

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

PRESENT: Selectmen Bowles, Maxfield, and Ives. Also present is Road Agent David Rice.

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, April 28, 2009 as printed. Second by Selectman Ives. All in favor. Motion carried.
- II. The Board met with Road Agent David Rice.
 - a. Mr. Rice said he and Chairman Bowles had visited Batchelder Road Ext., east of Lovejoy Road, following receipt of a letter from residents regarding the condition of the road. Mr. Rice said the crew will begin ditching the road on Wednesday and will also check the culverts. Mr. Rice said there is one section that has broken up significantly during the past winter. Mr. Rice said the first item to be addressed will be the drainage. Then work will be scheduled to get the road in shape for resurfacing.
 - b. Mr. Rice said he has spoken with Greg Fillmore regarding the use of his equipment for work on Bumfagon Road.
 - c. Mr. Rice advised the Board the finish work on Goshen Drive, Sheeprock Road and the area around the Safety Building should be completed within the next month.
- III. The Board began their review of weekly correspondence.
 - a. Chairman Bowles said a letter has been hand delivered from the American Legion Post and VFW regarding the Memorial Day Parade on May 25 beginning at 9:00 A.M. The parade route will begin at the American Legion and end at Moore and Mt. Hope cemeteries. Following the parade an open house will be held at the American Legion Hall. Chairman Bowles said Mr. Dymont is asking for the town's permission to hold the parade. The Board concurred to approve Mr. Dymont's request. The Board encouraged the town's residents to participate in this worthwhile event.
 - b. The Board was given a packet of material to review on the current Comcast contract which will be coming up for renewal, in anticipation of scheduling a meeting with Comcast representatives. Selectman Maxfield recommended preparing an agenda on topics to be discussed.
 - c. The Board received current expenditure reports for review.
 - d. The Board acknowledged materials from town counsel on the Greenview Drive hearing scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 9:00 A.M.
 - e. The Board discussed follow-up material regarding accumulation of annual leave while on military leave. Selectman Ives stated the town is not required to allow an employee's annual leave to accumulate while the employee is on military leave. The town's personnel policy also does not include this

provision. The employee does, however, retain his seniority while on leave from employment with the town. Selectman Ives asked if the Board was making a decision on this issue. Chairman Bowles said the time the employee has accumulated to date will remain on the books and be available to him upon his return to full time employment or sooner if he chooses to request it. The employee will not accumulate any additional leave time while he is away, but should he require a period of additional time off upon his return, this will be addressed on a case by case basis. Mrs. Lee will prepare a memo for Chief Fiske explaining the Board's decision.

- f. The Board received copies of the wetlands permit and non-site specific permit for NH Motor Speedway.
- g. The Board received an invoice for water testing at the Library. Chairman Bowles and Selectman Ives said the Library should be responsible for payment of this invoice.
- h. The Board acknowledged the Wiggins Road mitigation plan filing extension request from Judy Houston to DES has been approved.
- i. The Board noted receipt of training certificates for Janice Morin and Bob Fiske.
- j. The Board noted receipt of a thank you letter from the Harris family.
- k. The Board received NHMA Legislative Bulletin #18 for review.
- l. The Board received a municipal pole agreement for decorative banners from Public Service Company of NH. This will be forwarded to Bob Fiske for his files.
- m. The Board noted a reminder of a scheduled site walk on Bear Hill Road on Thursday, May 7 at 4:00 P.M.

IV. Chairman Bowles read the oath for approval of the Spring Property Tax Warrant as follows: "We, the Selectmen and Assessors of the Town of Loudon NH, do solemnly swear that in making the inventory for the purpose of assessing the foregoing taxes we appraised all taxable property at its full value, and as we would appraise the same in payment of a just debt due for a solvent debtor. So help us God. To Helen L. McNeil, Collector of Taxes for Loudon, New Hampshire in said county. In the name of the State you are hereby directed to collect the property taxes in the list herewith committed to you, amounting to the sum of Five Million Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$5,096,978) and with interest at twelve (12%) per annum from July 1, 2009 thereafter, on all sums not paid on or before that day. And we further order you to pay all monies collected to the Treasurer of said town at least on a weekly basis when receipts exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more often when directed by the Commissioner of Revenue Administration. Given under our hands at Loudon, New Hampshire, this Fifth day of May in 2009." Dustin J. Bowles, Chairman, Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman, Steven R. Ives, Selectman.

V. The Board recognized Dan Plourde from the audience. Mr. Plourde said he had applied for an abatement of his 2008 property taxes for Loudon Country Store, which is currently closed. As of this date he has not had a response. The Selectmen advised Mr. Plourde to contact the Selectmen's Office to speak with contract assessor Dave Wiley regarding the pending abatement.

Selectman Ives moved to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. Second by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

LOUDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dustin J. Bowles, *Chairman*

Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman

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