

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Present: Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

Also present was Police Chief Kris Burgess and Fire Chief Rick Wright and Road Agent Lance Houle.

- I. Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- II. Selectman Fiske moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 18, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.
 - a. Mr. Houle explained that all the cross culverts are in on Pleasant Street.
 - b. Mr. Houle said they are just about done with the fall grading.
 - c. Mr. Houle said he called about the new truck and found that they received a shipment of bad windshields so they are waiting for a new shipment. He said they are looking at about a month out at this point so they might have to hire someone if we get snow before the truck is delivered.
 - d. Mr. Houle said there is always a water problem at Terry Drive in the spring so he pulled the covers, it looks like there are drywells with no stone. He is going to add stone to see if they can get rid of some of the water.
 - e. Mr. Houle said he has a culvert falling in on Ricker Road, he already called dig safe. He hopes to have it fixed before winter comes.
 - f. Mr. Houle said they got most of the plows out and have been putting snow tires on.
 - g. Selectman Ives said he'd like to discuss the signage for the metal pile. Mr. Houle said he will be going over to the prison to order those this week. Selectman Ives said there should be signs that say; personal use only, no getting up on the dumpster and must see attendant. Mr. Houle added a sign that says at your own risk.
 - h. Jeff Miller asked if anyone has seen the edge of Wales Bridge road since the heavy rain; it's starting to wash off. Mr. Houle said he has seen it and will be taking care of it when he goes there to take care of an issue with someone putting rocks and stumps in a ditch line. He explained that he removes the rocks and they get put back in so now the ditch line is filled with sand and causes water to run into the road. Selectman Fiske suggested that Chief Burgess can talk to the homeowner if it continues.
- IV. The Board met with Police Chief Kris Burgess.
 - a. Chief Burgess explained that the Millennial Run was on Sunday. He said everything went well. Chief Burgess said he has heard there was between 1200 and 1500 runners. He submitted a copy of the bill that went to Millennium Running for traffic detail. Selectman Fiske said that he understands people billed for themselves. Chief Burgess said they had an issue finding individuals to come work the race. He explained that some of them asked about working it and billing for themselves. He called John Mortimer, who had no problem with it, John said that is what every other police department does in all the other events. Selectman

Fiske said he and the other Selectmen have discussed it and they are adamant that no one is going to start billing for themselves. Selectman Fiske asked where the liability lays. Chief Burgess said some of their argument is that if they come over and utilize their officers and their cruisers; what compensation do they get. Chief Burgess explained that one reason Pittsfield is not sending their cruisers over anymore for the races is because they are not getting any compensation for them. Selectman Ives said they have to have a big discussion about this and the special details and get this ironed out. Selectman Ives suggested that perhaps Chief Burgess can reach out to the other departments and come up with a special duty rate that all the departments agree upon. Selectman Fiske asked Chief Burgess if he had any problem getting coverage. Chief Burgess said no other than Pittsfield cruisers.

- b. Chief Burgess said Officer Brian Martel completed the firearm instructors course this week. He explained that he and Officer Martel are the two firearm instructors for the department. Chief Burgess said they will be holding a training on October 29.
- c. Chief Burgess said he received the letter from NHDOT regarding the closing of Route 106 tomorrow between 7:00pm and 6:00am. He explained that the road will be completed including pavement and reopened by 6:00am.
- d. Chief Burgess explained that he has 15 Beretta's that are no longer being utilized. He said he has three quotes for them. Chief Burgess brought to the Board's attention that one of the places that gave him a quote will give them a store credit. He said that way instead receiving a check that would go into the general fund the police department could get equipment. Selectman Ives said he wouldn't want to go down that road because the budget is a useful tool to track how much is spent in each line and that would throw off what is actually spent on equipment. Chief Burgess said he understands and respects that; he just wanted to pass on the proposal. Dustin Bowles asked what the difference between what Chief Burgess is proposing and trading in a vehicle. Selectman Ives said that is a trading in a vehicle is a normal thing they do; trading in equipment would throw off the budget. He said if they started doing with them and then if the highway department had something then all of a sudden they would be losing track of budgets.

V. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.

