

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Bowles, and Little.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice.

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

- I. Selectman Little moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 8, 2005 with one correction to page 3, section III-a to read EOC, not DOT. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice stated he is working on obtaining prices for Warrant Articles for a new truck as well as the reconstruction of the paved portion of Clough Pond Road and Old Shaker Road. He also advised the Board he was still looking into the cost of a waste oil heater for the Highway Garage. Chairman Maxfield asked what the projected costs were for the items. Mr. Rice stated the estimated cost for the truck is \$107,000.00 – 110,000.00 and the estimated cost for the waste oil heater is \$5,000.00.
 - b. Chairman Maxfield reminded Mr. Rice of the Capital Improvements Plan meeting on Wednesday at 9:00 AM.
 - c. Mr. Rice advised the Board he would be on vacation part of next week and would not be in attendance at next weeks meeting.
 - d. Chairman Maxfield asked about the issue of the metal pile at the Transfer Station. Mr. Rice stated Steve Bennett has made up a sign and it will be posted.
- III. The Board met with William Taranovich to discuss his building permit extension request.
 - a. Mr. Taranovich provided the Board with documentation. He went on to say he would like to have the Board reconsider his request for an extension. Chairman Maxfield stated he and/or the Board can talk with the ZBA Chairman regarding this issue. He went on to say based on the ordinance the Selectmen are required to uphold what it says. Mr. Taranovich stated he had applied for his building permit in 2003, waited two years to get it and in the mean time had some financial issues with his business expansion going over budget as well as having a terminally ill family member ask him to not proceed with building his new home so he could participate in assisting his family with the caretaking. Mr. Taranovich stated he had checked many times with a Town employee

regarding his circumstances and was told not to worry as no one had been denied an extension. He went on to say he is not only a Loudon resident and taxpayer, he also contributes to the Town when he can. Mr. Taranovich stated other people have been granted building permit extensions even though they didn't have extenuating circumstances and he feels that he is being discriminated against because he is virtually the first person to get denied. Selectman Little stated he disagreed with Mr. Taranovich as the Board has denied other building permit extensions for not having the foundation in place. He went on to say he realized there have been extensions granted in the past, there have been permits extended for more than one year which the lots were then sold with permits attached for profit; however, when he came on as a Selectman a month or two ago he read the Zoning Ordinance again after an extension was approved without it meeting the criteria set in the Zoning Ordinance and he since has voted against building permit extensions because they have not met the criteria. Selectman Little stated that although there have been some inconsistencies in the past; he feels it is the Board's responsibility to see the Zoning Ordinances are followed. Mr. Taranovich discussed other building permit extensions in Town. Selectman Little stated he felt Mr. Taranovich should go to the ZBA for an appeal as they have the authority to grant the extension based on hardship. Chairman Maxfield stated the Board wants to have the Ordinance changed. Selectman Bowles said the Ordinance states the foundation must be in place and with the Selectmen's denial, Mr. Taranovich should go to the ZBA for an appeal of this decision. Mr. Taranovich stated he couldn't be heard by the ZBA until December and the building permit expires December 31, 2005. He went on to say he has been going under the information he had been given from a Town employee not to worry about it as no one has been denied. Mr. Taranovich asked that the Board use digression regarding his request because he was given the wrong information and precedence has been set. Selectman Little asked if they could request that Mr. Taranovich be placed on the agenda so he would not have to wait until December. Selectman Bowles stated due to posting deadlines, he did not feel Mr. Taranovich could be on the agenda for November. Discussion ensued regarding there being no room in the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the building permit extension for the Board to make adjustments. Selectman Little stated if the ZBA were to hear Mr. Taranovich's appeal on December 22, 2005 and grant his extension based on his hardship case, and then Mr. Taranovich would be all set. Chairman Maxfield stated as the Chairman, he can speak with the ZBA Chairman, provide him with the paperwork from Mr. Taranovich and get him on the December ZBA agenda. Selectman Bowles stated there is still plenty of time to get on the agenda for December it is the November meeting that they are too late for. Discussion ensued regarding the requirement of the 14 day notice period. Chairman Maxfield called Planning and Zoning Secretary Tammy Davis regarding the ZBA agenda. Mrs. Davis advised him Mr. Taranovich was

already on the November ZBA agenda for 7:30 PM and proper notice has been made. The Board advised Mr. Taranovich to have his paperwork with him for the meeting. Chairman Maxfield stated he would speak with the ZBA Chairman regarding this situation. The Board advised Mr. Taranovich to go over and meet with Mrs. Davis.

