

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 2, 2024

Present: Chairman Miller, Selectman Maxfield and Selectman Gilman
Also present, Fire Chief Tom Blanchette, Road Agent Russ Pearl, and Town Administrator Brenda Pearl

- I. Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Miller.
- III. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to accept the consent agenda as listed. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.
- IV. The Board met with Fire Chief Tom Blanchette:
 - a. Chief Blanchette stated that ambulance 2 was up and running and then a check engine light came on. It is back in the shop and looking like this will be another expensive repair. The ERG valves need to be replaced amongst other bigger parts.
 - b. Chief Blanchette said he and another attended The State Federation of Forest Fire meeting today. It happens twice a year.
 - c. Chief Blanchette said he sent a memo to the board about over expenditures and where the money was going to come from.
 - d. Chief Blanchette stated that Nascar planning is still on going.
 - e. Chief Blanchette said next week he will be attending the statewide fire immobilization plan for the eclipse.
- V. The Board met with Road Agent Russ pearl.
 - a. Road Agent Russ Pearl said they have everything hooked up and ready to go for the snowstorm coming in.
 - b. Road Agent Russ Pearl said on 4/9/24 Currier Road will be closed due to tree cutting. The road will be closed from house #7150 to #7288.
- VI. The Board reviewed new business:
 - a. Selectmen Maxfield made a motion to appoint Theresa Chudoba to Deputy Town Clerk on 4/2/2024. This appointment will expire 3/31/27. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - b. Selectmen Maxfield made a motion to appoint Dwayne Gilman to Planning Board Ex-Officio Alternate on 4/2/24. This appointment shall expire on 3/31/25. Motion seconded by Chairman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Selectman Gilman made a motion to appoint Dyrace Maxfield to Library Trustee Alternate on 4/2/24. This appoint shall expire on 3/31/27. Motion seconded by Chairman Miller. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Selectman Maxfield made a motion for Loudon Youth Sports to use the basketball courts 6/1/24-7/31/24 from 5pm-8pm and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the town of Loudon. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.

- e. Selectman Gilman made a motion for Loudon Youth Sports to use the t-ball field 4/10/24-5/31/24 from 4:30pm-6pm and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the town of Loudon. Motion seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- f. Selectman Maxfield made a motion for Loudon Youth Sports to use the Babe Ruth outfield 4/10/24-5/31/24 from 4:30pm-6pm and to authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the town of Loudon. Motion seconded by Selectman Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.
- g. The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed a new hire application for the Fire Dept. There is no current start date yet.
- h. Selectman Gilman made a motion to accept an ambulance invoice write off request from the Fire Chief for \$115.17. Motion seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.
- i. Selectman Gilman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the LHS Associates contract for the 6-poll pad bundle with the stand, case, stylist, and printer for \$10,775. Motion seconded by Selectman Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

VII. The Board reviewed Old Business:

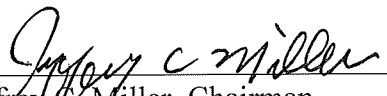
- a. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the request for the tax interest reimbursement. Chairman Miller spoke with the Tax Collector, and it appears to not be Loudon's fault and it was outside the time frame for reimbursement. The Board of Selectmen denied her request.
- b. Chairman Miller addressed an email they received from Alichia Kingsbury. She was inquiring when the opt out of the energy supplier come. Chairman Miller stated a letter will go out at the end of April. Alichia Kingsbury was wondering how an energy supplier was decided upon. Chairman Miller stated they have an Alternative Energy Committee who do all the research and pick the supplier that is best for the town's needs. Alichia also stated in her email that she feels as though the BOS should have sent a letter to the Merrimack School District when the money issue arose. Chairman Miller stated a letter was sent in July of 2023 when they first learned of the situation. Lastly, Alichia Kingsbury asked Chairman Miller if it was his opinion or the Board of Selectmen when the comments were made about her last meeting. Chairman Miller stated it was his own personal comments as a citizen. Chairman Miller is entitled to his 1st Amendment rights.
- c. Chairman Miller addressed a question that came in email from Terese Bastarache. Terese was wondering about the small tree business on School St. in Loudon. Chairman Miller stated there are rules and laws in planning and zoning and the Selectmen are responsible for upholding those rules and laws. The rules and laws were voted in by the town's people. Chairman Miller stated they are not trying to run any small business out of town, but they do have to follow the rules and regulations and run a business in a commercial zone not residential.

VIII. Important Dates:


- a. Thursday, 4/18/24-7pm-Planning Board meeting
- b. Thursday, 4/25/24-7pm-ZBA meeting

- IX. Chairman Miller recognized Shawn Kitson of 7 Memory Lane; Shawn Kitson was inquiring about the bond Chip Davis has and why he isn't upholding his end of the deal. Shawn Kitson was looking for guidance on what to do and if there is any help he can get from the town. Chairman Miller said the Board of Selectmen will do some research and help steer him in the right direction. Shawn Kitson also wanted to state that he thought the way the town meeting went was archaic and so was the way the voting went. He was wondering how those votes can be put on a ballot. The Board of Selectmen informed him that it would have to be brought up as a warrant article at the town meeting.
- X. Selectman Maxfield made a motion to enter Non-Public session with the Town Administrator, Brenda Pearl at 7:07pm under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Motion seconded by Selectmen Gilman. Roll call vote, Chairman Miller- Yes, Selectmen Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Gilman- Yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Maxfield made a motion to come out of Non-Public session 7:52pm. Motion seconded by Selectmen Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried. Selectmen Maxfield made a motion to seal the minutes. Roll call vote, Chairman Miller- Yes, Selectmen Maxfield- Yes, Selectmen Gilman- Yes. Motion seconded by Selectmen Gilman. All in favor. Motion carried.
- XI. Selectman Gilman made a motion at 7:55 pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by Selectmen Maxfield. All in favor. Motion carried.

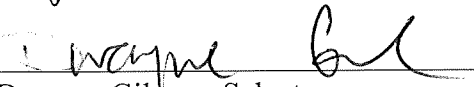
Loudon Board of Selectmen



Jeffrey C. Miller, Chairman



Roger A. Maxfield, Selectman



Dwayne Gilman, Selectman