- a. Chief Wright submitted a list of ambulance bills sent to collection.
- b. Chief Wright submitted an abatement request for an ambulance bill. Selectman Ives said he would like to take the abatement under advisement until next Tuesday.
- c. Chief Wright said he received notification from NH Forest and Lands that they are approved for the \$2,000 grant that he applied for. Chief Wright explained that this is a 50/50 grant and they will purchase a forestry pump for the old highway department 1-ton truck that was converted to a forestry truck. Selectman Ives thanked Chief Wright for the good work on the grant; this will save the taxpayers a couple thousand dollars.
- d. Chief Wright said he was asked by the contractor installing the highway department alarm to supply the fire alarm monitoring company name. He said he checked with Capitol Alarm because they do monitoring for other buildings in town. The cost is \$312 annually with a \$150 initial connection fee. Chief Wright said he contacted the alarm supervisor at Concord Fire Alarm for suggestions. He was told he should contact Bill Bevans at Bevans Alarm in Boscawen. Chief Wright said because we are a municipality the price quoted was \$120 annually with no connection fee. He said the quotes are applies to apples; both monitor each device individually, the zones and they do a daily test. Selectman Ives said he has never

heard of Bevans. Chief Wright said they are a small company in Boscawen, Concord Fire Alarm recommended them and he talked to the owner. Selectman Fiske said if Concord recommended them he is all for going with Bevans. Selectman Ives agreed.

- e. Chief Wright said LYAA will be holding their annual pizza party Saturday at the Fire Station from 12-2:00.
- f. Selectman Fiske said he has noticed a lot of signs popping up all over town; business, advertising etc. Selectman Ives asked if he meant signs such as capital well when they do a well. Selectman Fiske said no he doesn't mean temporary or political signs he's noticing quite a few unpermitted home business signs. He asked that after the election code enforcement take a look at it.

VI. Selectman Fiske made a motion to appoint Ashley Simonds as Loudon Deputy Town Clerk; this appointment shall expire March 10, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Fiske said she just completed her town clerk training. Motion carried. All in favor.

VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received an email and septic plan from Ronald Magoon on Clough Pond Road. Mr. Magoon is asking for a written easement from the Selectmen to allow the septic tank and leach field to be installed in the towns right of way. Mr. Magoon said both the tank and leach field will be designed so they can be driven on. Selectman Fiske said he isn't ready to give him a written easement; he would like to do a site visit with the road agent. Selectman Ives agreed; he also said that the easement would be written up by the town attorney. Road Agent Houle said he doesn't know why Mr. Magoon chose to put the system on that side of the road instead of on the side where he already has an easement; maybe there isn't enough room.
- b. The Board received information from Utility Assessor George Sansoucy regarding an Eversource Tax Appeal.
- c. The Board received notification from the Town Clerk that Ashley Simonds is officially the Deputy Town Clerk.
- d. The Board received a resignation letter from the current Deputy Town Clerk Helen McNeil. Selectman Ives reminded everyone that Ms. McNeil is still the Tax Collector.
- e. The Board received the J. O. Cate Van minutes for March – May and August – September, 2016.
- f. The Board received a thank you letter written to the road agent and his team. Ms. Robbins of Lovejoy Road wanted the Board to know that Mr. Houle and his team's response to her concern was timely and the repair at the end of the driveway was great.
- g. Selectman Fiske asked Chief Wright what the square footage is for the office that ESMI is building; he doesn't see it on the building permit. Selectman Ives said it was on the plan that went before the Planning Board. Chief Wright will get that information for Selectman Fiske.

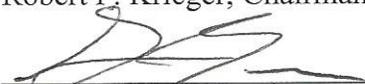
VIII. Selectman Ives recognized Mike Harris from the audience. Mr. Harris stated that another race season at NHMS has come to an end, he sincerely thanks a lot of people in this town that are trying to balance being fair to the track and protecting the best interests of the residents in town. Mr. Harris said that according to the covenants their activities are to end October 31. Mr. Harris said that also as part of the covenants there is supposed to be a certain number of muffled events and certain number of unmuffled events. He explained that the track is required under those agreements to provide annually to the town a list of those events. Mr. Harris said that was

provided yearly until there was new management at the track. Selectman Fiske said he is 99.9% sure there is a copy of that at the town office. Mr. Harris suggested that it be printed in the Ledger. Selectman Fiske said it's a lengthy list; he isn't sure they would want to print it. Selectman Ives explained that the track is obligated by law to provide it to the town and if Mr. Harris would like a copy he would need to come into the office and ask for a copy.

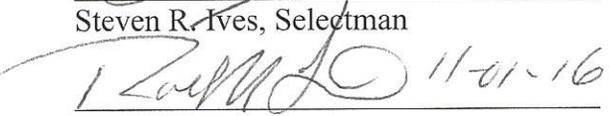
- IX. Selectman Fiske moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:41 PM.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Fiske moved to come out of non-public session at 6:52 PM; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes. All in favor. Motion carries.
- X. Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn 6:56 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

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