- IV. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a memo from Jean Lee regarding Barbara Cameron's inquiry for storage of the Cate Van for the winter. Selectman Little will speak with Ms. Cameron.
 - b. The Board reviewed a letter from Bob Fiske regarding Tax Map #011, Lot #012. The Board discussed the subdivision of this property and setback issues.
 - c. The Board reviewed a memo from Fire Chief Jeff Burr regarding Special Duty Pay. Selectman Little moved to bill the Red Roof Inn for Special Duty pay for Fire Fighter Charles Byrne for a period of four hours. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Board received a memo from Jean Lee regarding a Veteran's Credit abatement. The Board stated they are in agreement the Credit stays with the property.
 - e. The Board received the November ZBA agenda. Chairman Maxfield stated Mr. Taranovich was already included on the agenda.
 - f. The Board received a copy of the 3rd Quarter Host Community Fee from ESMI in the amount of \$25,225.72.
 - g. Selectman Little moved to forward past due ambulance bills to collection: account #30888 in the amount of \$415.44, account #29568 in the amount of \$365.00, and account #30755 in the amount of \$575.94. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - h. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record three pistol permits were submitted for signature and review.
 - i. Chairman Maxfield stated he had given Selectman Little the contact person at Comcast so he could contact them directly with any questions or concerns he may have.
 - j. Chairman Maxfield stated Bob Ordway had asked about the historical book that goes with the Town Quilt at last weeks meeting. Chairman Maxfield stated he has spoken with Library Director Nancy Hendy. Mrs. Hendy agreed to try and locate the book. Ray Cummings stated the book was actually a scrapbook that Michelle Paquette is currently in possession of as she is adding to it.
 - k. Selectman Little discussed the need to make some improvements to the current Town Office Building as it is deteriorating and until such time a new building is approved the current site needs to be addressed. Chairman Maxfield asked Selectman Bowles to look into this and identify what money is in the current budget as well as what items need to be addressed.
 - l. Chairman Maxfield acknowledged John Plummer from the audience. Mr. Plummer asked about the status of the Town Hall/Freewill Baptist Church.

Selectman Bowles stated Steve Fifield is now onsite and has been taking out the burned debris to make it safe to work inside, Thursday they are planning if all goes well to remove the steeple and bell if they can get the crane in place, and then they will start on the roof and beam structure.

- m. Selectman Little stated the reason he is getting in touch with Comcast is due to the recent notification to EMS in Loudon that the State has started a new system of computer generated patient care reports. He went on to say while it appears to be an unfunded mandate he believes it is something that will begin either in January or March. Selectman Little stated with the type of computer system and dial up service at the Fire Department he feels there will be a considerable amount of time spent trying to generate those report to the State Fire Academy. He went on to say he felt going to a Broadband type of internet service would cut down the amount of time spent on these reports. Selectman Little stated some of the surrounding cable companies supply this service to the public safety agencies as part of the service they provide to the community. Selectman Little will contact Mr. Christensen of Comcast to see if they will provide this service. Mr. Plummer asked if this was the same service where if there is an ambulance call the information is fed onboard. Selectman Little stated it was not the same. He said the State Bureau of EMS is gathering statistical information by requiring EMS personnel to file a two page report detailing any and all treatment given to patients via computer. Discussion ensued regarding this issue.
- n. Selectman Bowles thanked those who participated in the Veterans Day Memorial dedication. He stated the VFW deserves special thanks for all of their efforts.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Seconded by Selectman Little. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

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