

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Maxfield.

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, December 09, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Chairman Ives. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Maxfield abstained as he was not present at that meeting. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Budget Review Meeting Minutes with the Maxfield Public Library Trustees, of Wednesday December 10, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Budget Session Meeting Minutes with Road Agent David Rice, Transfer Station Manager Steve Bennett, Police Chief, Code Enforcement/Compliance Officer Bob Fiske, and Fire Chief Jeff Burr of Friday, December 12, 2008 as presented. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. Chairman Ives stated for the record that three pistol permits were submitted for signature and approval.
 - b. The Board received information from the Police Department regarding the Emergency Management response to the issues from the ice storm.
 - c. The Board received copies of the budget report for review.
 - d. The Board received copies of an e-mail from Tony Puntin regarding the DES letter of deficiency on Wiggins Road. Discussion ensued. Selectman Maxfield moved to accept the proposal from The Louis Berger Group for the Restoration Plan to remove the two culverts which will address the Wiggins Road Letter of Deficiency from DES in the amount of \$2,650.00 from Engineering Fee line 01-41503-300-620. Seconded by Selectman Bowles for discussion. Majority vote in favor. Motion carried.
 - e. The Board received copies of a letter from Mrs. Murray on Country Hill Road for review. Discussion ensued regarding the right-of-way relative to the pine tree.
 - f. The Board received copies of a letter from Superintendent Mike Martin regarding the Beede Electric property.
 - g. The Board received copies of e-mails from PSNH regarding ice storm damage and the status of power outages.
 - h. The Board received copies of past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Maxfield moved to send past due ambulance account #40807 in the amount of \$606.80 and account #40724 in the amount of

\$607.30 to collections. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Motion carried.

- i. The Board received training certificates from Jeff Burr and Bob Bottcher for review.
- j. The Board received a notice of fee increase for criminal record checks for review.
- k. The Board received copies of a notice of work suspension on the Route 106 project for review.
- l. The Board received a notice from LGC on the Moderator's Workshop and Warrant Article Workshop for review.

III. Chairman Ives stated the Selectmen were meeting with the Loudon Energy Committee at 7:00 PM. Jim and Rhetta Weaver were in attendance.

- a. Chairman Ives stated that Richard and Jean Nelson were not going to be able to be on the committee at this time. He stated that Trudy Mott-Smith is also on the committee.
- b. Chairman Ives stated that the Selectmen were not given much direction with regard to the charges of this committee. He said the Board felt the committee members should create the mission statement and bring forward any information the committee finds during their research for energy savings for the town. The Board thanked those who have volunteered for the committee. Mrs. Weaver asked if the Selectmen wanted a certain number of people on the committee. The Board said no, there was no specific number, and the committee members would need to setup their own meetings and agendas. Discussion ensued regarding building energy audits and the organizations available for assistance.
- c. Trudy Mott-Smith arrived and joined the conversation. Chairman Ives gave a brief recap of the conversation.
- d. Selectman Maxfield stated that the town has been doing small things to help keep the energy consumption down such as not leaving the equipment idling unless absolutely necessary, lowering the number of hours the cruisers travel, and the energy audit and light fixture replacement at the Village Fire Station. Ms. Mott-Smith stated she felt it would be interesting to put together a list of things the town has done to date to make changes and to have it included in the Loudon Ledger. Selectman Bowles stated that the Planning and Zoning Boards are working with a property owner to come up with a windmill ordinance. The Selectmen advised the committee members that they can use the Community Building for their meetings as long as they coordinate the times and dates with the Selectmen's Office. Discussion ensued.

IV. Selectman Bowles moved to deny the petition to accept Wellington Lane as a town road. Seconded by Selectman Maxfield. Chairman Ives stated this is the second time this petition has been brought to the Board for acceptance. He said the Board denied the petition the first time and the petitioners

completed approximately ninety percent of the items to be corrected. Chairman Ives said there is still an issue with a drainage pond that needs to be dredged and the development is only fifty percent occupied which does not make it in the town's best interest to accept the road. He said the petitioners have the option to repetition the town once the deficiencies have been addressed. All in favor. Motion carried.

- V. Chairman Ives recognized John Plummer from the audience.
- a. Mr. Plummer asked about Comcast package choices. The Board advised Mr. Plummer that they had received information from Comcast at tonight's meeting and he could obtain a copy of the information for review.
 - b. Mr. Plummer asked about the success rate of the ambulance fee collections. The Board stated that the town does very well with collection of the ambulance fees. Selectman Bowles stated he thought it was in seventy percent or better collection rate.

Selectman Maxfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Seconded by Selectman Bowles. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

THE LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Dustin J. Bowles, Selectman

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman