

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Fiske.

- I. Selectman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- II. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 25, 2016 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board discussed unfinished business.
 - a. Chairman Krieger explained that they received a hardship application for an overdue ambulance bill. The Board reviewed the application and decided to deny the application and have the bill sent to collections.
 - b. Chairman Krieger explained that Selectman Fiske and Road Agent Houle were going to do a site visit on Clough Pond Road regarding a ROW. Selectman Fiske said they did go to the site and measured it out. He explained that the septic plan has not been approved and he understands the State won't approve it until the Town gives an easement. Selectman Fiske said it is 3 feet from the pavement to the edge of the septic on the pond side. He said he and the Road Agent don't have a problem with it as long as the easement states that the town is not responsible for any trucks or traffic that goes across it. Chairman Krieger asked if this something the town attorney would write up. Selectman Fiske said yes and he suggested it should be at Mr. Magoon's expense not the towns. Selectman Ives agreed that the expense of the agreement should be on Mr. Magoon. He also said that as far as liability, all vehicles should be exempt of responsibility if they drive on it. Selectman Fiske will contact Mr. Magoon to discuss the decision.
 - c. The Board received an invoice from NRRA. Two members of the recycling committee would like to attend the annual meeting. Chairman Krieger said that Transfer Station Manager Dustin Bowles thinks it would be a good idea for them to go. Selectman Ives said it was mentioned that they would pay for it themselves; he said the town will pay for it, the Board agreed.
 - d. The Board received an Authorization to Pay Taxes/Redeem Tax Lien form from the Tax Collector. Selectman Ives said he doesn't have a problem with it but would like it reviewed by the Town Attorney.
 - e. Chairman Krieger explained that the Fire Department had asked about ballistic vests. Primex said there is no additional liability but they suggest that people be trained before they are deployed.
- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received a check for the 2nd quarter Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$49,755.31.
 - b. The Board received information and a check in the amount of \$431.65 from St. Jean Auctioneers for light bars that Chief Burgess took over to the state auction.
 - c. The Board received information from the Road Agent regarding recycling.

- d. The Board received the ESMI Self-report for September 2016.
 - e. The Board received the current expenditure report.
- V. The Board received information regarding the new town office.
- a. Performance Agreement from the contractor of the new town office. The agreement was signed by the contractor and the Board of Selectmen.
 - b. Mortgage Deed.
 - c. Architect's Certificate #2.
- VI. Chairman Krieger explained that there are people not on the agenda but that would like to speak about the lights from the Greenhouse on Route 106. Douglas Bruce said he is about 3 miles, as the bird flies, from the greenhouse and literally at nighttime he can read a book in his bedroom from the light reflecting off it, especially if it is overcast. He said he called a couple of times, it interrupts his sleep. Mr. Bruce said there is also a noise issue, Saturday night it woke him up, it sounded like generators or something running. He said he called the police. Mr. Bruce said there is also power outages; two on Saturday. Dennis Jakubowski said he echoes everything that Mr. Bruce said. He said when it's overcast it's really bad. Mr. Jakubowski said maybe the greenhouses have a plan for shades. Henry Huntington thanked everyone for their patience through this; he said they are just getting it up and running. He explained that he and his family have been in the farming/greenhouse business for forty years in Loudon and the last thing he wants to do is upset the people in town. Mr. Huntington said they are in the commercial zone and they did go through all the permitting processes. He explained that light is a key element of the growing process and growing baby greens year around they need the light to grow. He explained that they won't need as much supplemental light in the summer and will need more in the winter and on cloudy days and nights. Mr. Huntington said they do have a shade system in place but unfortunately even they are disappointed at how much light gets through because it costs them when the light goes out. He explained that they are working on mitigating the situation. Mr. Huntington explained that because they've just started production about 50% of the greenhouse is full of bright white gutters without anything growing in them; these add to the problem because the light reflects off them. He said the greenhouses should be full in about three weeks so there won't be that reflection. Mr. Huntington said they will run the lights as much as they can in the winter during the day but when they have to run them at night he asked if people would rather have them run in the evening when they're awake or later when they are asleep. Mr. Huntington said in trying to run very sustainably they have high efficiency boilers that will be taking the CO2 off the boilers and onto the greenhouses to help the plants grow. He explained that they are waiting to get parts to get that operation up and running and that will help with having to use less light. Mr. Huntington said that he doesn't believe ESMI will be running 24/7 in the winter so that plume of steam that the lights reflect off won't be there. Mr. Huntington said as they progress they will be figuring out how best to use their lights. He explained that they don't want to be bad neighbors, they are investigating all options and are consulting with their greenhouse builder. Mr. Bruce said he assumes the shade system they have in place is designed to keep out the sunlight in the summer when it gets too hot not specifically designed to keep the light in. Mr. Huntington said it is dual purposed; it's a heat protection curtain and a shade curtain. Mr. Bruce clarified that it's not designed for the purpose of keeping the light in. Mr. Huntington agreed, he said he is discussing the cost of that type of shade with the builder. Mr. Huntington explained that they are permitted to expand and when they do they will install a

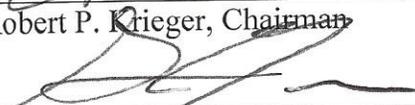
blackout system. He explained that he can't do it at this point because it would shut down the operation for probably six months. Mr. Huntington said he hopes that when they expand in a year or so they will install shades in the new operation, get it up and running and shut down this one to install shades. Mr. Bruce said in the meantime they have to deal with a massively invasive light that also affects animal life and all kinds of different things. He said in two years he'll be losing value because if someone looks at his place it looks like a fire in his backyard, he said two years is unacceptable. Chairman Krieger asked if Mr. Bruce and Mr. Jakubowski can stop by and see the greenhouse. Mr. Huntington said sure. Mr. Jakubowski said the shades are optional so Mr. Huntington doesn't have to do them. Mr. Huntington agreed but explained that they have been in business in Loudon for 40 years, they want to be a good neighbor, this is a good clean operation to have in town; it will bring in good tax money for the town. Mr. Bruce said that according to Eversource there has been such a draw it is causing brownouts in the area; sometimes a couple times a day. Mr. Huntington said that is news to him; Eversource wouldn't have given them the power if they didn't have it. Selectman Fiske said with the Huntington's reputation he believes they will do what they indicated they will do, it will just take some time. Selectman Ives agreed with Selectman Fiske's remark's adding that the Huntington's have done business in town for a long time, the third generation is now in the business, and he believes that Henry will do as he said he will do. Chairman Krieger said the concerns will be passed on to the Planning Board. He asked that Mr. Huntington be given time to work on this. Mr. Bruce asked to be put on the next Selectmen's meeting. Chairman Krieger suggested that he call the office to get on the agenda for the first of December. Mr. Huntington said he would be at the greenhouses at 11:00am on Saturday and would be happy to show anyone around the operation at that time

- VII. The Board recognized Bill Palmer, Trailmaster from the Bee Hole Beavers Snowmobile Club. He explained that they don't want to have wheeled vehicles on the Wiggins Road Bridge. He said someone put stone in the brook, they don't know who, in the past year.
- VIII. The Board recognized Barbara Burr from the recycling committee. Ms. Burr showed the Board a video about glass processing.
- IX. Selectman Ives moved to adjourn 7:31PM. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.

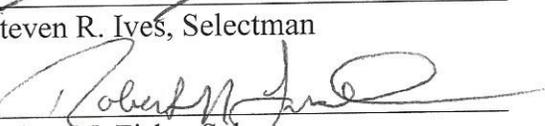
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