

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present are Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.

Chairman Bowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

- I. Selectman Maxfield moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, February 16, 2010 as presented. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Police Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Bob Fiske.
 - a. Chief Fiske reviewed the results of the Sno Bowl held February 20 and 21 at NH Motor Speedway. He said there were approximately 2,200 vehicles parked, with traffic backed up on Route 106 at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday. He said Vice-President and General Manager Jerry Gappens and Bob Bahre came through at that time, by chance, and saw how traffic was backed up. He said a quick telephone call rectified the situation. Chief Fiske said he has not received any noise complaints for this event. Chief Fiske said the officers were definitely needed for traffic control.
 - b. Chief Fiske discussed his meeting with Commissioner Barthelmes. He said it was stated during the meeting that the track was only going to pay \$75,000 for law enforcement for each race. Chief Fiske said due to incidents that happened during the September race he has already been asked to supply 11 additional personnel. Chief Fiske stated he would like to remind the Selectmen the bill for police and fire protection for the September race was approximately \$170,000 combined. He said he would ask the Board to seriously consider requiring a bond for at least that amount to be put in place by the Speedway prior to the June race. Discussion ensued on the manpower required to provide adequate coverage for the Sprint Cup events. Chairman Bowles advised those present he has spoken with Town Counsel regarding the \$10,000 bond received and the town's options in requiring a more substantial bond to be put in place. Chairman Bowles said he had hoped to get more information from the next meeting with Commissioner Barthelemes before going forward with additional bonding requirements. Chief Fiske stated that State Statute provides for the Police Chief's discretion in determining the police presence needed for an event and payment for this coverage is the responsibility of the vendor hosting the event. During further discussion the Board concurred either a bond sufficient to cover the costs involved or a guaranteed letter of payment, signed by O. Bruton Smith will be in place prior to the start of the event. Chairman Bowles noted for the record the billing for the Sno Bowl event held February 20 and 21, in the amount of \$2,120.00 has been received from Chief Fiske. This invoice will be provided to NH Motor Speedway for payment.

- c. Mr. Fiske presented the Motor Vehicle application form for Loudon Garage to obtain a dealer plate. Mr. Fiske said he has spoken with Matt Smith and has been assured there are no plans in place for a change of use. Mr. Fiske said everything is in compliance at this time. Based on Mr. Fiske's recommendation the Board agreed to sign the application as approved.
- d. Chief Fiske presented an appointment paper for a part-time officer for the Board's approval. Selectman Ives moved to appoint Alec H. Ladd to the position of part-time police officer for the Town of Loudon effective February 23, 2010. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried. Chairman Bowles noted the Board would like to meet all candidates for employment prior to hire. He said the Board is considering making this a requirement in the personnel policy.
- e. Chairman Bowles noted for the record one pistol permit was signed for approval and another was re-issued do to a typographical error.
- f. Selectman Ives advised Mr. Fiske the March Board of Permit has been re-scheduled to March 30th.
- g. Chief Fiske asked if the Board would like him to bring up the monetary situation for police coverage with Commissioner Barthelmes. The Board agreed Mr. Fiske should discuss this with the Commissioner. Selectman Maxfield said Chief Fiske should tell them the town is not prepared to go below the staffing level of the September race and the track will be responsible for payment of approximately \$170,000 with the understanding any increase in staffing level will be additional cost to the track. After further discussion the Board agreed to contact Jerry Gappens to meet with the Board on March 2nd to discuss the track's plans for the 2010 racing season.
- h. Chairman Bowles said he wanted to state for the record he feels everything went very well at the Sno Bowl. Selectman Ives said the Planning Board has also received positive feedback from a resident of Canterbury who applauded the Town for allowing the event.

III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.

- a. The Board received a list of 2010 daytime parking permits from the Planning Board office.
- b. The Board received a request from the Recreation Committee for use of a sound system for the summer fun nights. Selectman Maxfield said he felt as long as the system was on the gazebo and protected from the weather it would be alright for the Recreation Committee to use the Town's sound system from the Community Building.
- c. The Board received the annual report of the Veteran's Memorial Maintenance Fund from the NH Charitable Foundation for review.
- d. The Board received the NHMA Legislative Bulletin #9 for review.
- e. The Board acknowledged correspondence from Michael Harris. The Board agreed they will not pursue this information at this time.
- f. The Board received an email from the Census Bureau encouraging resident participation in the 2010 Census.
- g. The Board reviewed a memo from Moderator Phil Nadeau regarding a meeting on set up for the second session of Town Meeting at the Elementary

School. The Board agreed they could be available Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of next week at 5:00 P.M.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:28 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, *Chairman*

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

Steven R. Ives, Selectman