

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 6, 2024

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectmen Miller, and Selectman Storrs  
Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Police Lieutenant Dana Flanders, Road Agent Russ Pearl, and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

- I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dana Flanders.
- III. Selectmen Miller made a motion to accept and approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:
  - a. Chief Blanchette stated they had 79 calls so far this year.
  - b. Chief Blanchette said they installed the Crew Force application on all the apparatus (tablets). This allows the devices to track each other's location and send messages privately instead of over the radio that may contain private information, so they are not breaking HIPPA.
  - c. Chief Blanchette said they are monitoring the cistern on Clough Hill Road. They just did repairs there and they want to make sure everything is going well and the way it should be signing off on it.
  - d. Chief Blanchette stated that people who have self-contained breathing apparatus are going to have their fitness test this week.
  - e. Chief Blanchette stated that Gavin Martin passed his candidate physical ability test this week and can now work full time in the state of NH.
  - f. Chief Blanchette stated that Friday will be the final inspection for the Benjamin Frankling School.
  - g. Chief Blanchette stated that Bill Lake has been busy with plan reviews and a few commercial projects. He is doing a good job of keeping things moving along.
  - h. Chief Blanchette said that a few employees attended the Compact training last week on electric vehicles. They came up with a good plan to handle multiple electric cars in the same area at once. Chief Blanchette said they will probably be purchasing some new equipment to handle electrical fires.
  - i. Chief Blanchette said the AFG application opened last week. He reminded the Board this is the grant where they are trying to obtain 19 new radios.
  - j. Chief Blanchette stated he sent a letter to the camper living at Whoville LLC. He stated he received a response back stating the camper has always been allowed because he is doing security. The Board of Selectmen do not recall anything being grandfathered in. Chief Blanchette will further address the issue.
- V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ pearl.
  - a. Russ Pearl said they had a busy January, but with a break in the weather they can do some maintenance on the trucks.

- b. Russ Pearl said a few guys have been out sick, but Mark Stevens has returned to work.

VI. The Board met with Police Lieutenant Flanders.

- a. Lieutenant Flanders said Officer Howes is in his 5<sup>th</sup> week at the academy and doing great.
- b. Lieutenant Flanders said the city prosecutor office sent a 5-year contract that needed to be reviewed. The Board of Selectmen stated they will review the contract and have the town attorney look it over as well. Lieutenant Flanders stated that it was straightforward and that he spoke with Chief Burgess, and he stated he was comfortable with signing it.
- c. Lieutenant Flanders stated March 11<sup>th</sup> they will have department training.
- d. Lieutenant Flanders said they are working with Canterbury Police Dept. to review an older case.
- e. Lieutenant Flanders stated that in April they will have training with DCYF.
- f. Lieutenant Flanders stated that the 2022 Ford had a recall on it, but it is all fixed now.

VII. The Board invited Joe Brown to the podium. Joe Brown of 7384 Currier Road would like to put a driveway access where he's going to harvest timber. He stated that he was unsure why he had to pay \$50 for a permit to do so if the driveway isn't going to a building. The Board of Selectmen stated that it is \$25 for a temporary access driveway permit. Chairman Maxfield asked the Road Agent if he saw any issues with this request. Russ Pearl stated that he did not see any issues with the temporary driveway. Joe Brown was still concerned about the fee and why he had to pay anything. The Board of Selectmen said they will take it under advisement and do some more research. Joe Brown also voiced his concern about the solar fee. He does not understand why the town wants hundreds of dollars to have them installed, but the federal government wants to give them away for free.

VIII. The Board reviewed new business:

- a. Chairman Maxfield stated that once a year Loudon gets a check from the NH Charitable Foundation to maintain the Veteran's Memorial. This year they received around \$2,000. Chairman Maxfield would like the money for this added in the treasurer's report so future Selectmen will know what that money is for. Chairman Maxfield will speak to Kathy Pitman about this matter.

IX. Important Dates:

- a. Budget Hearing - Wednesday, February 7th – 6pm – Town Office
- b. Candidate's Night - Wednesday, March 6th – 6pm – Town Office
- c. Town Elections – Tuesday, March 12th – 7am to 7pm - Safety Complex
- d. Town Meeting – Saturday, March 16th – 9am – Loudon Elementary School

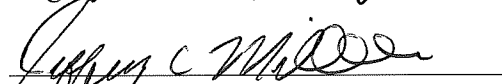
X. Chairman Maxfield recognized Jeff Leonard of 157 Kenney Road; Jeff Leonard was wondering if the Public Budget Hearing was going to happen since it was on the agenda. Jeff Leonard was informed it was a typo. Jeff Leonard also asked Lieutenant Flanders

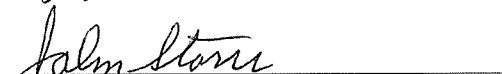
what was going on with the grant for the body cameras. Lieutenant Flanders informed him that the grant does not open until the spring.

- XI. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with Road Agent Russ Pearl at 6:40 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:12 pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.
- XII. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with Town Clerk Ashley Simonds at 7:16 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. Roll call vote, Selectmen Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:34 pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.
- XIII. Selectmen Storrs made a motion at 7:50 pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectmen Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Loudon Board of Selectmen

  
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Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman

  
John Storrs, Selectman