

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
November 2, 2009

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Keeney was not present due to illness in the family.

Members of the public attending the meeting who were not on the agenda included Kelly Bolger and Paul Weeks.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 3 Residency Applications, 1 Sign Permit, 1 Building Permit, 2 Employee's Requests for Personal Leave, and 1 Group II Position Certification for NH Retirement System.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and called on Ann Marie to discuss budget and Warrant Article items for 2010. Ann Marie inquired as to whether or not the Board would like her to meet with the Library Trustees to review their Proposed Budget, previous to the Trustees coming before the Board. It was agreed by the Board that Ann Marie would meet with the Library Trustees first. Ann Marie distributed a "work sheet" 2010 Proposed Budget to the Board to assist them in the preparation of the Budget. Ann Marie inquired if the Board would like the Advertising & Regional lines on the budget to remain the same amounts with the same organizations as last year since the Board's goal is to keep the 2010 Budget down as much as possible. Also, Ann Marie inquired if the Board would like Pemi Baker Home Health Agency to remain the same as well as Voices Against Violence. The Board concurred on all of these items. Selectman Wheeler inquired if the Welfare budget could be reduced, and Ann Marie felt possibly it could be reduced by \$5,000 as the allotment for fuel assistance has increased and the Food Pantry has helped keep the welfare budget down.

Ann Marie also mentioned specific Warrant Articles for the Board to be thinking about. Three in particular are the Blair Bridge Project, the proceeds of the sale of the Pattee house being distributed to the Conservation Commission, and the Town approval of Neighborfest's Assignment of Mortgage to the Town of Campton. Ann Marie mentioned that Senators Sheehan and Gregg are checking on the progress of the grant for the Town on the Blair Bridge Project. Also, Selectman Davis stated that Town Attorney Laura Spector has responded to her e-mail regarding Neighborfest. Attorney Spector indicated to Selectman Davis that an Assignment of Mortgage from Neighborfest would be legal, but recommended Town approval; hence, the Warrant Article as mentioned above. Ann Marie proceeded to read to the Board the e-mail received from Laura Spector confirming her response.

Chair Davis then proceeded to have Ann Marie review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that an e-mail was received from Pierce Rigrod from Department of Environmental Services as a follow-up to his meeting with the Board last week.

Matt Moore forwarded an Inter-Department Communication notice from the State of NH, Division of Historical Resources concerning notice of the Blair Covered Bridge Project being on the Agenda for Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at the Bureau of Environment Conference Room. Kelly Bolger indicated that it is important to attend and that he would attend. Ann Marie will check to see if Selectman Keeney will attend. Selectman Wheeler indicated that he would attend if Selectman Keeney could not.

A notice from Patrick Payer and Hannah Joyce was received indicating that the last two Loss Safety Committee Meetings will be held Tuesday, November 17, 2009 and Tuesday, December 15, 2009, both meetings will be held at 2:00 p.m., at the Campton Town Office.

Ann Marie indicated that a letter was received from a resident on Antler Road concerning the ambulance service and felt that 32 minutes had elapsed before arriving at the residence for the emergency call placed by them. Ann Marie will respond to the letter as documentation from the Fire Department confirms a 17-minute lapse. It was acknowledged by Ann Marie that when loved ones are at risk, it always seems like it takes longer for emergency personnel to respond.

A letter was also received from Timothy Scanlon, owner of the Sunset Grill, concerning an incident at his establishment and his difficulty reaching the Police Chief. A copy of a response letter was received from Christopher Warn, Chief of Police, directed to Timothy Scanlon concerning this incident and explaining the delay in his response.

There being no further correspondence, Ann Marie mentioned the possibility of the Annual Town Report cover displaying the various bridges that have been repaired (or in the process of being repaired) in Town. The Board felt this was a good suggestion and Selectman Davis will be taking the photographs.

Ann Marie also made a suggestion of an individual for the dedication of the Annual Town Report, which the Board was in favor of. Ann Marie will be gathering information from certain individuals regarding the dedication and further accomplishments of this particular individual.

Chair Davis then called for a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes of the previous meeting. After 4 revisions made by all four Selectmen, a Motion was made by Selectman Marsh Morgan to approve the Minutes as revised and approve the Non Public Minutes as written. Selectman Wheeler seconded the Motion and the revised Minutes were approved and the Non Public Minutes were approved as written.

Chair Davis then proceeded to Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Wheeler indicated that the road sign on Sugarbush Drive had been removed. Ann Marie has already spoken to Butch and he has ordered a new sign.

It is noted that Mr. Paul Weeks left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Next on the agenda was the swearing in of Police Officer Kevin M. Foss. At 7:50 p.m. Chair Davis called on Police Chief Christopher Warn who did an inspiring introduction of Officer Foss pertaining to his capabilities and experience with “small Town” Police procedures. Chief Warn also expressed some reminiscing of his own experience of being sworn in and expressed the loss of part-time Officer Fred Porfert for 4 months out of the year, as he will become a snowbird during that time. Chief Warn then called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, to perform the actual swearing in of Officer Foss. The Board signed the Appointment and Hannah Joyce administered the oath and signed the acknowledgement.

Selectman Wheeler, at this time, took the opportunity to express to Chief Warn to contact Paul Weeks pertaining to a complaint made by Mr. Weeks concerning the Police Department. Chief Warn indicated he would contact Mr. Weeks the next day.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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