirmed with Selectman Maxfield that the Donovan bid has a better price for the same equipment and service. Chairman Krieger asked if there was any reason to not go with Donovan, and Mr. Houle said there was not. Mr. Houle also mentioned that the plow on the Dodge truck is so heavy that it weighs down the front-end suspension and learned after checking with Donovan that the truck is too new to be refitted with heavier coil springs, so he plans to stop by Bonneville to pick up some fuel filters and will see if he can get the springs needed

for the truck while there. The Board agreed that Mr. Houle should contact Donovan to move forward with getting the new plow.

- c. Mr. Houle noted that he and another Highway Department staff person would be attending a salt seminar in Windham the following day.
- d. Mr. Houle asked whether new developments within the past five to ten years have been added to the block grant program that provides funding for road maintenance. The Board members stated that they did not know but suggested checking with Donna White in the Planning/Zoning office; Mr. Houle felt it might be worth looking into since it could potentially increase the amount of funding available for maintaining new roads. Selectman Maxfield stated that to his knowledge, the last road that was approved was Veterans' Drive and assumed that if Veterans' Drive was included in the block grant then the others would be as well.
- e. Selectman Ives asked Mr. Houle to begin clearing the asphalt and other road maintenance materials from the lot where the new Town Hall building will be built. Selectman Ives also mentioned a well on the far side of the recreation field and the eventual need to run a new water line and extra utility line for the new building; he wondered whether that was something that could be done now or would have to wait until the spring. Mr. Houle stated that the ground is drier right now, but agreed with Selectman Ives that baseball teams will be using the recreation field in the spring so it may be best to install it sooner rather than later to give it a chance to settle back in. Selectman Ives noted that Tom McNeil installed the original well, and asked Mr. Houle to get in touch with him for further information about the well.
- f. Chairman Krieger noted that the Board had signed a letter to the town of Chichester regarding East Ricker Road that will be mailed.

IV. The Board met with Chief Rick Wright of the Loudon Fire Department and Sergeant Burgess of the Loudon Police Department.

- a. Chief Wright stated that he and Sergeant Burgess had met with Jack Shaver earlier that afternoon regarding the status of his light commercial hauler application. Chief Wright noted that Mr. Shaver is currently under a cease and desist order that was given by Bob Fiske earlier this summer approximately three months ago; however, Chief Wright observed when he visited the property that Mr. Shaver had done lots of clean-up since then, and stated that he would like to get the cease and desist order lifted. The Board asked Chief Wright for further details on his stance, such as whether the neighbors were satisfied with Mr. Shaver's efforts. Sergeant Burgess added that the neighbors who had previously brought this matter to light had since sold their house, and the new neighbors have not had any complaints. Sergeant Burgess did, however, state that the property is still considered a junkyard according to statute, since Mr. Shaver still has some unregistered vehicles on the property and some remaining "junk", even though much of it has been cleaned up. Sergeant Burgess stated that he wouldn't consider the clean-up efforts being to the point of satisfactory, but acknowledged that some progress has been made. Sergeant Burgess also mentioned that Mr. Shaver's willingness to have 30 or 60-day follow-up visits if his hauler's permit was reinstated to ensure that he was following through with the clean-up requirements. Chairman Krieger asked Sergeant Burgess if that was still something he was going to be working on; Sergeant Burgess agreed and confirmed a

court hearing with Mr. Shaver on Thursday at the Concord District Court, which was a continuation of a series of hearings that have been going on for close to a year now. Chairman Krieger asked Sergeant Burgess if it would be a good idea to check with the new neighbors anyway and provide them with an update, and Sergeant Burgess agreed that it would be worthwhile to get his input despite not having any complaints thus far. Selectman Maxfield asked whether there was an ordinance pertaining to how many unregistered vehicles are permitted on a property, and whether there is a fine associated with it. Sergeant Burgess confirmed that there is an ordinance and clarified that it is permissible to have only one unregistered vehicle on a property. Selectman Maxfield asked whether Mr. Shaver had more than this, and Sergeant Burgess confirmed that he currently has three. Chairman Krieger and Selectman Maxfield then asked that Sergeant Burgess speak with Mr. Shaver about his unregistered vehicles and assure him that it is not the intention of the town to interfere with his livelihood as long as he was following through with the clean-up requirements and his neighbors did not have any issue with his efforts. Chairman Krieger also stated that he was open to possibly issuing a temporary permit for 90 days and revisiting the issue then to make sure that things were progressing satisfactorily. Sergeant Burgess reiterated that clean-up efforts were being made, but that progress has been slow because Mr. Shaver has been doing much of the work by himself since some of his workers have been out with injuries; he also stated that Mr. Shaver has been taking his trash outside of the town and has been incurring costs doing so. Selectman Ives agreed with Chairman Krieger in that it is not the Board's intention to interfere with Mr. Shaver's livelihood but acknowledged that in the past Mr. Shaver has given excuses such as not having time or resources to follow through in a timely manner, and that at some point it becomes necessary to directly address such issues in an official way; Selectman Ives then stated that if it would be permissible to grant Mr. Shaver a temporary permit, it would need to be issued with clearly-defined conditions and consequences for noncompliance. Chairman Krieger agreed that setting a specified time limit would assist Sergeant Burgess and Chief Wright with their enforcement of the issue and serve as documentation of the town's efforts to the court system. The Board discussed whether it was possible to move forward with issuing a temporary permit, and Chairman Krieger proposed tabling the issue until next week to allow time to determine whether it was possible. Sergeant Burgess agreed to pass this information along to Mr. Shaver at the upcoming court hearing on Thursday. Chief Wright agreed to have his administrative assistant look into possibly issuing a permit as well.

