

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JUNE 15, 2009

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:00 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 3 Building Permits, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut, 2 Driveway Permits, 1 Employee's Request for Personal Leave, 4 Timber Tax Warrants, 2 Sign Permits, 2 Residency Applications, Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs, 1 Land Use Change Tax, 2 Abatements, and 1 letter to Registry of Deeds regarding betterment lien.

At 6:10 p.m. Chair Sharon Davis opened the meeting with the first appointment being Butch Leel regarding discussion of his recent survey of the gravel roads. Mr. Leel indicated most of the mud was gone at the time he looked at the roads, but felt the Road Agent was doing just what he should have been doing with stone and the addition of the roller for packing. While Mr. Leel did acknowledge that the roads do not have much room for snow storage, he did express that there was extensive ditching to be done as leaf debris etc. contributes to extra water and a mud situation. Mr. Leel also stated that high volume of traffic is an added mud situation. He did feel that ditching would alleviate a lot of the mud problems. Mr. Leel also suggested trying a "fabric" material on high traffic areas and possibly build the roads up at least 6 inches. He also cautioned about grading carefully after the fabric was laid. He felt the fabric would "hold everything together". Mr. Leel estimated the cost of fabric was approximately \$500.00 a roll for 500 feet. He definitely believed the cost for the fabric process would be less than paving as more preparation would be needed to pave. Mr. Leel was also in favor of calcium chloride to hold down the dust and packing purposes and felt grading would, with this procedure, (possibly) only be necessary in the spring and fall and this was the best time to grade. Mr. Leel added, if summer grading became necessary it should be done after it rained due to dust and for packing purposes. Selectman Davis asked Mr. Leel his opinion on the quality of grading on the roads. While Mr. Leel indicated that most of the roads had not been graded when he traveled them, the grading he did witness looked "OK". Selectman Wheeler expressed that the Town needed to spend some money on the gravel roads and with Mr. Leel's suggestions, hopefully, alleviate some on-going mud problems every year. There was also discussion of subcontracting for the extensive ditching to be done, but Road Agent, Butch Bain indicated that his budget did not allow for subcontracting. Butch indicated that the ditching is extensive, and will not be fully done in one year. Butch did acknowledge that as his crew have been ditching they have discovered additional culverts that were blocked on Bog Road, Beech Hill and Lower Beech Hill and that should eliminate some problems. Butch stated that he will first target areas where mud was the most severe.

Paul Blondin, a property owner on Mason Road, indicated that he owned property in Town since 1996 and he believed the culverts on his road had not been maintained until Butch Bain took over the roads. Kevin Coburn again was questioning the efficiency of the Highway Department not completing one area and moving on to another. Greg

Jencks (who does subcontracting for the Town) stated that Butch Bain has been doing a fine job and has saved a great deal of money for the Town. Kelly Bolger also expressed his opinion on harassment issues that he felt were being directed at Road Agent, Butch Bain, ever since the Town Election.

At 6:30 p.m. Chair Davis called on Matt Moore to discuss on-going preparing for the Blair Bridge Project. Mr. Moore was glad to hear that the Board had nominated a Blair Bridge Project Sub Committee upon his suggestion. Mr. Moore presented a package of documents to the Board which he prepared pertaining to Public Notices for Request for Qualifications, Consultant Selection Process for State Bridge, Design Procedures, Architect and Engineer Qualifications, etc. for the Board to review. Mr. Moore went over procedures to qualify with the various forms and he felt in advertising (newspapers and web site) the Town would receive approximately 30 to 50 responses. Mr. Moore indicated that before he and the Sub Committee meet with an applicant, they needed to have a scoring system in place. It was decided that the Blair Bridge Project Sub Committee would meet with Mr. Moore on Monday, June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The Board also authorized the Sub Committee to set the deadline date for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to be received by the Town. Mr. Moore also indicated that he would e-mail a schedule of the events to follow in order to proceed with this project. The Board thanked Mr. Moore for coming.

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Davis called on David Hilliard regarding the Thornton/Campton Transfer Station and to meet with the Thornton Board of Selectmen. Present representing the Town of Thornton were Selectmen Roy Sabourn, Tim Tyler, Jim Parziale, and Tammie Beaulieu, Town Administrator. David Hilliard proceeded to give an update on revenue regarding recyclables. He expressed revenue was poor, but holding steady at about ¼ of what it was in 2008 and he distributed a handout of figures validating this statement. David indicated that, as soon as funds were available, he was ready to go forward with the new entrance guard shack. Thornton Town Administrator, Tammie Beaulieu, indicated she felt that probably by July funds would be available for this project. David indicated, regarding a new building at the station, that there was an option to either repair the building (at one-half the cost) or replace the building at approximately \$7,000.00. It was the general consensus of the Thornton Board of Selectman and the Campton Board of Selectman that a new building was “the right way to go”. David also indicated that they planned on moving the “Mall” to get it out of the normal traffic flow and to do some remodeling. There was concern about additional signage for the entrance way and the different facilities for recycling purposes. David stated he would take care of additional signage. Selectman Morgan and Selectman Keeney mentioned that the Town of Campton is attempting to clean up the junk yard issues in Town and property owners have expressed that they can’t afford to get rid of the items. Selectman Keeney inquired as to whether or not a “free” disposal day could be established for this purpose. David Hilliard indicated, from past experience, that his budget would not allow for this type of event. What David did suggest is that if individual appointments were set up with him and the parties wishing to dispose of items, he would take care of it on an individual basis. David felt this would be a better way, financially to handle this situation. He felt he would need at least a 3 week notice for scheduling for proper disposal. There was

discussion about another update meeting to be held in early September and the Thornton Board of Selectmen agreed. Ann Marie will arrange the scheduling with the Thornton Town Administrator. The Board thanked David Hilliard and the Thornton Board of Selectmen and Tammie Beaulieu for coming.

Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Marsh Morgan made several revisions to the Minutes and then a Motion was made by Selectman Charles Wheeler to approve the Minutes as revised, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan and the Minutes were approved as revised.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie for correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that a response memo was received from Tax Collector, Hannah Joyce, regarding a registration complaint presented by a resident. Hannah Joyce indicated that this was a confidential matter set by strict rules and regulations set forth by the Department of Motor Vehicles and should be kept confidential. Selectman Davis did express that because the consumer revealed his information, it becomes, "no longer confidential". It was expressed by Selectman Davis that she would have preferred a courtesy call from the Town Clerk before the response letter went out, but agreed that it was up to the Town Clerk to make the decision on how to handle the matter.

Ann Marie indicated that she contacted Linda Kennedy of the Department of Revenue Administration regarding a Current Use issue discussed at the previous Selectmen's Meeting. Linda Kennedy agreed with Mark Nieder's (Town Assessor) opinion that the entire parcel, at the time of application, was put in current use and any change would warrant a penalty.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board a copy of a complaint received from a property owner pertaining to a library issue. Ann Marie will forward the complaint to the Library Trustees for resolution.

Ann Marie indicated an Answer to Amended Third Party Claims for the Town of Campton was received from Town Attorney Laura Spector regarding the case of State of NH v. Clarke, et al v. Town of Campton, et al.

Notice of Solid Waste/Recycling Meeting was received which is scheduled for June 18, 2009, at North Country Council, 107, Glessner Rd., Bethlehem, NH, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce forwarded a Ballot for Board of Trustees for 2009-2012. Ann Marie will submit the ballot for the Board. Also, a Waterville Valley Region Chambers of Commerce "B.A.S.H" will be held at Tony's Italian Grille & Pub, June 24, 2009, between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Also a Business After Hours Beach party will be held June 18, 2009, from 5-7 p.m., at U.S. Cellular – White Mountain Wireless, 494 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, NH.

The DOT forwarded an Interim Inspection Report regarding the bridge on Beech Hill Road over the Bog Brook and Ann Marie indicated the state is pleased with the inspection.

Ann Marie distributed a copy of a memo from Police Chief Christopher Warn directed to Selectman Craig Keeney with copies to the Board. Selectman Keeney indicated that he asked Police Chief Warn and Fire Chief Tobine to travel down Eastern Corners Road (where the road turns into a Class VI road) to inquire as to whether or not emergency vehicles were able to pass safely. This request was made due to a complaint presented to Selectman Keeney from Kevin Coburn. Chair Davis, at this point, reminded Selectman Keeney that the Board is a team and any action decided should be acted upon as a team. Selectman Keeney proceeded to indicate that Fire Chief Tobine stated that the road condition is "the same". There was concern about a popped culvert, but he felt emergency vehicles could get in OK. After extensive discussion by the Board and Chair Davis reading sections of "Knowing the Territory" (published by LGC) pertaining to Class VI roads, it was decided that more information was needed regarding "emergency lanes" and RSA 231:59. Ann Marie will have this information available at the next meeting. Ann Marie did mention that culvert damage previously fixed by a logging company.

There being no further business, Chair Davis entertained a Motion to adjourn, Selectman Charles Wheeler seconded the Motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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A list of all persons present at this meeting is on file at the Campton Town Office for any interested party to review.