

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
APRIL 6, 2009

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Building Permit, 1 Residency Application, 5 Abatements, and 1 Warrant for Collection of Taxes, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut, 1 appointment to Zoning Board of Adjustment and 1 letter to Trustees of Trust Funds.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis opened the meeting with the first appoint being the Campton Village Precinct (CVP) Commissioners regarding Vintinner Road. Present at the meeting to speak for the CVP was Commissioner John Whitney and Commissioner Ron Landry. Mr. Whitney explained that the Precinct received the Agreement between Campton Village Precinct and Richard Tuck and the Town of Campton. Mr. Whitney expressed that the Campton Village Precinct had no compelling interest to sign the Agreement; and therefore, felt it necessary for the CVP's attorney (Gabriel Nizetic) to review. Attorney Nizetic reviewed the Agreement and presented a Memorandum of his findings to the Precinct. Mr. Whitney distributed copies of the Memo to the Board. The main concerns of the CVP were about the right-of-way and the safety and security of the water system. Concerns were discussed regarding a speed bump and no control of monitoring thereof. Also, Attorney Nizetic stated that Mr. Tuck couldn't add the Town and CVP as additional insured on his property insurance because neither party has any insurable interest in his property. Selectman Cheney was also concerned about safety issues and mentioned similar examples of speed bumps where safety became a factor. Selectman Keeney presented that Mr. Tuck has no intention to create a huge safety hazard with a speed bump as he would certainly not want to endanger his own family and customers that travel down Vintinner Rd. At this point, it was the consensus of the Board to have Attorney Laura Spector again review the draft Agreement (that she prepared) and the Memorandum presented from Attorney Gabriel Nizetic.

Selectman Marsh Morgan brought before the meeting another issue concerning the Campton Village Precinct involving a project to increase the water flow of the sprinkler system at the school. Selectman Morgan felt that there is now available grants and loans to assist with this type of project. Mr. Whitney stated that the Precinct is on the list for assistance, but it is "a long list" and that this project is on their Capital Improvement Plan and a block grant is being pursued. Mr. Landry also mentioned a large loan that the CVP is paying for until the year 2012. It seemed to be the opinion of the CVP that the sprinkler system, at present, is safe. This opinion conflicts with the State Fire Marshal's Office. Selectman Charles Wheeler pointed out that in three years not a lot has been accomplished in addressing this issue. The CVP Commissioners claim they have met with the school within the past 3 months, but there seems to be a discrepancy with that time frame. It is hoped that CVP will soon meet with the school to come to an agreement on this issue. The Board thanked the CVP Commissioners for coming.

At 7:10 p.m. Chair Davis invited Dick Giehl to speak regarding renewing his Fire Commissioner appointment. Chair Davis asked Mr. Giehl if he wished to continue as a Fire Commissioner. Dick expressed he had no problems with the position and that he did wish to continue. Chair Davis stated that there were concerns about his missing quite a few meetings. Dick expressed that he had missed 3 meetings and that his absence was due to conflicts in schedule; and he did make arrangements to sign the manifest; however, Chair Davis did stress the necessity of attending the meetings. At this point, the Board agreed to have Dick Giehl appointed again; and the Board signed his appointment as Fire Commissioner.

The next appointment on the agenda was Michael King, Executive Director, North Country Council (NCC). Mr. King distributed to the Board a large packet of information pertaining to what NCC represents and specifically addressing some past, present and future achievements that involved the Campton area. Also included in the packet was a Member Services list, Annual Report and Newsletter. Future projects mentioned were Plymouth Area Public Transportation Feasibility Study and Pemigewasset River Management Plan update. Mr. King urged the Board (and other representatives) to attend NCC's quarterly meetings and he included a list of upcoming dates for Transportation Committee and CEDS Committee meetings that would encourage more jobs in the Campton area. Chair Davis explained that the Town of Campton has some huge projects for bridge repairs and a new Town Office desperately needed, and she would like to see those projects listed on NCC's Stimulus List. While Mr. King did not express a lot of hope in acquiring monies for municipal buildings, he did express that this was the best time to try and he would certainly do his best to inquire about funding assistance and follow-up with Senator Sheehan's Office. Mr. King did reassure Chair Davis that the Campton Town Office project and bridge repair projects would be placed on the NCC's Stimulus Project list.

