

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Present: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice.

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

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, October 27, 2009 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice advised the Board that Pike Industries would be back to fix the pitch of the parking area at the Safety Complex. Selectman Ives stated it should be at no cost to the town. Mr. Rice said there would be no additional cost as it was Pike's mistake.
 - b. Mr. Rice discussed the work on Bumfagon Road.
 - c. MR. Rice advised the Board that one more truck needs to have the clutch replaced. He said Winnisquam Mack is less expensive than Liberty and they are closer.
 - d. Mr. Rice and Chairman Bowles discussed Penny Press and their cardboard relative to pick up for recycling. It was stated that Penny Press will no longer have a truck to transport the material to the Transfer Station for recycling and the material will more than likely be placed in a dumpster instead of going to be recycled. Chairman Bowles and Mr. Rice had discussed the possibility of having the town truck pick up the cardboard on the way back from Penacook once a month in an effort to keep the tonnage figures sent to Penacook down and keep the recycling efforts up. Discussion ensued regarding revenue generated from recycling cardboard and ways to have this not cost the town money. The Board agreed to a three month trial. Selectman Ives stated this agreement cannot cost the town any money. Steve Bennett, Transfer Station Manager, will keep track of time involved in this process. Chairman Bowles said cardboard is starting to pick back up in price and it would be unfortunate to lose that revenue.
 - e. Mr. Rice advised the Board that he needed to replace a chain for one of the sanders. Chairman Bowles asked about oiling the chains before they are put away. Mr. Rice said that the chains are oiled and were done three times during the summer. Selectman Maxfield asked how many chains need to be replaced. Mr. Rice said as of now they need one but there are a total of four sanders. He stated that he needed to purchase four new tires, two for the one-ton and two for the pick-up.

- f. Discussion ensued regarding a possible Warrant Article for paving and drainage work on Lower Ridge Road, as well as discussion of Block Grant and Impact Fee monies to possibly offset some of the cost. Mr. Rice will obtain separate costs for resurfacing from Sleeper's Bridge to Ridge Road on Lower Ridge Road as well as costs to finish Hollow Route Road and Bumfagon Road.
- g. Chairman Bowles reminded Mr. Rice about road cracks on Berry Road. Mr. Rice asked if there was anyone local who performed that type of work. Chairman Bowles said he knew that Matt Cadarette had done the sealant on the tennis courts at the Recreation Field. Mr. Rice said he would rather hire someone local.
- h. Selectman Maxfield asked if the sand on the bridges had been shoveled. Mr. Rice said they had been working on them.
- i. Mr. Rice said the screener should be back on-line early next week. Mr. Rice discussed the sand pile and the plan to start working from the other end. Selectman Ives asked if there was ten to twenty years of material left. Mr. Rice said yes.
- j. Selectman Maxfield stated that he had meant to say last week that he felt the Fire Department did a great job with the Harvest Supper and that a lot of people enjoyed it.
- k. The Board congratulated Mr. Rice on the birth of his first grandson.

III. Chairman Bowles stated for the record that one pistol permit was submitted for signature and approval.

IV. The Board recognized Earl Tuson from the audience.

- a. Mr. Tuson advised the Board that he was going to begin work on the middle barn on his property and wanted to touch base with the Selectmen as it is one of the buildings that was placed in the Barn Preservation Easement. Mr. Tuson reviewed photos of the barn and discussed the current condition of the structure. He said he had Steve Fifield review the building and was advised that almost every timber in the last bay is rotten and it might be best to pull out that one bay that has the most damage. Mr. Tuson said he is planning on starting the foundation repairs, sheathing, new roof, etc. soon, as he wants to be able to use the building next season for cold storage. He reviewed a portion of the Discretionary Preservation Easement relative to the structural conformity. The Board agreed that since Mr. Tuson was not taking down the entire area and would be moving forward with the restoration, it would be fine. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Tuson for coming to the Board.

V. The Board recognized Jerry Weeks from the audience.

- a. Mr. Weeks discussed his concerns regarding the paving of Bumfagon Road. He stated that while he understands that it is currently basecoat he feels that generally a rough basecoat will end up with a rough

topcoat unless it is shimmed. He said it's generally acceptable to pave in a light rain or drizzle, but he feels there are going to be problems with this road. Mr. Weeks said he witnessed two trucks coming from Concord Sand not being covered in the pouring rain. He said he feels this will create a situation where you lose the compaction. Mr. Weeks said if it's raining too hard you lay it in the mud, the mud permeates all through, and you can end up with all loose marbles all over the mix. He said the sides are all crooked and there is a cold joint on a corner where it abuts right on the apron where all the cars will be turning. He said if there is heavy compaction on too much rain soaked mix it is going to spider crack. Chairman Bowles asked if Mr. Weeks was saying that by spring the whole thing will be a big mess. Mr. Weeks said that it could be, but he is hoping that it's not. He quoted a driver of one of the delivery trucks that said there was a load of mix that was on his truck that was broken down for over seven hours, in the rain. Mr. Weeks said the driver said there was a little bit of steam when the mix came out. He discussed the roughness of the base and asked if there were any compaction tests or core depth tests on the pavement basecoat that has been laid. Chairman Bowles said generally they take the tonnage times the length and width of the road. Mr. Weeks said that is a very common practice to lay the basecoat in a shower or rain it can be done, but not in a deluge of rain. He said it shocks the mix so hard you will not get any compaction and the proof is all of the marbles lying all over the top of the road. Chairman Bowles said that the main goal was to get the base down and not lose all of the gravel and if there are problems, they will be dealt with in the spring. Discussion ensued regarding other roads in town and the paving process relative to the compaction. Mr. Weeks asked if there was anything in writing or any guarantees regarding the work that was done. Chairman Bowles said he does not know of any other roads that had guarantees. He said the Board would have to look into it. Mr. Weeks discussed concerns relative to the centerline. Selectman Maxfield asked who did the paving. It was stated that Suburban Paving had done the work. Selectman Ives said this year was the first time that the town had used Suburban Paving. Chairman Bowles said all that can be done now is to watch it and move forward. Mr. Weeks said the issue with the truck that was broken down for seven hours could be identified by the slips if the slips run concurrent. Selectman Maxfield said the Board would check with Suburban Paving. Mr. Weeks said he understands paving in a light steady rain is acceptable but paving in a deluge of rain is not. Selectman Maxfield said he thought that Pike always stood by their work. Chairman Bowles said he did not know what Pike did and questioned why the area by the bridge on Old Shaker Road had never been fixed by Pike if they stood by their work. Selectman Ives said that he has no expertise in paving and he relies on the Road Agent, Highway Department, and hiring

people that know what they are doing. Mr. Weeks said he has been in the paving business for twenty-five years and was disgusted by what he saw on the job done on the basecoat. The Board thanked Mr. Weeks for his information. Mr. Weeks said he was very upset to see his tax dollars being spent on a paving project in the pouring rain. Discussion ensued regarding paving practices. Selectman Ives confirmed that the Board will have Road Agent David Rice follow up on the truck slips.

- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received copies of a memo from Office Manager Jean Lee regarding the Energy Committee. The Board stated that the Committee wanted energy usage audits on all the municipal buildings but it is not feasible due to the costs involved. Chairman Bowles reviewed some of the things that the town has done to reduce energy costs. The Board discussed the difficulty in getting and keeping volunteers on the various committees. Chairman Bowles stated that he understood the Energy Committee was to find ways to assist the community to reduce energy consumption, not just the municipal buildings. The Board will draft a letter to Trudy Mott-Smith regarding the Energy Committee.
 - b. The Board received copies of an e-mail from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding the Central NH Hazmat Team. The Board stated that they wanted to discuss this information with Chief Burr prior to signing anything.
 - c. The Board received an invoice from The Louis Berger Group for the Landfill Post Closure Monitoring for review and approval. Discussion ensued regarding funding and looking at going out to bid for engineering services. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the payment for invoice #CM 1720-0005 from The Louis Berger Group in the amount of \$1,293.70 for the 2008 – 2009 Loudon Landfill Environmental Monitoring. Seconded by Selectman Ives. Chairman Bowles stated the invoice is for work performed from June 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Board received a reminder of the Zoning Workshop scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 5:30 PM
 - e. The Board received the list of proposed names for Hermel Fortier's subdivision road. The Board reviewed the list and agreed on Fieldview Lane as long as Concord Post Office confirms that name would be accepted.
 - f. The Board received a copy of the ESMI 3rd Quarter Host Community Fee calculation for review.
 - g. The Board received a copy of a scholarship thank you letter for review.
 - h. The Board received correspondence from Michael Harris regarding the racing schedule at NHMS.

- i. The Board received notification of Regional Impact Notices for Canterbury and Henniker for review.
- j. The Board received correspondence from Comcast regarding changes to the channel lineup.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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