- b. Chief Wright noted that the Board had received his letter responding to the state's proposal to discontinue state maintenance of the street lights on Route 106 and stated that he had also provided a copy to the State Representative George Saunderson to see what he could do. Selectman Ives confirmed with Chief Wright that he had received his email about the letter, and commended Chief Wright for the quality of the letter he wrote. Chairman Krieger stated that he had spoken with Representative Saunderson on the phone yesterday to voice his concerns and the hidden concern that the state would allow all the lights to stay there as long as towns pay the bills for the lights, which Chairman Krieger felt was obviously not a desirable outcome. Chairman Krieger also brought up an instance where three lights were out and only

one was on when Waterville Valley was at Chichester Road and had to use their own vehicle lights. Chairman Krieger also mentioned that seeing as the State was one of the first to acknowledge the revenue generated by the racetrack that benefits the State of New Hampshire, it makes sense to request the State to pay for some of the lights. A statement was made in a letter from the State of New Hampshire about the street lights not being necessary for motorist safety, with which Chief Wright stated he disagreed seeing as the lights were installed for a reason. Chairman Krieger and Selectman Maxfield agreed, stating that there must have been a formula used by traffic safety at one point regarding streetlights but it must have changed.

- c. Chief Wright said that he requested estimates from three local auto body shops to repaint the old police cruiser for use in the Code Enforcement department so that it would have red on the bottom and white on the top to match the other vehicles used. As of the meeting, however, he had only received one estimate but in the meantime had also found all-white car with red lights, and thought its red lights could be swapped out with the lights on the cruiser if it is to be painted red and white. He had also confirmed with Sergeant Akerstrom that it would not be cost effective to remove the blue lights from the cruiser to replace them with red lights. Chief Wright also said that the blue lights at the front of the cruiser's bumper would need to be removed, and would pass along the other two estimates as soon as he receives them. Chief Wright also mentioned that he had found an old siren but wasn't sure if it still worked; he thought that it could be left in, removed and put in a new cruiser if it is functional, or that a new one could be purchased if necessary. Chairman Krieger agreed that it would require less work to keep it as-is if possible.
- d. Chief Wright reported that the fire alarm system dialer at the safety complex has been repaired and is back in service.
- e. Chief Wright brought up his proposal for a new dry hydrant on Route 129. He stated that there is a great need for a dependable year-round water source on Route 129, especially since there is nothing on that road at this point. He had approached the owners of Meadow Ledge Farm on 612 Route 129 about installing a dry hydrant in the farm pond in the back of the store, and found the owner to be very supportive of this project. Chief Wright explained that the pipe would be run from the pond to the dry hydrant, which would be located next to the driveway. He stated locating the hydrant next to the driveway would allow access by fire protection for any fires in the neighborhood while preventing the additional cost of running water pipes all the way to the road. Selectman Maxfield asked how far the water source is from the road; Chief Wright confirmed that it is approximately 600 feet, but proposes to build a hydrant at the driveway instead to save costs. Selectman Maxfield asked about the depth of the pond; Chief Wright stated that the portion of the pond closest to Route 129 is pretty deep, but shallows out to about five feet at the end closer to the orchard. Selectman Maxfield confirmed with Chief Wright that the pond is of adequate size for the purpose, even during the frozen winter months. Selectman Ives asked whether the owner was willing to give an easement for this project and Chief Wright confirmed that he is.
- f. Chief Wright stated that the fire department's first factory-built fire truck, which Jeff and Warren Jenkins have owned and cared for for almost 40 years, is ready to be donated free of charge back to the fire department and that the transfer of ownership

paperwork is in progress. Chief Wright stated that he would prefer that the town retain ownership of the truck once returned since the town owns all its fire trucks, and that it is both his and Jeff Jenkins's goal to ensure that the paperwork reflects this. The Board confirmed with Chief Wright that it is Jeff Jenkins's intention to donate the truck to the town and that ownership of it should belong to the town rather than the association, especially in light of some recent changes that have taken place at the association with respect to its non-profit status, leadership, and voting capabilities. Selectman Ives stated his belief that the town has the resources and insurance necessary to maintain and cover the truck, and reiterated that it would be owned by the town of Loudon and not another entity associated with the town of Loudon. Selectman Maxfield asked where the truck was to be stored; Chief Wright responded that he would like to keep it at Station 1 so that people can see it, but also had heard that others felt it would be better kept at Station 2 so it would be out of the way. Chairman Krieger agreed that keeping it at Station 1 would be ideal, especially to show visiting schoolchildren and to have the oldest and newest trucks side-by-side.