At 7:40 p.m. Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,II©, seconded by Selectman Charles Wheeler, with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis –aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. At 8:05 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that John Timson suggested taking the old fence down at the Eastern Corner Road Cemetery and replacing it with a rope fence. After discussion, the Board decided to replace some sections of the old fence with pressure treated fence since they felt there weren't many sections needed, and it would not be that costly.

Ann Marie also mentioned that Luther Haartz would like to have the old well at the Blair Cemetery deeded to him and the Board agreed.

Ann Marie distributed Matthew Moore's, Civil Engineering Proposal for Professional Services which the Board will review and discuss next week. The Board will also discuss what funds would be available in order to compensate Mr. Moore.

Ann Marie indicated that David Hilliard and Gary Moulton will be at the next Selectmen's Meeting regarding the appointment of a representative and alternate to the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District.

A letter was received from James R. St. Jean Auctioneers regarding a NH Surplus Property Auction scheduled for May 16, 2009. Ann Marie will pass this information on to Police Chief Warn and Fire Chief Tobine.

A memo was also received from Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk /Tax Collector regarding Tax Agreement status. Ann Marie indicated that reminder letters were sent out to two individuals and one property owner indicated she would be paying off her debt in full next week.

A letter was received from United States Department of Agriculture regarding the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act and included a poster to display in the office. Selectman Marsh Morgan indicated that this Act has been in effect for many years.

Ann Marie indicated that Town Attorney, Laura Spector responded to the Board's inquiry pertaining to the Town adopting an ordinance to enforce weight limit over bridges. It was Laura's opinion that the Town could not enforce weight limits over bridges. After discussion, the Board agreed to invite Jim Aguiar, State Representative, to a meeting to discuss the possibility of some legislation being written for Town enforcement of bridge weight limits.

A brochure and registration form was received from NH Local Government Center pertaining to workshops scheduled at Loon Mountain pertaining to topics such as Public Employment, Streets and Highways, Local Budget Process, Property Taxation and Ethics and Conflicts of Interest.

Additional information was again received from the U.S. Census Bureau pertaining to their upcoming 2009 Census which Ann Marie will pass on to Police Chief Warn.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis proceeded with the approval of Minutes from the previous meeting. Chair Davis made several revisions to the Minutes and then made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised; the Motion was seconded by Selectman Charles Wheeler, and the Minutes were approved as revised.

At 8:25 p.m. Chair Davis then made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,II©, seconded by Selectman Charles Wheeler, with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. At 8:35 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Chair Davis then continued with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Wheeler expressed concerns about CVP communicating with the school regarding the sprinkler system in order to get the problem resolved. Kelly Bolger, present at the meeting, stated that he was asked to look into the issue since the school expressed that they were not getting anywhere with CVP. Mr. Bolger did report his findings to Mr. Francis. It is Mr. Bolger's belief that flow tests were not performed. Mr. Bolger suggested testing the fire hydrants. There was some disagreement as to whether or not the flow tests were or were not actually done. Mr. Bolger did state that the State Fire Marshall does not have to grant the Campton Village Precinct an extension.

Selectman Sharon Davis suggested a letter be drafted to the State of NH DOT regarding the poor condition of NH Route 175 and Route 3 verses the condition of the section on Route 93 which is scheduled for paving in Campton. The Board agreed to have the letter sent to the attention of Nancy Mayville with a copy to the Governor and Ray Burton.

Selectman Davis requested that either Ann Marie, May or Ellie inquire about getting an update of the Local Government Handbook Manual as our copy is outdated. Ann Marie stated that she would take care of this.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, Selectman Craig Keeney seconded the Motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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