

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
October 26, 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, Craig Keeney, and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Davis was not present due to illness. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Building Permits, 2 Residency Applications and 1 Employee's Request for Annual Leave.

Vice Chair Charles Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Gary Benedix, Campton Village Commissioner, who introduced Pierce Rigrod, from NH Department of Environmental Services (Drinking Water Bureau) to discuss Precinct wells/aquifer and the re-classification. Mr. Rigrod was at the meeting on behalf of the Campton Village Precinct who has expressed an interest in re-classification, but the Town would be responsible for applying to the State for re-classification. Mr. Rigrod explained that the Drinking Water Bureau's goal is to protect water supplies and oversee ground water classification and it also applies additional protection over aquifers. The purpose is to prevent hazardous materials from entering the ground in the specified areas. Mr. Rigrod explained two different classifications and the requirements involved. He stated the State sets the policy by statute. If any violations are discovered, the State also plays the roll of making sure requirements are followed by reminding area businesses of the specific requirements and DES can enforce certain rules, but the Town would be responsible for designating who polices the area. Mr. Rigrod did indicate that the State would provide training. Mr. Rigrod also explained, in order to classify, the Town would have to submit an application to the State and he distributed to the Board information pertaining to the application process and, (at the present time) this meeting was just an "information session". The Board then thanked Mr. Rigrod for coming.

Kelly Bolger requested an update from Mr. Benedix regarding the water supply to the sprinkler system at the school. Mr. Benedix explained to Mr. Bolger what he reported to the Board on October 19, 2009. The Precinct is waiting for the engineer's report before they can proceed further. Mr. Benedix indicated that he felt, realistically, the work would not begin until next summer. In the meantime, the Fire Marshall needed an alternative plan submitted to them by December 1, 2009 in order to issue an extension to complete the sprinkler project.

Mr. Paul Weeks was present at the meeting and Vice Chair Wheeler called on Mr. Weeks. Mr. Weeks explained that he had a complaint about the Police Department as he felt he was being followed home from the Sunset Grill (after he had dinner at the restaurant) over the Columbus Day weekend. Selectman Cheney did explain that there was a chain of command and the Police Chief should be addressed first. Vice Chair Wheeler explained that he understood his concerns and will voice them to Police Chief Warn and the Board will encourage Chief Warn to contact Mr. Weeks.

Vice Chair Wheeler then made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,II(b) regarding a personnel matter. The Motion was then seconded by Selectman Cheney, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye,

Selectman Wheeler –aye and Selectman Keeney – aye the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:20 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Wheeler called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie reminded the Board of the Open House at the White Mountain National Forest Headquarters on Friday. She indicated that the Forest Service was interested in having one of the Selectman perform the opening remarks and welcoming the Headquarters to the Town of Campton. Selectman Charles Wheeler agreed to do the welcoming if Selectman Davis was unable to attend on Friday, at 9:30 a.m.

Ann Marie expressed the good news that the Grafton County tax for 2009 has dropped approximately \$87,000, (2008 the tax was \$631,401 and 2009 tax due is \$544,329).

A thank you note was received from the employees of the DRA Property Appraisal Division Equalization Bureau for the assistance provided throughout the year.

Ann Marie indicated that a copy of a letter was received from Local Government Center addressed to FairPoint Communication stating the Town did what they were supposed to do regarding their recent claims pertaining to damage to underground cable. Town Attorney, Laura Spector has requested an informal conference with NH Public Utilities Commission concerning the Notice of Probable Violation received by the Town from NH Public Utilities Commission dated October 15, 2009 pertaining to the underground cable.

A thank you note and letter has been received by a resident living in Waterville Estates and the Waterville Estates Association expressing their appreciation regarding the paving of Hodgman Hill Road.

A copy of a Minimum Impact Expedited Application (for Robert and Doreen Calise) was provided by Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector to the Board which was submitted to the State and the Conservation Commission has signed off.

Rumney Board of Selectmen sent a second letter regarding the scheduling of Campton's Old Home Day event as they had not received a response from their June 22, 2009 letter. Their concern is the possibility of conflicting dates being scheduled with Rumney's Old Home Day. Ann Marie drafted a letter in response for the Board to sign indicating that the Old Home Day Committee will, "do their best to decide on a date that is as fair as possible to other area Towns' events".

Ann Marie indicated that she met with Police Chief Warn to review his 2010 Proposed Budget. She presented the preview to the Board and indicated the Chief was scheduled to meet with the Board on November 9, 2009. After discussion, the Board indicated to Ann Marie that they would like more clarification (from Chief Warn) regarding the Executive

Secretary's proposed increase, Patrick Payer's proposed increase in hourly pay and the Police Chief's proposed salary increase. Also, the Board would like an explanation of the cruiser maintenance being up.

Ann Marie also presented to the Board the Proposed Budgets for the Conservation Commission (which is down a little), the Zoning Board of Adjustment, (also down a little), and the Planning Board (down \$1,800). The Parks and Recreation Proposed Budget was also presented and had increased mainly due to additional programs and Director's salary. Ann Marie expressed that she hoped the streamlined proposed budgets and current expenditures' column was helpful to the Board. The Board concurred.

There being no further correspondence, Vice Chair Wheeler moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes and the Non Public Minutes of the previous meeting; Motion was made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman Keeney to approve the revised Minutes (which were printed on the single sided pages) and the Non Public Session Minutes as written. The revised Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes (as presented) were approved.

Vice Chair Wheeler then proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Keeney indicated that he had met with the State Inspector regarding the Eastern Corners Bridge and the inspector has some suggestions on what needs to be fixed.

Selectman Keeney expressed that Commerford, Nieder and Perkins, LLC (Town Assessors) have received an overwhelming response from property owners regarding scheduling appointments to review assessed values. Selectman Keeney felt that possibly extended dates may need to be scheduled due to the heavy response.

Vice Chair Wheeler proudly presented to Ann Marie a \$1,001 check for the Campton Food Pantry. He indicated the proceeds came from their recent "Hoot & Holler" event sponsored by Owl's Nest Golf Course and local area restaurants.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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