

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

**Present: Selectman Maxfield and Ives. Selectman Bowles is not present.  
Also present: Road Agent David Rice.**

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Maxfield moved to reopen the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2007 for amendment. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Chairman Maxfield moved to amend the Minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2007 to read the total amount of the 2007 Fall Tax Warrant should be \$4,848,804.00 due to adjustments and abatements from the Spring Tax Billing that had to be imported into the Fall Warrant. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2007 as amended. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
  - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the Highway Crew has been mixing winter sand in between their other tasks. He stated that Joe Bohi allows the Highway Department to use his screener as long as they keep up the maintenance on it. Selectman Ives asked if there was any concern regarding getting enough salt for the season. Mr. Rice said he felt confident that he would be able to obtain all the salt that might be needed. He stated that Morton Salt was almost \$0.60 less than the other companies were.
  - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the roads are being graded for winter. Discussion ensued regarding dirt roads.
  - c. Selectman Ives asked about the ditching on Flagg Road. Mr. Rice stated that they have gotten most of the water issue taken care of as the rain had been washing out the middle of the road. He said they would be placing more gravel on the area when they grade the road. Mr. Rice said they would be placing more gravel on Berry Road as well.
  - d. Chairman Maxfield asked if bush cutting had begun. Mr. Rice said that he planned to do the bush cutting when the leaves have fallen as it does not look as bad. Selectman Ives said that if a little bit is done each year it will be easier to keep it back.
  - e. Chairman Maxfield asked if Mr. Rice was going to speak with Ms. Murray of Country Hill Road regarding the culvert. Mr. Rice said that

he advised Ms. Murray's son-in-law that the Town does not maintain driveway culverts, as it is the responsibility of the landowner. Mr. Rice will provide Ms. Murray with a copy of the RSA relative to this issue. Chairman Maxfield stated that Ms. Murray has asked to meet with the Board next week. He gave a brief history of Country Hill Road.

- III. 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 memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding Ms. Murray's request to meet with the Selectmen regarding the culvert on Country Hill Road. The Board agreed that Ms. Murray could meet with the Board next week. Mrs. Lee inquired about the final payment for R. M. Piper. Selectman Ives stated he felt it is not R. M. Piper's fault as the design of the Village Road Dam and dry hydrant was done by The H. L. Turner Group. Selectman Ives moved to pay R. M. Piper the balance of their contract. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Selectman Ives said R. M. Piper had performed the work according to the plans that were drawn up by The H. L. Turner Group. He said if the Town had to go after anyone, it would be The H. L. Turner Group. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Mrs. Lee advised the Board that Library Trustee Sandra Blanchard has asked for the payroll figures, insurance, taxes, and employee benefits. Selectman Ives stated that he had spoken with Mrs. Lee regarding the difficulty in giving the Library Trustees set figures, as the Board does not know what the Library Trustees are planning to pay their employees. He said that percentages could be given, but the Trustees need to come up with their hard figures on employee salaries, etc. Chairman Maxfield said that the Trustees would have to pay Worker's Comp, FICA, Social Security, etc. Discussion ensued regarding not sending any payments to the Trustees until the agreement is signed. Mrs. Lee advised the Board that she had spoken with Engineer Lee Eddins, former on-call Engineer, regarding a request he had received for drainage plans on the initial phase of Voted Road/Greenvine Drive from Bill Leombruno's Attorney. Mr. Eddins wanted to know how the Board wanted him to respond with the inquiries. Discussion ensued. Chairman Maxfield stated that as Mr. Eddins is no longer a consultant for the Town of Loudon, all inquiries should go through the Selectmen's Office.
  - c. The Board was reminded of the School Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 where the Selectmen of all five towns get together for a district update. Chairman Maxfield stated he understood that they would be taking a tour of the new High School facility.

- d. The Board received a reminder of the Town Meeting Workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2007.
- e. The Board received a request for payment from LYAA for fencing at the Recreation Field. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board had previously agreed to this purchase.
- f. Selectman Ives moved to waive the \$35.00 fee for Kathy Kendall for the rental of the Community Building for a function of sending her son off to Iraq. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.
- g. The Board received the 2007 Utilities Assessing billing for approval. Selectman Ives moved to approve the bill for George Sansoucy for the Utilities Assessment in the amount of \$4,062.70. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Chairman Maxfield stated that George Sansoucy has been performing the Utility Assessments for approximately ten years. He said that prior to that, the Utilities were not assessed. Chairman Maxfield went on to say that now they are one of the highest paying taxpayers. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.
- h. The Board received notice of the election law trainings.
- i. The Board received a reminder that the CIP applications are due on October 31, 2007.
- j. The Board received copies of the draft October Planning Board minutes.
- k. The Board received copies of a memo to the Planning Board from Tony Merullo for a site visit to reduce his road bond.
- l. The Board received copies of the notice of decision for Wellington Properties on their road bond reduction.
- m. The Board received copies of a memo from Bob Fiske to the Planning Board regarding ESMI regarding hours of operation.
- n. The Board received a letter from Central NH Regional Planning Commission asking for a letter of support on a regional drinking water grant. The Board agreed that a letter would be drafted in support of this grant.
- o. The Board received a copy of a certificate of completion for Fire Chief Jeff Burr's training.
- p. The Board received copies of a news release from District #2 Councilor Shea for review.
- q. The Board received notice of a meeting on November 8, 2007 for Central NH Regional Planning Commission.
- r. The Board received notice of presentation of changes to the Shoreline Protection Act.
- s. The Board received correspondence from Fair Point regarding the Verizon sale.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. Seconded by Chairman Maxfield. Majority vote in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

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Steven R. Ives, Selectman

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Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman