

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
October 19, 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, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Charles Wheeler was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 3 Residency Applications, 3 Building Permits, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut, 1 Tax Agreement and 1 letter to Town Auditors, Plodzick & Sanderson.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Ann Marie to review correspondence since the Board's first appointment had not arrived. Ann Marie indicated that a bi-weekly update for the Blair Bridge Project had been received from Hoyle & Tanner, via Matt Moore, which she distributed to the Board for review. Ann Marie indicated that she would pass this information on to Kelly Bolger. Ann Marie also stated that she wrote to Senators Shaheen and Gregg and Congressmen Hodes and Shea-Porter concerning the status of funding.

Police Chief Warn forwarded a Memo regarding a traffic study which was conducted 9/29/09 to 10/12/09 on Blair Road indicating 8,710 vehicles crossed over the Blair Bridge with an average speed of 20 mph westbound and 31 mph eastbound. Ann Marie indicated that graphs were included with the Memo for anyone who wished to review.

The Local Government Center sent their monthly e-newsletter regarding *OSHA Safety Program Requirement for On-Site Employees* which Ann Marie will pass on to Matt Moore.

Primex sent information concerning their Workers' Compensation Discount Program. After discussion concerning the 1 year and 5 year programs and positive benefits to doing business with Primex, Chair Davis made a Motion to adopt the Resolution to enter Primex Workers' Compensation 7.5% Multi Year Discount Program as follows:

RESOLVED: To hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk management Exchange (Primex) to enter into its Workers' Compensation 7.5% Multi Year Discount Program as of the date of the adoption of this resolution, and to be contractually bound to all of the terms and conditions of Primex risk management pool membership during the term of the Workers' Compensation 7.5% Multi Year Discount Program. The coverage provided by Primex in each year of membership shall be as then set forth in the Coverage Documents of Primex.

Motion was then seconded by Selectman Morgan and with a roll call vote Selectman Morgan –aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, and Selectman Keeney – aye, the adoption of the resolution unanimously passed.

Ann Marie indicated that a letter was received from Commerford, Nieder and Perkins, LLC (Town Assessors) requesting an extension of the 5-year cyclical revaluation services contact to November 3, 2009. After discussion about concerns that tax bills need to be out before the end of the year, letters being forwarded to taxpayers, and the preliminary merge being performed, the Board did sign the Extension Agreement to November 3, 2009.

Ann Marie stated that someone had dug up an area where a fire cistern is located on Millie's Circle and placed a canopy in the vicinity of the cistern. Fire Chief Tobine supplied pictures to the Board (after a complaint had been filed by a resident). Before further discussion on the matter, the Board agreed that they would like Charles Brosseau, Compliance Officer, to measure the area where the canopy has been placed to see if the canopied area interfered with the cistern easement.

Ann Marie advised that a letter had been received from Lisa Doner resigning from the Conservation Commission as she had moved to the Town of Plymouth. Ann Marie told the Board that Jane Kellogg informed her that the Conservation Commission was all set, at the present time, with membership even with Lisa Doner's resignation.

Ann Marie stated that Chair Davis had accepted Dawson's Concrete, Inc.'s estimate for the Fire Sub Station drain project in the amount of \$2,868.00 which had been approved by the Board at its last meeting.

Ann Marie indicated that she met with Fire Chief David Tobine, the Fire Commissioners and Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator regarding the Fire Department budget. Ann Marie distributed a Memo to the Board just touching on some of the things discussed for the beginning review of their 2010 budget, together with a list of expenditures through October 13, 2009. Some of the issues discussed were Chief Tobine's request that his secretary, Julie, go from part-time to full-time status; Chief Tobine's salary being reviewed; the 2004 Chevy Tahoe needs replacing in 2010. The Commissioners will meet again next month to finalize the budget, and will provide Ann Marie with a breakdown of full-time and part-time payroll. They also agreed that no cost of living increases will be included in their initial budget.

Ann Marie also indicated that she had received Police Chief Warn's budget and was pleased to announce that Chief Warn presented her with a one page, easy reading budget. Ann Marie will be meeting with Chief Warn soon to review.

Ann Marie also wanted to confirm that the Board concurs that she will be informing Department Heads not to include a cost of living increase for personnel in their budgets at the present time. The Board concurred. Ann Marie also indicated that she checked with

surrounding Towns and it seemed to be the general consensus not to include a COLA increase.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis then moved to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented, seconded by Selectman Keeney, the Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair Davis then continued with Other Business/Selectmen's Input and called on Selectman Keeney for his input. Selectman Keeney indicated that he phoned the Town of Lincoln regarding its recent switch to purchasing electricity through Glacial Energy. Selectman Keeney stated that Lincoln's savings has only been about 5% at the present time. Selectman Keeney also phoned PSNH to inquire what the PSNH's stand was on the deregulation issue. There seems to be a conflict as to what the PSNH relayed to Selectman Keeney and an Article published on October 9, 2009 in the Concord Monitor. Selectman Davis distributed copies of the article to the Board indicating that PSNH had lost 23% of its commercial customers who had chosen an alternative power supplier. Because of this, PSNH is reviewing several portions of its electricity bill including increasing the "delivery charge" portion of its bill to help defray the loss suffered by businesses turning to alternative power suppliers. Again, the Board was apprehensive about any switch of electric energy suppliers by the Town at this time.

Chair Davis indicated that she had been contacted by Neighborfest regarding land in Thornton (that is owned by Neighborfest) and their problem of "running out of money" because they have to pay property taxes. It seems that there are two developers that are interested in purchasing the property with owner financing. Neighborfest has indicated to Selectman Davis that they would like the Town of Campton/Parks and Recreation Commission to benefit from this transaction and inquired if the Town would accept an assignment of its mortgage. Selectman Davis is in communication with Town Attorney, Laura Spector, regarding this issue and is awaiting a response. In the meantime, Selectman Davis asked the Board if they were in favor of this idea (in theory). The Board concurred, "In theory".

Alan Mann and Rose Woodyard were present at the Selectmen's Meeting this evening and Chair Davis called on Alan Mann. Alan indicated that he was at the meeting to discuss a road right-of-way issue and the liability and safety issues pertaining to it, but the other party involved was not present at this meeting. Ann Marie indicated that she felt the Road Agent should be present in this discussion, and he was on vacation at the present time. Ann Marie scheduled this matter to be on the November 16, 2009 agenda, at 6:45 p.m.

At 7:40 p.m. Gary W. Benedix (Campton Village Commissioner) appeared before the Board regarding the process of reclassification of the Precinct wells and aquifer. Mr. Benedix indicated that the Commissioners felt that reclassification would be worthwhile, but the Board of Selectmen would need to make the final decision. Mr. Benedix asked if the Board would be willing to meet with Mr. Pierce Rigrod from the State to discuss

further. Ann Marie scheduled the meeting on the agenda for October 24, 2009, at 6:45 p.m.

Selectman Morgan inquired as to the progress of the water supply to the sprinkler system at the school. Mr. Benedix indicated that they are waiting for the engineer's report before they can proceed further. He felt, realistically, that work would not begin until next summer. In the meantime, Mr. Benedix indicated that the Fire Marshal needed an alternative plan submitted to them by December 1, 2009 in order to issue an extension to complete the sprinkler project.

At 7:50 p.m. Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session regarding a personnel issue under RSA 91-A3,II©. Selectman Keeney seconded the Motion and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, and Selectman Keeney - the Board went into Non Public Session. At 8:00 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

At 8:00 p.m. Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session, again, under RSA 91-A3,II© as divulging this information would likely adversely affect the reputation of any persons involved. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:05 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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