

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

Present: Selectman Maxfield, Ives, and Bowles.

Also present: Road Agent David Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

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

- I. Selectman Ives moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2007 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. Chairman Maxfield stated for the record that three pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
- III. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice discussed the encumbered money for patching and paving and stated that some areas will have to wait until spring before he can get to them. He stated that the basecoat for the apron at Bear Hill Road was done last Friday.
 - b. Mr. Rice said that aside from one flat tire, there were no problems with the first snowfall of the year.
 - c. Selectman Bowles asked about the shingles that were dumped on the side of Flagg Road. Mr. Rice stated that the Highway Department would be picking up the shingles. Selectman Bowles said the area where the Highway Department had done the work for drainage is where the shingles were dumped. Mr. Rice said it was approximately a 1-Ton load. George Page was recognized from the audience. He stated that there was concrete debris along the road further up in Canterbury and it may have been the same person that dumped the shingles. Chairman Maxfield stated he has seen some items that have been discarded along Currier Road.
 - d. Mr. Rice advised the Board that there are two trees that need to be removed on Clough Pond Road and PSNH has agreed to work with the Highway Department to take down the large pine tree on Hot Hole Pond. Mr. Rice also talked about a tree on Bumfagon Road.
- IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.
 - a. Chief Burr advised the Board that there had been a structure fire on Wales Bridge Road in which the building was gutted. He asked the Board what the landowners needed to do to have their assessment

adjusted. The Board advised Chief Burr to speak with Jean or Bonnie in the Office.

- b. Chief Burr asked if the Board would consider moving the Saturday portion of Town Meeting to the new gym at the Elementary School. The Board stated that they would look into this option.
- c. Chief Burr reminded the Board of the Loudon PD/Red Cross Blood Drive to be held at the Safety Building on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- d. Selectman Ives discussed the Cate Van relative to storage until there is power at the new building. Selectman Bowles stated that the garage door is in but they are waiting for power to be connected. Selectman Ives asked Chief Burr if there was any room to store the Cate Van at the Fire Station until the heat is on in their new building. Chief Burr said he felt that there was some room for the Van. He will contact Barbara Cameron regarding this issue.

- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. Selectman Ives moved approve the Petition and Pole License for one replacement pole #9AA6CV on Lower Ridge Road. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. The Board received copies of a letter from Bob Fiske to the Selectmen regarding a letter he received from Ken Lorden and Susan Witham of Greenview Drive and their concerns for the road.
 - c. Chairman Maxfield recognized Tony Merullo from the audience regarding his road bond reduction request. Mr. Merullo explained that he had met with the Planning Board for the reduction and was granted the approval to reduce the road bond to \$55,000.00. He stated that he has submitted the request to the Selectmen's Office for the Selectmen to authorize the Treasurer to move forward with the reduction. Mr. Merullo discussed the need to come up with a standard system for the bonding and reduction process to help expedite the process. Selectman Bowles stated the Planning Board did vote unanimously to allow the reduction of Mr. Merullo's Road Bond for Creek Water Lane to \$55,000.00. Selectman Ives moved to reduce Tony Merullo's Road Bond for Creek Water Land Tax Map #058, Lot #010 to \$55,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. The Board received copies of the 2008 GAT figures for review. Chairman Maxfield stated the yearly expense would be \$153,180.00.
 - e. The Board received correspondence from the Library Trustees along with the signed copy of the agreement between the Trustees and the Board of Selectmen, which states, that the Town will forward monthly payments to the Library Trustees and that starting July 1, 2008 the Library Trustees agree to take over all the administrative duties to include paying salaries. Selectman Bowles said that the letter states the Library Trustees want the Selectmen to forward the monthly payments; however, the letter also states "the Trustees will however,

continue to explore the financial ramifications of item #4 as they relate to employee benefits and the administration of public funds”. He went on to say that, he felt by this statement the Trustees have not agreed to item #4 of the agreement. Chairman Maxfield stated that item #4 of the agreement states, “As of July 1, 2008, the Library Trustees shall administer all appropriated funds voted by the Legislative Body including payroll and employee benefits”. He said they signed the contract, so they agreed to it. Selectman Ives said the Trustees signed the contract.

- f. The Board received copies of an application to register an existing dam in Loudon from DES.
- g. The Board received copies of the invoice from Gerald Coogan for the Growth Management Study for approval. Selectman Bowles moved to approve payment on invoice #2007-01 in the amount of \$3,090.00 for the professional services of Gerald Coogan with the Growth Management Study funds to be from the contingency fund. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- h. The Board received copies of legal correspondence from Attorney Mayer.
- i. The Board received copies of the check for the State portion of reimbursement for the April 2007 Flood in the amount of \$3,338.52.
- j. The Board received copies of the 2007 City of Concord property tax assessment update for town owned property in Concord.
- k. The Board received notice of meetings regarding the changes to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act.
- l. The Board received copies of the notice of FEMA meetings regarding the new updated Flood Hazard Maps for Merrimack County.
- m. The Board received copies of a Regional Impact Notice from the Town of Epsom.
- n. The Board received correspondence from Congressman Paul Hodes for review.
- o. Chairman Maxfield stated the CIP Committee had their final meeting for this year this morning. He stated the information would be forwarded to the Planning Board.
- p. Selectman Ives stated he would like to draft a memo to the Library Trustees requesting copies of the Trustees Meeting Minutes be forwarded to the Selectmen’s Office as had been requested previously. Discussion ensued regarding the requests from citizens to view the Trustees Meeting Minutes as well as the fact that some people feel the minutes should be included in the Loudon Ledger. Mr. John Plummer stated that he had been to the Library two weeks ago and also this evening looking to see if anything was posted and he did not see anything.
- q. Mr. George Page asked about the sale of the racetrack and the effect that it would have on the assessment and taxes. Chairman Maxfield stated the Town contracts with a professional assessing company and

they will look at all aspects of the assessing. Selectman Ives stated that the sale of a business is different from just the sale of real estate. Selectman Bowles said he felt that people should just relax regarding the sale of the racetrack. Chairman Maxfield stated that the assessors would continue to review the information.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM. Seconded by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman