

MINUTES

March 5, 2007

The Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at the Town Office at 6 p.m. Present were Selectman Jon Homer, Charles Wheeler, James McGarr, Sharon Davis and Charles Cheney. The Board spent the first half hour reviewing and signing the manifest. They also approved three new residency applications, two veterans' credits, a supplemental tax warrant, and a letter to Cecil Cooper thanking him for his service as Town Moderator.

The Board learned that Town Clerk Hannah Joyce spoke to Charles Grand, and he is willing to handle the Moderator duties for the Town Elections and Town Meeting next week. The Board Members were all familiar with Mr. Grand, and his previous experience with moderating a meeting, and felt that he would be up to the job. He had another commitment this evening, but could possibly meet next Monday around 5:30 p.m. to go over some of the procedures for the Town Meeting with either the full Board or whatever Board Members could be available at that time. The consensus was that they would hope to meet with Mr. Grand at 6 p.m.

The Board then went on to discuss the Town Meeting and review the warrant articles and what may come up for discussion next week. It was agreed that Selectman Cheney, as Chairman would read the breakdown of the Town expenses under Article 5. Selectman Wheeler agreed to read the breakdown of the advertising and regional expenses under Article 15, and made note of the breakdown of the Humane Society and the Dog Officer line item. Selectman Davis indicated that she would like to have a motion made to take up articles 26 and 31 after article 10. This will get some of the Town budget articles done, but still not be too late in the evening for the architect and Building Committee to give their presentation. Article 4 which is in reference to the Kati A Lane betterment vote requires that the ballot box must be opened for at least an hour after discussion of this article so everyone has the opportunity to vote. The Board discussed some of the other articles, and what questions could come up about them. Article 34 which is a legal matter which allows the Town to acquire or sell, land and building is a very lengthy and a somewhat confusing article due to the legalese required. Selectman Davis agreed to explain this if there was any question. Ann Marie mentioned some of the issues she had heard may come up under other business. Selectman Davis had a statement that the Neighborfest Committee had put together about the land they received from Pike on NH Rte 175. The Board agreed that the committee should be making the decision as to what to do with it, and not the Selectmen from Campton and Thornton.

Correspondence was brief this week. Ann Marie advised the Board that Kelly Weiser had prepared and brought in the Owls Nest abatements, and that she had actually put some figures on the intangibles that the Town had been hoping to get to better determine the value of the land on the Owls Nest properties. Ann Marie indicated that she had advised our assessor, Mark Nieder about this, and had faxed him some of the breakdowns. Selectman Wheeler indicated that Kelly had told him that she was going to be talking with Mark as well. Selectman Cheney felt that the water installation fees were on the high side, and Selectman Wheeler indicated that the golf memberships were actually a little low. Ann Marie had received an email from Pam Sprague

from DES about auto salvage yards, and the compliance that local Towns must oversee in order to provide a license to them. Selectman McGarr indicated that they were actually trying to get the Health Officers to assume this task, and he agreed to take the copy of the email and booklet and look it over. Sharon Davis asked to have the Legislative Bulletins from the Local Government Center forwarded to her email so we could get a heads up on some of these issues. Ann Marie prints them up and leaves them in the office for review.

The Board then went on to review the minutes of the previously meeting. Selectman McGarr had one correction to be made to them. With a motion from Selectman Davis, and seconded by Selectman Homer, the minutes were approved unanimously with the one correction by the Board.

Under other business, the Board discussed a number of items including the Pike land, and some road issues. Ann Marie indicated that Nancy Murray is working on the title search for the Pike land for the Town and Selectman Wheeler will email Brian Donovan about getting the deed drawn up as soon as possible. Selectman McGarr indicated that he had spoken with Jay Conley, the owner of the Campton Plaza. He is interested in getting the Economic Development Committee up and running again to attract businesses to Campton. Selectman McGarr believes that Mr. Conley would be an excellent candidate for this committee, and would like to see the committee active again. It was suggested to bring this up at Town Meeting under other business, and to get some interested people signed up to start up the committee again.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Town Administrator