- g. Chief Wright stated that he had talked with Faith Stevens of the Loudon CERT Leadership; she is still the leader of the team, which has allowed the state-issued items in the trailer to remain. Chief Wright had also spoken with Domenic DiNatale, VolunteerNH Coordinator, regarding the Loudon CERT team; Chief Wright stated that Mr. DiNatale has been trying to move to an area team instead of a town-by-town team, since that seems to make more sense. Chief Wright noted that there has been a move to combine Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Response Corps (MRC), which is what Mr. DiNatale said he would like to see. The Board discussed with Chief Wright what would happen if the town of Loudon chose to participate in the combination efforts as well as the desires of some existing participants to either lead or participate more directly with the efforts. Chief Wright stated that Mr. DiNatale would really like to see the trailer returned to the (?) building, since it's truly their trailer, but at this point it's not set in stone. Chairman Krieger asked if it was worth advertising in the Loudon Ledger for a leader for the CERT team; Chief Wright stated that he wasn't sure if there was enough activity to warrant each town having its own team, which seemed to be part of the difficulty in keeping the interest up. Chairman Krieger stated he felt that these teams could be utilized more than they have been; Selectman Ives agreed, but stated that while people want to be involved, oftentimes they don't want to have to get out of bed at 2:00AM to go to the scene of an accident to help direct traffic. Chairman Krieger listed several other events that occur throughout the year where a CERT team could be utilized, and Selectman Ives agreed that a motivated leader could help to find more ways to utilize a CERT team. Chief Wright agreed to speak with some people who might be interested to determine whether it would be worth having a town-level CERT team or an area-level CERT team. Selectman Ives proposed a hybrid town and area-level CERT team, much like the Loudon-Chichester ambulance service; Chairman Krieger expressed concern that an area-level team would lead to the trailer and other resources leaving Loudon and potentially not returning. Selectman Maxfield mentioned a gentleman who lives on Oak Hill Road with whom Chief Wright may want to speak about the CERT teams.

- h. Chief Wright stated that the aerial tower truck had gone to E-1 Greenwoods earlier in the day so that a few things could be looked at, such as some minor paint, upholstery, hydraulics, electrical and lights issues; he said that E-1 will have the truck for at least a week and will be able to provide a cost estimate and more accurate timeframe for the repairs to help determine which repairs are most immediate and which can wait.
- i. Chief Wright stated that the Harvest Supper went well. He said about 440 people came to enjoy it, plus the 60 or 70 workers and they did not run out of food. The Board congratulated Chief Wright on successfully running the Harvest Supper.
- j. Chief Wright stated that the flags at the war memorial are worn out and torn, and had spoken with the town office manager to order new ones.
- k. Chief Wright spoke about the trainings that Deputy Lake has been giving to the Villages at Loudon about the sprinkler, carbon monoxide, and smoke detector systems.
- l. Chief Wright spoke about a fire extinguisher class taking place on Wednesday at Meadow Ledge farm for all the workers there.
- m. Chairman Krieger brought up the Cease and Desist order that Chief Wright had given to Map 53 Lot 11 and asked how it was going. Chief Wright said it was going okay.

V. The Board met with Sergeant Burgess of the Loudon Police Department.

- a. Sergeant Burgess presented the Board with some estimates for equipment and new rugs in the police department. He said that Janice Morin is working on getting a few quotes.
- b. Chairman Krieger asked if the detail was all set for the Punkin Chunkin event this upcoming weekend at the racetrack; Sergeant Burgess stated that it was, and that they had to reach out to some other agencies for assistance and did not have any updates as far as how many people were expected to turn out for the event.

VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received a copy of a Cease and Desist letter from the Code Enforcement Officer.
- b. The Board received information from Donna & Nobis regarding Cross Brook cul-de-sac paving. Selectman Ives made a motion to reduce the bond for this project to 15% of the original cost, which was \$40,000.00, to be held at \$6,000.00 until April 2016; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.
- c. The Board received a request from Solid Waste & Recycling Committee to create a Facebook page.
- d. The Board received a list of September 2015 Property Transfers.
- e. The Board received a letter from George Sansoucy regarding 2014 Eversource Energy Appeals.
- f. The Board received information from the NH Bar Association regarding free private legal consultation for homeowners in foreclosure.
- g. The Board received information from Davis & Towle Insurance regarding educational sessions.

h. The Board received a Thank you letter from scholarship recipient S. Newcomb.

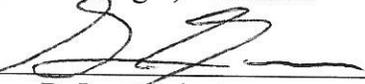
VI. The Board received the following reminders:

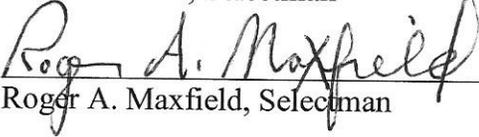
- a. Thursday October 22 at 7:00PM is the Zoning Board meeting.
- b. Saturday Oct 24 to Sunday October 25 is the Extreme Punkin Chunkin Event at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

VII. Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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