

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Present: Chairman Ives, Selectman Fiske and Selectman Miller

- I. Chairman Ives called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
- II. Selectman Miller moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, April 25, 2017 as written. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried.
- III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. The Board received the State of NH Equalized values for the town.
 - b. The Board received a letter from the State of NH regarding sampling for Per – and Ployfluoroakyl Substances/Perfluorinated Chemicals.
- IV. Chairman Ives recognized Stan Prescott. Mr. Prescott explained that there needs to be a new deed for the cemetery that the town took over at town meeting. He made the suggestion that under the regulations they should consider enlarging the maximum size of monuments and set a deadline for how long artificial flowers can stay. He will further review the regulations and get back to the Board.
- V. Mike Harris stated that he does not have an appointment with the Board but he would like an opportunity to address the Board for one or two minutes. Chairman Ives said if he'd have a seat they will see how things proceed.
- VI. Chairman Ives said they received a letter from the Loudon Recreation Committee regarding their meeting with the Board on April 25th.
- VII. Chairman Ives recognized Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris said in the old days anybody could come to a meeting, address the selectmen and say what was on their mind. He said now they have to make an appointment and get on a schedule. Mr. Harris said he thinks they should stop pussyfooting around with the race track. He requested that this be put in the minutes and published in the minutes. Mr. Harris said they have a very difficult situation at the race track; he understands the issue with the tax base. He said on the other hand there are people that live in this town that are affected by the various things the race track is doing. Mr. Harris said it is their heavy burden to figure out how to sort it out. He said there has been issues with the track using Lower Ridge Road and Loudon Ridge Road for commercial purposes which have seriously impeded people's rights for access during those times. Mr. Harris said it should stop, the track has a vast area and they can keep activities in that area. Chairman Ives asked Mr. Harris if he is telling them that they should deny the track use of a public road. Mr. Harris said he wants them to deny the track commercial use of a public road. Chairman Ives said so they should be single them out. Mr. Harris said if he can't get out of his own driveway because of them running these things. He said there was promises that this wouldn't happen this year. Chairman Ives said he never made any promises. Chairman Ives said that Mr. Harris has a limited

knowledge of what goes on at the race track and how they deal with them and a very jaded view of the track. Chairman Ives said they have worked with them over the years tremendously to improve the situation there. Selectman Fiske said that all of the Boards the Select Board as well as the Planning and Zoning Boards have worked diligently on the entire thing at the track and doing the best they can to sort this out. He explained that they can't just say no they have to let the other Boards make their decisions. Selectman Fiske said those Boards are voted in just like the Selectmen are. Mr. Harris said the track is trying to sneak in the back door with music concerts. He said pretty soon we'll end up with a Meadowbrook and all the problems that brings. Mr. Harris said he knows the track is trying to find a way to survive because NASCAR racing is a dying sport. He said he knows they are trying to do good things but going for a concert venue is completely against the covenants and the law. Mr. Harris said if they allow it there will be serious problems. Chairman Ives said they are not circumventing the law they are going through all the hoops, going through Planning Board, going through regional impact and whether they have concerts will be up to the Planning Board and regional impact to decide. He explained that by law they can't deny something that legally is allowed, they have to go through the steps they can't just say no. Mr. Harris said he is asking them to enforce the covenants. Chairman Ives said the covenants apply to what the track was when it was put in place; this is property they bought after it was put in place. Mr. Harris said he thinks the Board should disclose exactly what they are going to do regarding regulation of the racetrack. Selectman Miller said there are a lot of things they don't know; a decision can't be made on limited information, they have to weigh all the facts. Chairman Ives said they treat the track exactly as they do any other business in town; they get no special privileges. Mr. Harris asked what other business in town is allowed to use a public road for commercial purposes preventing someone access from their driveway. Chairman Ives said they cannot stop a business from using a public road. Chairman Ives said this conversation is over; he explained that he gave Mr. Harris the few minutes that he asked for.

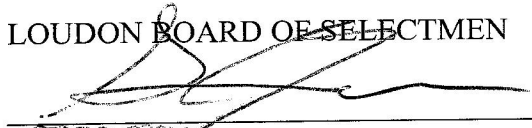
VIII. Selectman Miller moved to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) at 6:27 PM.; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller - yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Miller moved to come out of non-public session at 6:54 PM; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller - yes. All in favor. Motion carries. Selectman Miller moved to seal the minutes for five years; seconded by Selectman Fiske. Roll call vote: Ives – yes; Fiske – yes; Miller - yes. Chairman Ives said the purpose of the nonpublic session was to discuss tax issues with a property owner.

IX. The Board recognized Alicen Twardosky. Ms. Twardosky said she had six copies of the paperwork that needs to be signed by the Selectmen and submitted to the State for the perched beach at Clough Pond. She explained that Stan Prescott did the survey. Ms. Twardosky said she has all the applications ready as well as abutter letters. Chairman Ives asked what she needs from the Board at this point. She said she needs their final approval and signatures to submit the application. Chairman Ives asked if she has spoken to the Clough Pond Association.

Ms. Twardosky said included in the paperwork is letters from the Association as well as from the Conservation Commission; both endorse the project. Chairman Ives said he is in favor of the it and asked Ms. Twardosky to explain what a perched beach is. She explained that the grade of the beach is extremely steep, it will be lifted up about 7' from the water and 20' from the fence using rocks they will put one tier. Chairman Ives said this is the only way to introduce sand to the beach that won't go down into the water. He said this raised area will have sand that won't go into the water. Selectman Miller said this sounds like a great idea; the beach has been deteriorating for years. Ms. Twardosky showed the board the plans for the beach including the drainage plan. Chairman Ives said he is thankful that she took the project on. Selectman Miller made a motion to authorize Chairman Ives to sign all applications for the perched beach at Clough Pond. Seconded by Selectman Fiske. All in favor. Motion carried. Mr. Prescott suggested that Ms. Merullo should also be notified as an abutter to the town property. Ms. Twardosky will send her an abutter notice. Selectman Fiske said they appreciate all the work Ms. Twardosky and Mr. Prescott have done; he said he also heard Greg Fillmore is helping.

- X. Selectman Fiske moved to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Selectman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Steven R. Ives, Chairman

Robert N. Fiske, Selectman



Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman