

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Present: Chairman Krieger, Selectman Ives and Selectman Maxfield.
Also present was Fire Chief Rick Wright and Road Agent Lance Houle.

Chairman Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 10, 2015 as written. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Road Agent Lance Houle.
 - a. Mr. Houle explained that the contract he discussed last week for new uniforms is for sixty months not thirty-six months, which is the same as the previous contract. The Board agreed with signing the contract. Selectman Maxfield asked if the uniforms are replaced as they get worn out. Mr. Houle explained that the uniforms they have are pretty worn so that started the conversation about replacing them. During that conversation they decided to upgrade to uniforms that are reflective.
 - b. Mr. Houle said that the truck at Liberty had a problem with a pump, it is being fixed.
 - c. Chairman Krieger said he gave Mr. Houle the name of someone that might be interested in the position available in the highway department. Mr. Houle will look into the pay rate and talk to the gentlemen.
 - d. Selectman Maxfield asked about the potholes on East Ricker Road. Mr. Houle said some of them are filled; the deeper ones are done. Selectman Ives asked if it is going to be okay for plowing. Mr. Houle said yes.
 - e. Chairman Krieger explained that they received a letter from the Town of Chichester; they posted King Road and Canterbury Road as no thru trucking and want to put a sign in Loudon at the intersection of Chichester Road and Ricker Road that says no thru trucking because by the time trucks get to the town line it is too late to take a different road. Chairman Krieger asked if there is a problem with posting the sign in Loudon. Mr. Houle said no; there would be more of an issue with trucks backing down the road. Selectman Ives agreed that would be a safety issue. Mr. Houle said this is putting a lot of truck traffic on Ricker Road. Chairman Krieger said there are three businesses in Loudon that use the road. Selectman Ives said safety wise the trucks are better coming out Ricker Road onto Route 4, King Road onto Route 4 is very dangerous. Mr. Houle and the Board agreed that for safety they would allow a sign to be placed.

- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright submitted a copy of Bonnie Theriault's resignation. He said her last day will be Friday, November 27, 2015.
 - b. Chief Wright said he was thinking about the best person to replace Bonnie and immediately thought of Donna. Chief Wright said he spoke to Donna and she is interested. Chairman Krieger said he also spoke to Donna. Selectman Ives said he spoke to Chief Wright on the phone about it and agrees that Donna would be a good

fit there. He said his only apprehension is that now they'll to find someone to fill her shoes in the planning and zoning office. Selectman Ives asked if Donna would be willing and able to train someone in that position. Donna White explained that she spoke to Chief Wright about that; he told her she would be available to be in planning and zoning a little bit until they get someone in there. Selectman Ives said that during the winter season things will probably slow down. Chief Wright said the job at the Fire Department is 40 hours. Selectman Ives said he understood that; this would only be until someone else is trained. Donna explained that what they are doing is far more involved than what she was doing when she worked in building and code before so she has some training to do. Selectman Ives asked what the timeframe for this will be. Chief Wright said he would like her to get some hours with Bonnie before she is gone. Selectman Ives said he would like the Chairmen of the two Boards notified of the change. Donna said she sent them emails explaining what was in the works because she didn't them to hear it from someone else. Chairman Krieger said out of respect he wanted someone from the Board to talk to the two Chairmen. Selectman Ives said he will talk to Tom Dow and Selectman Maxfield will contact Dave Powelson. Donna explained that Monday, November 30 is the zoning board meeting so she will take care of that. Chairman Krieger said they need to be able to count on her for awhile. Donna agreed; she said she realizes there will be some extra work for awhile. Chairman Krieger asked Chief Wright if he is okay with that. Chief Wright said he is.

- c. Chief Wright said he had the fire academy post the anticipated opening for a full-time Firefighter/EMT. He also posted it in house.
- d. Chief Wright said he called the commissioner regarding the street lights on Route 106. He said he didn't get a definitive answer; there will be a DOT meeting in December. At that meeting they will look at all the information that has been gathered and make a decision.

IV. Selectman Maxfield moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:25 PM.; seconded by Selectman Ives. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives moved to come out of non-public session at 6:36 PM; seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Ives – yes; Maxfield – yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Ives made a motion to increase the rate of pay for the Deputy Fire Chief to \$23.19 per hour and to increase the Fire Chief's salary to \$76,034 per year. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Selectman Maxfield explained that this increase is due to the increase in duties from picking up building and code; this is a much larger workload for both of these individuals. Chairman Krieger said they have been doing the added jobs for ten weeks; they all realize how much work is involved in those jobs. Selectman Ives explained that they talked about this back when the chief agreed to take over these positions so this is a follow through on those discussions. All in favor. Motion carried.

V. Chairman Krieger recognized Deborah Loiselle from NHDES. Ms. Loiselle stated that she is from the MtBE Remediation Bureau at New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Ms Loiselle explained the MtBE is a gas additive that, until it was banned by NH in 2007, was found in gasoline. The purpose of it was to

increase the octane level, it was known to be better for air emissions but it is not good for ground water. She explained that about eleven years ago the State of NH pursued legal action against all of the large gasoline manufacturing corporations saying that they knew it could be a potential hazard, and if it got into private or public wells it could pose a health risk. Ms. Loiselle said they received a very large settlement from all the corporations with the exception of Exxon Mobile. She explained Exxon Mobile is appealing the decision and eventually there may be another large sum of money from them. Ms Loiselle said with the settlement they were able to form the bureau within NHDES. Ms. Loiselle explained that they will do sample testing of wells on property that might be located near areas that are potentially vulnerable to gasoline contaminations. If it is determined a well is contaminated that would do one of two things. They could hook someone up to public water if that is an option and if not they would install a filtration system. Ms. Loiselle said this would all be paid for by them out of the settlement money. She explained that letters will go out to property owners that are in areas potentially vulnerable to gasoline contamination in mid to late January inviting them to participate in the well sampling program. The Board of Selectmen thanked Ms. Loiselle for coming in to share the information.

- VI. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. Chairman Krieger signed four pistol permits.
 - b. The Board received a letter from Joseph Letteri regarding an accident on Route 106. The information will be forwarded to the Town Attorney and the Town insurance.
 - c. The Board received a letter from the Town of Chichester regarding "No thru trucking" on King Road. This was discussed earlier in the meeting.
 - d. The Board received the October 2015 property transfers.
 - e. The Board received an update from Eagle Scout James Dunbar. James is doing a great job at the cemetery.
 - f. The Board received Fairpoint Litigation correspondence from Town Council.
 - g. The Board received miscellaneous correspondence

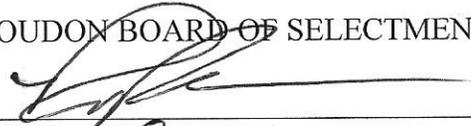
- VII. Chairman Krieger read the following into the record: *We, the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Loudon, NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God.*

Chairman Krieger read the Tax Collector's Warrant into the record: *TO: Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, New Hampshire in said county. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to you, amounting to the sum of Five Million Five Hundred Thousand One Hundred Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$5,500,109.50) and with interest at twelve (12%) percent per annum from December 22, 2015 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to remit all monies collected to the Town Treasurer,*

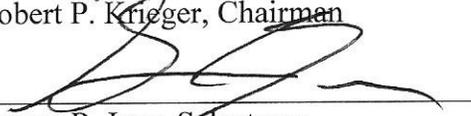
or to the Town Treasurer's designee as provided by RSA 41:29, VI, at least on a weekly basis, or daily whenever tax receipts total One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) or more. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Seventeenth day of November in 2015. Board of Selectmen, Loudon, New Hampshire. Motion to accept the warrant by Selectman Maxfield. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All were in favor. Motion carried.

VIII. Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.

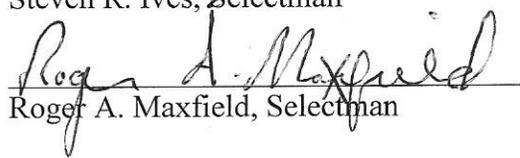
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