

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Kardaseski, and Bowles.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, Road Agent David Rice, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Kardaseski moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 19, 2004 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske.
 - a. Mr. Fiske presented the Board with his recommendation to promote Officer Barrett Moulton to Corporal. Selectman Kardaseski moved to approve a promotion for Barrett Moulton to the rank of Corporal with a new hourly rate of pay of \$17.47 effective 10-26-04. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Mr. Fiske discussed a building permit extension request for property owned by Joe Bohi. Mr. Bohi is in the process of selling the property and the prospective buyer is the one who is requesting the extension, not Mr. Bohi. The Board concurred that Mr. Bohi would need put something in writing regarding this request as he is the landowner.
 - c. Mr. Fiske discussed the air monitoring results from the race at NHIS. Discussion ensued regarding the results and Michael Harris's questions of the results. Mr. Fiske stated the results show everything to be satisfactory.
 - d. Mr. Fiske discussed Levi Ladd's property on Route 129 and Loudon Ridge Road. Mr. Ladd had advised Mr. Fiske that the Selectmen had told him approximately 10 years ago he could not tear down a building on his property due to asbestos shingles. Mr. Ladd is again inquiring if he can remove the building from his property. The Board stated that as long as Mr. Ladd disposes of the asbestos shingles properly, they have no problem with the building being removed.
 - e. Mr. Fiske discussed the status of the oldest cruiser. He stated there is no longer a state surplus auction and inquired what the Board wanted to do with this cruiser. The Board agreed to have Mr. Fiske put the cruiser out to sealed bid for 30 days.
 - f. Chairman Maxfield discussed the \$1,700.00 grant money from the Police Department, which has not been utilized yet. Discussion ensued regarding talking with the Town Auditor.
- III. The Board met with Bob Flanders.

- a. Mr. Flanders is running for re-election for State Senate. Chairman Maxfield discussed the Merrimack County tax assessment for Loudon. He inquired what Loudon was getting for the \$865,000.00 they paid in. Mr. Flanders stated the new jail was a large part of the increase. Mr. Flanders also advised the Board that the State Senate had no control over the County Budget, that there are House members who are delegates to the County. Chairman Maxfield stated the County Budget has just about doubled over the past five years.
- IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
- a. Chief Burr stated the dry hydrant on Bee Hole Road is still not operational. Selectman Kardaseski stated she had spoken with Mr. Bohi regarding this issue. Discussion ensued.
- V. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
- a. Mr. Rice advised the Board ESMI has finished paving a portion of Currier Road.
 - b. Mr. Rice advised the Board the salt would be delivered on Wednesday.
 - c. Selectman Bowles stated Ora George had contacted him regarding the paving on Foster Road as well as an issue with diesel fuel. Mr. Rice stated that the Town had nothing to do with the paving on Foster Road.
- VI. The Board met with Recreation Committee Chairman Becky Osgood.
- a. Mrs. Osgood discussed purchasing an ice hockey rink and placing it on the tennis courts. Chairman Maxfield suggested looking into installing more lighting. Discussion ensued regarding location, size, and maintenance. Chief Burr stated the Fire Department could assist with spraying down the ice rink as long as it was not on a daily basis as the Fire Department personnel have to cut a hole in the ice and refill the truck after each water application. The Road Agent will work with Mrs. Osgood to find the best place for the ice rink.
 - b. Mrs. Osgood inquired if the Recreation Committee had to meet at the Community Building or could they hold their meetings elsewhere. The Board stated they could have their meetings where they wanted but that the meeting information needed to be posted.
- VII. The Board met with Janet Darling, Arthur Colby, Norman Bowles, and David Rice of the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee.
- a. Chairman Maxfield presented Janet Darling with a plaque for her dedication and hard work for 13 years of volunteer service with the Loudon Solid Waste/Recycling Committee as well as for her work with the Concord Regional Solid Waste Resource Recovery Cooperative. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board would have presented Ms. Darling with the plaque at Town Meeting; however, Ms. Darling will not be available at that time.
- VIII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. Chairman Maxfield discussed the fixed price for heating fuel. Selectman Bowles moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Keyspan

- Energy Delivery for a locked-in natural gas price of \$0.9092 cents per therm. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Motion carried.
- b. The Board received a petition from Wayne Thistle to layout an additional 1,700 feet of Cross Brook Road. Discussion ensued regarding roads in Town. The Board agreed to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:00 PM.
 - c. The Board received a reminder that November 10, 2004 is the meeting with the Selectmen from the five Town's and the Merrimack Valley School Board members.
 - d. The Board reviewed a memo sent to Wellington Properties from Bob Fiske.
 - e. The Board received a copy of the Town Attorney's opinion of Roy Merrill's Tax Abatement appeal.
 - f. The Board has received information from Senator John Sununu's Office advising that the Volunteers of America have received a grant for affordable elderly housing for Loudon in the amount of \$4,668,800.00.
 - g. The Board received information on a Local Hazard Mitigation Committee from Bob Ordway and CNHRPC.
 - h. The Board received a letter from Michael Harris regarding Academy Brook Bridge on Loudon Ridge Road. Office Manager Jean Lee attached copies of the DOT Bridge Inspection Report for this bridge. Mr. Rice advised the Board that the entire DOT Bridge Inspection Report was in the correspondence. Discussion ensued regarding the bridge report, CIP, and changes to Route 106 with the widening of the road.
 - i. The Board received a memo from Planning/Zoning Secretary Brenda Pearl regarding the first Zoning Workshop scheduled for November 3, 2004.
 - j. Selectman Kardaseski moved to send past due ambulance bills for account #27041 for \$288.50, account #27068 for \$596.50, account #26795 for \$563.50, and account #26330 for \$88.53 to collection. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - k. The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Seconded by Selectman Kardaseski. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Deborah A. Kardaseski, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman