

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Bowles, and Selectman Krieger.

Also present: Police Chief, Code Enforcement Office Bob Fiske, Fire Chief Rick Wright, and Deputy Chief Bill Lake.

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, November 18, 2014 as written. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

- II. The Board met with Police Chief, Code Enforcement Office Bob Fiske.
 - a. Chief Fiske stated that he had received the SPCA contract agreement and compared the last agreement prices with the updated agreement prices.
 - b. Mr. Fiske discussed a property on Loudon Ridge Road with a resident turning a detached garage into an apartment. Mr. Fiske advised the Board that he had given the property owner a cease and desist for the apartment as it was never approved for living space. He advised the Board that the property owner has contacted the Zoning Office to obtain an administrative appeal.
 - c. The Police Department Blood Drive is ongoing and there was a lot of support for this event.

- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Rick Wright.
 - a. Chief Wright discussed a letter that he forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Departments regarding the Zoning Ordinance Work Shop and proposed Zoning Amendments. Chief Wright said that he wanted to withdraw the proposed amendments as the intent was strictly for public safety and nothing more. Selectman Bowles apologized for the way the discussion was handled at the meeting as it should not have become a debate. Selectman Krieger asked if Chief Wright was withdrawing all the amendments. He stated that yes, it was his intent. Chief Wright will reconsider moving forward next year.
 - b. Chief Wright stated that Engine 3 is having issues with water leaking. He stated that he contacted the company that can rebuild the pump and the cost is \$10,000.00 – \$13,000.00. Discussion began regarding the truck's age and when it is scheduled to be replaced which is at least 6 more years. The Board agreed Chief Wright should move forward at the beginning of the year and have the pump rebuilt. They discussed putting Engine 2 in-service while Engine 3 would be out for repairs.
 - c. Chief Wright advised the Board that they did look at the old 1-ton truck from the Highway Department and they will be getting estimates from a mechanic and auto body shop for the repairs needed to get this truck operational. They discussed the need to be sure the people operating that vehicle would need to have experience with plowing. Selectman Bowles also discussed the flatbed body at the Transfer Station that might be able to be used for this truck. Deputy Chief Lake stated that all the trucks need inspection in March.

- d. Chief Wright advised the Board that there was another chimney fire this one was on Clearview Drive. He stated that Concord's Arial Truck was needed for this fire.
 - e. Chief Wright stated that the Freedom Hill Cooperative dry hydrant was installed last Wednesday and Thursday and will be tested on Wednesday.
 - f. Chief Wright stated the CO detectors have been obtained and the ones for the Fire Stations have been installed and the one for the Police Department has been given to them for installation.
 - g. Chief Wright discussed a fire that occurred on Friday due to woodstove ashes not being taken care of properly.
- IV. Selectman Bowles moved to go into a nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) at 6:20 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles moved to come out of non-public session at 6:33 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Bowles made a motion to seal the minutes for five years because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Roll call vote: Krieger – yes; Bowles – yes. Majority vote in favor. Motion carries.
- V. Chairman Ives discussed the SPCA agreement contract received from Chief Fiske and the Board agreed to have the chairman sign the agreement on behalf of the Town.
- VI. The Board met with David Little of Flagg Road, Loudon regarding a tax issue.
- a. Mr. Little stated that he noticed his assessment went up when he received his tax bill last week. He stated that he contacted the town office concerning the change in his assessment regarding RSA 76:2 and was advised by the Town's contract assessor, that the change was due to the age of the building being adjusted to 1998 and that Mr. Little could contact the Selectmen and request an abatement. Mr. Little stated that he is not questioning the value; his concern is that the change happened after April 1. He went on to discuss the history of his property and changes made to the building and assessment card over the years. Mr. Little asked that the Board put his valuation back to what it was as of April 1. The Board reviewed information from DRA relative to this issue. Chairman Ives read the correspondence from Chuck Reese of DRA, which states, changes can be made up until the MS-1 is signed by the Selectmen. Chairman Ives stated that Board would take this under advisement to look into the information further before they make a decision and will get back to Mr. Little as quickly as possible.
- VII. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. The Board received a copy of a letter from Fire Chief Rick Wright to the Planning and Zoning Boards for their review.
 - b. The Board received a copy of the 2015 - 2016 Merrimack County proposed budget for review.
 - c. The Board received a copy of the NH DOT construction plans for Staniels Road and NH Route 106 work.

- d. The Board received information from Comcast regarding price adjustments as well as information stating that they will continue to provide high-speed internet to Loudon Elementary School and Maxfield Public Library for free.
- e. The Board received a Scholarship thank you note from Jean Stearns.
- f. The Board received a copy of a Christmas events flyer.
- g. The Board received a copy of Central NH Regional Planning Commission's "draft 2015 Plan" Public Hearing Notice for Thursday, December 11, 2014.
- h. The Board received the following reminders: Tuesday, December 2nd at 4:30 p.m. 2015-2016 Budget meeting; and Wednesday, December 3rd at 8:30 a.m. CIP meeting.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Krieger. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman