

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Present: Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives.

Also present was Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent Dave Rice and Fire Chief Dick Wright.

Chairman Bowles called the Meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2012 as written; seconded by Chairman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Ives moved to accept the Purchase of the American Legion Property Public Hearing Minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2012 as written; seconded by Chairman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carries.

- I. The Board met with Ana Volsko, Director of Events with the New Hampshire Motor Speedway.
 - a. Chairman Bowles explained that everything went very well this summer, but they have a few concerns.
 - b. Chairman Bowles stated that the Letter of Intent for the Renegade Playground didn't come in until after the event. Chairman Bowles stated that there were some upset neighbors that weekend because the loud music started early in the morning. Ms. Volsko explained that there were new owners of the event and they weren't quite as forthcoming as the previous owners had been. She stated that if this event happens again the Speedway will be more involved and have more control over what is happening. Ms. Volsko apologized that the letter of intent that she turned in did not state that there would be music in the morning; it was a miscommunication between her and the client.
 - c. Selectman Ives mentioned that the covenants state that there are to be no concerts and now there are more and more events with bands that could be construed as having concerts on a non-race weekend. Ms. Volsko said that she understands that concern and they are trying to balance the fan experience with the wants and needs of the Town of Loudon. Chairman Bowles stated that they are trying to work with everybody and he understands the intent of having the bands to bring everyone together in a group. He said they need to keep a close eye on it so it's not happening every weekend and they have to watch the time of day that it is happening; not too early in the morning or too late in the evening.
 - d. Chairman Bowles asked Chief Fiske and Chief Wright if they had any concerns, neither did.
 - e. Chairman Bowles recognized Tom Blanchette, Director of Operations at NHMS. Mr. Blanchette asked if anyone had gone over the traffic rerouting for the Christmas lights. He said that it got out of control a couple of weekends last year. Mr. Blanchette said that to avoid any problems this year they will be bringing all the

guests in through the South entrance by the Shell station. They will put lights up throughout the route to guide the guests along the way. He said that by bringing them in the South entrance the Main entrance becomes only an exit. Mr. Blanchette said they will put up a temporary fence and proper signage so that it is not an entrance just an exit. Selectman Ives thanked him for being proactive and coming up with a plan.

- II. Chairman Bowles stated for the record that he signed one pistol permit.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice stated that the new grader is on the road and they have begun grading.
 - b. Selectman Ives said that he noticed that Mr. Rice is getting the winter sand ready.
 - c. Chairman Bowles said that Selectman Krieger left a note thanking the highway and transfer station guys for their work this weekend and today when the compactor broke down; Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives agreed they did a good job.
- IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Dick Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright said that the last time he checked there were more than a dozen applications for the chief's position. He said that probably half were from out of state. Applications are due by this Thursday, October 25 at 4:00 pm.
 - b. Chief Wright explained that he received a call from Colonel Hayden from the National Guard. They are going to be doing helicopter training. Greg Fillmore has given them permission to do it on his land. They will be meeting with Chief Wright and Chief Fiske next Tuesday at 2:00 pm to discuss the training and invited the Selectmen and anyone else with authority in the town to attend the meeting.
 - c. Chief Wright said that the harvest supper is over, everything went good, and Mike did a wonderful job keeping everyone in line.
- V. Chairman Bowles stated that at this time they are going to take the vote to purchase the American Legion Property. He explained that pursuant to RSA 41:14-a they held two public hearings where they had a lot of positive response and everyone that came to the hearing was in favor of it. Chairman Bowles stated that he has a signed letter from Selectman Krieger stating that he is favor of it, unfortunately he couldn't attend tonight's meeting. Selectman Ives made a motion to purchase the American Legion Post; tax records show it as tax map 20 lot 67 including all improvements located thereon for the purchase price to be \$180,000.00 to buy the property and building and for the removal of the structure on the property thereon. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carries. Chairman Bowles said that they will be in touch with town council to get a purchase and sale drawn up, meet with the Legion folks, make that transaction and work towards getting the building ready to be moved. Chairman Bowles said they are aiming for May 1st for a clean site. Mr. Cabot is still interested in the building. He explained that a building committee will be formed over the next two weeks to start the process of designing a new town office to bring to town meeting in March. Mike Labonte asked if the building will go out to bid. Chairman Bowles said that town council explained to him that because the people at the public hearing were in favor of the building staying in town and being rebuilt, they don't have to put it out to bid they can just go with that option. Chairman Bowles said if he hears concern and people want it to

go out to bid they could do it however at the public hearings the consensus was that Mr. Cabot take it and resurrect it. Tom Blanchette asked how they are going to form the committee for designing the town office. Chairman Bowles stated that they haven't got to that point yet. Selectman Ives said that they had a committee before and some of those people might like to serve again. Chairman Bowles stated that they also have a plan from before that might fit on that lot nicely. Selectman Ives stated that he is committed to making this process as open as possible so that everyone knows what is going on.

- VI. Chief Wright informed the Board that there is going to be a political debate Saturday morning at 10:00 am at the Legion with Howard Moffett, George Saunderson, Ken Kreis Priscilla Lockwood, Jason Parent and Lorrie Carey.
- VII. The Board began their review of correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a letter from Leonard LaPadula regarding the revocation of his subdivision and an abatement request. Chairman Bowles stated that he discussed this with town council and it is his recommendation that the town give back the land and revoke the subdivision as long as the Planning Board and Conservation Commission are on board. This would be the same process that they just went through to purchase the Legion property; two public hearings, a vote etc.
 - b. The Board received a memo from Jean regarding the tax rate; a representative from DRA said that there are many towns ahead of ours so it will be a couple of weeks before we get our tax rate.
 - c. The Board received a memo from Brenda regarding the refund of escrow balances. The Planning Board reviewed a list of escrow balances that the town still holds, many of these are for projects that have been completed for some time. The Board agrees that the escrow balance should be returned.
 - d. The Board received a copy of a letter from NHLGC regarding Property-Liability Rates.
 - e. The Board received an invitation from the Town of Gilmanton regarding a Secretary of State Presentation regarding the status of NHLGC.
 - f. The Board received the Planning Board meeting minutes for September 20, 2012.
 - g. The Board received a DRA press release regarding the retirement of the Director of Municipal Services Division.
 - h. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence.
- VIII. The Board received the following reminder:
 - a. Thursday, October 25th @ 7:00 pm – Zoning Board meeting.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM. Seconded by Chairman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman

Robert P. Krieger, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman