

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Present: Selectmen Ives, Bowles, and Krieger
Also present were Road Agent Dave Rice and Fire Chief Jeff Burr

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

- I. Selectman Bowles moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 26, 2011 as written; seconded by Selectman Ives. Selectman Krieger was not present at that meeting so he abstained from the vote. Majority vote. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent Dave Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice reported that the grader broke down; parts have been ordered and the estimated cost of repair is \$1,600.
 - b. Mr. Rice stated that he recently spoke with Tim Landry from DOT regarding the town's permit for work at Young's Hill Road and Route 129. The permit will be expiring soon. There was discussion about doing a 20' apron this year. It was agreed that the whole project would not be done this year due to funding and the fact that Wayne Thistle is not doing his portion of Young's Hill Road at this time. Mr. Rice said he will look at the area and do some measurements.
 - c. Mr. Rice informed the Board that he has not yet reached the paving company regarding Chichester Road. There was brief discussion about the work that needs to be done.
 - d. Mr. Rice stated that the matter has been taken care of on Oak Hill Road regarding the replacement of a boundary marker. He will send a letter to the landowner.
 - e. Mr. Rice stated that the Town has to get a permit to tie into the State portion at the end of Clough Hill Road.
 - f. Mr. Rice reported that the magnesium arrived earlier today.
 - g. Mr. Rice discussed the beach project with the Board.
 - h. Mr. Rice reported that the Mudgett Hill Road culvert is done; they are allowing the area to pack before finishing the project.
 - i. Selectman Bowles stated that he, Jason Landry, and Tim Barton met with PSNH regarding trees on Old Shaker Road; there is nothing that PSNH can do with the trees in question. He said that Mr. Landry will be meeting with someone else and will get back to him. Selectman Bowles said that he has talked with the landowner about the plan and the landowner is in agreement.
 - j. Mr. Rice reported that the road sweeping is done.
- III. The Board met with Fire Chief Jeff Burr.

- a. Chief Burr informed the Board that Car 1 was backed into and there was damage. The incident was reported to the Police Department and Selectmen's office. The vehicle is out of service until repairs can be done.
- b. Chief Burr stated that he received a notice from Valley Fire Equipment stating that the recent repairs to Engine 1 were covered under warranty.
- c. Chief Burr said that he has been working on the cost of moving the access door. He said with volunteers, Harry-O Electric and Capitol Alarm, he has an estimated cost of \$700. Chief Burr will get an updated expense report from Jean Lee, noting that the ladder truck repairs were higher than expected so he wants to be sure the funds are available for this project.
- d. Chairman Ives asked about ADA requirements. Chief Burr presented the Board with approximate costs to do the whole building, based on the original building plans. He stated these figures were for budgeting purposes to make the building ADA compliant.
- e. Chief Burr stated that the department has done some training and expressed his appreciation to Greg Fillmore for the use of his property.
- f. Chief Burr asked the Board about opening sealed bids for pump repairs on Engine 2. He stated that three bids came in for the project. The Board and Chief Burr opened the sealed bids and read them as follows:
 - 1. Valley Fire Equipment, Bradford NH - \$9,845.76; additional figures were given for valve repairs if needed
 - 2. Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, West Ossipee NH - \$13,065.24
 - 3. Bull Dog Fire Apparatus, Woodville MA - \$6,341.21
 The bids will be taken under consideration for review of required specs being met. The Board asked Chief Burr to get references on Bull Dog Fire Apparatus since the Town has never done business with them.
- g. Chief Burr stated that he has submitted a request for vacation the week of May 16th. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable.
- h. Chairman Ives read a memo regarding the upcoming Memorial Day parade. Chief Burr said that there will be no trucks in the parade but the ambulance will be on standby. The details will be forwarded to the fire and police departments as the road will be closed for the parade.

IV. Chairman Ives recognized Greg Fillmore from the audience. Mr. Fillmore said that he was present to talk with the Board about a Current Use issue that he has been dealing with on his properties for some time. He said that he met with the Town's assessor in October. Mr. Fillmore said that Mary Pinkham-Langer of the NH DRA was also present. He said that Ms. Pinkham-Langer is not welcome on his property at any time in the future without a court order. Mr. Fillmore said that there is a discrepancy on how much land has been taken out of Current Use and he feels that Ms. Pinkham-Langer and DRA are overstepping their bounds. He said that he asked the assessor to have the matter resolved by December 31, 2010 but has heard nothing since meeting with Mr. Wiley. Mr. Fillmore stated that he feels that Mr. Wiley was parroting Ms. Pinkham-Langer and he fears that he is headed for the same process he was put through in 1998. He said he wants to know where the matter stands at this point, noting that he has appraisals and wants this

resolved. Mr. Fillmore said that he wants the Town to make a determination of today's values so that he can get the Current Use assessment paid and move on. He said he is asking the selectmen to take a good look at the records and be realistic with the values, saying that the figures he has been given are unrealistic. Chairman Ives asked if Mr. Fillmore has a map of where he is mining and the Current Use areas. Mr. Fillmore stated that he went over all of that with Mr. Wiley and he feels strongly that Mary Pinkham-Langer has no jurisdiction over this matter. There was discussion of the assessing process and DRA spot-checking the assessing company's work. Selectman Bowles said that it might be a good idea for the Board to have a meeting with Mr. Wiley and Mr. Fillmore. He said the Board would be in touch with Mr. Fillmore.

- V. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
- a. Chairman Ives referred to a memo from NHMS regarding doing roadside clean up on Clough Hill Road up along Lower Ridge and putting up a sign similar to those seen on major roads with adopted sections. There was discussion about the size of the sign to be erected, where it could be placed, and that there could be only one sign. It was suggested that the sign be placed on their existing parking lot sign.
 - b. The Board received information on the Fortier litigation for review.
 - c. The Board received a copy of an email from Jeff Burr regarding bid opening for the pump repairs on Engine 2.
 - d. The Board received an email from Steve DelDeo regarding the library roof. There has not been any response from town counsel as of yet.
 - e. The Board received the gas tax reimbursement for the 4th quarter of 2010 in the amount of \$1,209.60.
 - f. The Board received copies of the payment from the Town of Gilmanton for plowing Upper City Road in the winter of 2010-11 in the amount of \$2,750.00.
 - g. The Board received a notice from NH DOT on adjustments to Highway Block Grant monies.
 - h. The Board received a request from Jeff Burr for vacation time the week of May 16th. This was approved earlier in the meeting.
 - i. The Board received a request from Donna White to transfer forty hours of her accrued sick time to Bonnie Theriault. The Board approved the request.
 - j. The Board received a copy of a thank you letter from the Loudon Center Freewill Baptist Church to the Loudon highway crew.
 - k. The Board received a memo from Assessor Dave Wiley regarding the charitable exemption for Rise Again Outreach, Inc. It was noted that this office is located in the Bollinger Building at 34 Staniels Road, Suite 5. It is a group of churches that give out clothing and other goods. All information has been verified by the assessor. Selectman Krieger made a motion to grant the request as written, to accept the group as a charitable organization and adjust its tax exempt status; seconded by Selectman Bowles. Selectman Bowles stated that this status is for Rise Again

Outreach and does not stay with the property should they move from the property. All were in favor. Motion carried.

- l. The Board received information on Trust Fund administration seminars for review and distribution.
- m. The Board received equalization figures from DRA for review.
- n. The Board received 1st quarter Host Community Fee calculation from ESMI.
- o. The Board received past due ambulance bills for review. Selectman Krieger moved to send the following past due ambulance bills to collections: Account #48114 in the amount of \$672.80 and Account #31609 in the amount of \$1,278.40; seconded by Selectman Bowles. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- p. The Board received a flyer from American Legion Post #88 for a pancake breakfast on May 14th from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This is open to veterans and residents.
- q. The Board received a flyer from American Legion Post #88 for the May 30th Memorial Day parade at 9:00 a.m.
- r. The Board received a memo regarding Dave Rice putting up the new flags at the Veteran's Memorial once all have been received.
- s. The Board received the April draft Zoning Board minutes for review.
- t. The Board received March property transfers for review.
- u. The Board received a news release on SB 91 from Jeff Burr.
- v. The Board received NHMA Legislative Bulletin #18.
- w. The Board received a report from Dan St. Hilaire on the Executive Council meeting on April 28th.
- x. The Board received a Northern Pass update article.
- y. The Board received an email from Frank Dumont on resident power channel partner program.
- z. The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

Selectman Bowles moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.; seconded by Selectman Krieger. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

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Robert P. Krieger, Selectman