

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

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

**Also present: Fire Chief Jeff Burr.**

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

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 14, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
  - a. Chief Burr stated that he had noted in the Selectmen's Minutes there had been discussion regarding cable and internet service. He asked the Board if the contract was up for renewal. The Selectmen said no, that there have been more inquiries from residents who currently do not have, or wish to upgrade, their internet and cable access. Chairman Ives said the Board has signed a letter asking Comcast Cable to increase their network in Loudon. Chief Burr asked that when the Board renegotiates the cable contract, they include a provision that all Municipal departments and buildings receive the cable/internet for free. He said that currently the Town pays the business rate for the internet service.
  - b. Chief Burr discussed the water issue with regards to costs to run the water pump, if the water was being left trickling at the Town Office during the winter, and looking at checking the seals in the toilets at the Town Office Building to help conserve on energy.
  - c. Chief Burr asked the Selectmen to consider allowing the Fire Department to utilize the oldest police cruiser instead of sending the vehicle to auction. He stated that the vehicle would be used to transport fire department personnel to trainings and possibly for the department officers to use for response to fire calls. Chief Burr said that most of the fire department personnel volunteer their time, with little or no pay for their service and do not get reimbursement for the mileage to and from the trainings they are required to participate in to keep their certifications and advancement. Discussion ensued regarding what would need to be changed over for the vehicle to become functional for the fire department. The Board stated that the next cruiser is not due to be replaced until next July so the Board will have plenty of time to consider this option. Roy Merrill was recognized from the audience. He asked the Board how much the Town receives when a cruiser is sent to auction. The Board said \$1,500.00 - \$3,000.00. Mr. Merrill said that since the Town would not be recouping much money from the auction,

this might be a good way for the fire department to get a vehicle. Discussion ensued regarding lights, radios, and equipment.

- d. Chief Burr said the Harvest Supper went very well.

III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received copies of an article for the Loudon Ledger regarding making residents aware of the positions that will be elected on at Town Meeting in March. The Board discussed the content of the article and felt they would like to see the name of the current position holder and salary amount removed from the article. Discussion ensued.
- b. The Board received a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding: Selectmen's meeting dates in November due to the election and holiday. The Board agreed to cancel the Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2008 and will postpone the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2008 to Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 6:30 PM.; the newly formed Energy Committee, the Selectmen will have Ms. Lee forward a letter to the five individuals who have shown an interest in this committee to set a date for their first meeting; military duty issue, Chairman Ives stated that at this point there are no town employees on military leave. The Board agreed that an amendment should be included in the Personnel Policy.
- c. The Board received copies of Town Report bid notice and specifications and Town Office Cleaning bid notice and specifications for review and approval. The Board discussed looking at obtaining quotes for printing 1500 and 2000 copies of the Town Report.
- d. The Board received copies of the Best Septic bill for the porta potty at the Library for use during the water issue for approval. Chairman Ives said that there were a lot of extra people at the Library during that time due to the Community Action Fuel Assistance Program holding appointments in the Library Meeting Room and with the water issues at all the Town Buildings in the Village without running water, he agreed to the delivery of the porta potty. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the payment of \$100.00 for the porta potty rental for the Maxfield Public Library during the water crisis. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- e. The Board received a request from Dan Aversa for the name of his private road. Mr. Aversa has requested the name be "Bert Lane". Selectman Bowles moved to name the private road off Bee Hole Road on Dan Aversa's subdivision as "Bert Lane". Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. The Board received copies of an invoice from Engineer Judy Houston for NH Borings for a repair to monitor well #8A at the Landfill for review. Discussion ensued. Selectman Bowles moved to approve payment of the billing from NH Borings in the amount of \$450.00 to The Louis Berger Group, and to note that the Selectmen need to be notified by The Louis Berger Group before any further well work is done at the Landfill. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Bowles stated it should be any work to

be done at the Landfill, not just the monitoring wells. All in favor. Motion carried.

- g. The Board received copies of a letter sent to the Trustees of the Trust Funds by DRA.
- h. The Board received copies of a memo from Superintendent Michael Martin requesting a Selectman to become a member of the task force to develop recommendations on the Beede Electric property. The Board noted that the letter was received in the Office on Monday and the meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 5:45 PM.
- i. The Board received a notice from MVSD regarding the fall meeting on October 29, 2008 at 7:00 PM.
- j. The Board received a letter from Concord Ventures Area Development requesting a warrant article for town meeting to discontinue 435 feet of Staniels Road from Route 106. Discussion ensued. Selectman Bowles said he does not support this request but agreed that it should go before the Town for a vote at town meeting.
- k. The Board received copies of the Third Quarter Host Community Fee calculation from ESMI for review.
- l. The Board received information from PRIMEX on the 2009 Workers Compensation contribution and multi year extension to 2012 for review. The Board agreed they would obtain a quote from the Local Government Center for comparison.
- m. The Board received copies of Single Stream Recycling information for review.
- n. The Board received copies of a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding a new Fire Captain appointment for Richard Edgecomb effective October 16, 2008 and for Rob Morin to Lieutenant.
- o. The Board received a Veteran's Credit for review. The Board agreed the credit should remain in place.
- p. The Board received copies of information from Department of State on election law surveys.
- q. The Board received copies of the September property transfers for review.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

#### THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

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Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman