

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 20, 2024

Present: Chairman Maxfield, Selectmen Miller, and Selectman Storrs

- I. Chairman Maxfield called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Maxfield.
- III. Roger Maxfield opened the Board of Permit at 6:01pm.
 - a. Chairman Maxfield stated they had 3 applications all from the New England Race Museum. They want to do motorcycle shows and this is something that has been done in the past. The 3 dates they are looking for are 5/24/24 with a rain date of 5/25/24, 6/28/24, and 8/24/24 with a rain date of 8/25/24. Chairman Maxfield stated the Police Chief had no issues with this. Earl Tuson, from the Zoning Board had no issues with this. The Selectmen signed the 3 applications.
- IV. Roger Maxfield closed the Board of Permit at 6:06pm.
- V. The Board welcomed Henry Herdon and George Saunderson from Community Power. Chairman Maxfield stated the town received a Cost Sharing Agreement from the Community Power Coalition of NH, which would not be signed before our Town Meeting vote. Chairman Maxfield stated, by law, NH towns cannot use municipal funds to cover any program expenses for community power. The Board asked Henry who finances the program, since they cannot use municipal funds to cover any expenses. Henry Herdon stated that they have 28 towns and roughly 120,000 customers who participate in Community Power. Instead of the people buying their electricity from say Eversource they buy it from Community Power and Community Power gets a percentage of that money. Customers get it at cheaper rate than they would from the electric company. The Board stated there would be a warrant article and the town will vote on it at town meeting. Henry informed the town that if it was voted yes then everyone in the town would be opted in, but you will have 30 days to opt out.
- VI. Selectmen Miller made a motion to approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectmen Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.
- VII. The Board reviewed new business:
 - a. Chairman Maxfield stated that the Board of Selectmen is going to put new business on hold until they have time to review the two quotes they received for Actuarial Valuation.
- VIII. The Board reviewed old business:
 - a. The Board revisited Joe Brown's temporary permit access for a driveway. The Selectmen reviewed the rules and believe that the \$25 fee is necessary. The reason for this is so they can keep track of permits that have been issued for properties and

for the administrative fee. This will also allow it to be on file if the property is ever sold.

IX. Important Dates:

- a. Candidate's Night - Wednesday, March 6th – 6pm – Town Office
- b. MVSD Annual Meeting – Friday, March 8th – at the High School
(Polls are open from 11am – 7pm, Meeting starts at 7pm)
- c. Town Elections – Tuesday, March 12th – 7am to 7pm – Safety Complex
- d. Town Meeting – Saturday, March 16th – 9am – Loudon Elementary

X. Chairman Maxfield recognized Jeff Leonard, 157 Kenney Rd, Jeff Leonard was inquiring about Community Power and why they would be automatically enrolled if the Warrant article for it was voted in. The Board of Selectmen informed him that he would be automatically enrolled because that is how their process works, but anyone who does not want to participate would have 30 days to opt out. Jeff Leonard also asked how long the contract would last for. The Board informed him there was no time frame. They would just have to decide when they wanted to opt out.

XI. Chairman Maxfield recognized Ned Lizotte of Hardy Road. Ned Lizotte was wondering about Community Power and what they would have to do if they were happy with their current electric provider. The Selectmen informed Ned all he would have to do is opt out. Ned also asked why there was not any information given out before hand about Community Power. The Board of Selectmen did let him know that they had multiple meetings.

XII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Alichia Kingsbury of 293 Bear Hill Road. Alichia asked what the J. Jackson email was about on the consent agenda. Selectmen Miller informed her it was a letter in support of Joe Osborne. Alichia Kingsbury also asked what the Rolfe Canal Project was on the consent agenda. Selectmen Miller stated they received a letter because Penacock sent out letters to surrounding towns just let towns know about a project they were doing. This project does not affect Loudon at all.

XIII. Chairman Maxfield recognized Terese Bastarache of Oak Hill Road. Terese stated that she received a letter from the town Moderator, Rodney Phillips. She wanted to know why she received this letter about voting sign laws and why the town spent money to send it certified. The Selectmen stated they were unaware of this letter and that they would investigate the matter for her.

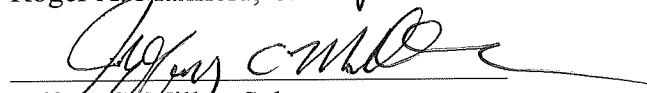
XIV. Selectmen Miller made a motion to enter Non-Public session with the Tax Collector, Meghan O'Hare at 6:45 pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) Matters which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person request an 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, Selectman Miller- Yes, Selectman Storrs- Yes, Chairman Maxfield- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectman Miller made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:16 pm. Seconded by Selectman Storrs. All in favor. Motion carried.

- XV. Selectmen Storrs made a motion to adjourn the at 7:28pm. Seconded by Selectmen Miller.
All in favor. Motion carried.

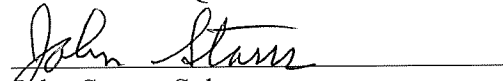
Loudon Board of Selectmen



Roger A. Maxfield, Chairman



Jeffrey C. Miller, Selectman



John Storrs, Selectman