

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
November 16, 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 and Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Wheeler is on vacation.

Members of the public attending the meeting who were not on the agenda included Devon Lachapelle, Luke Robins and Tatyana Hoyt.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Building Permit, 1 Sign Permit, and 1 Intent to Cut.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Ann Marie explained that Patti Merrill cancelled due to illness and that Butch Bain, Road Agent, had surgery today (which was re-scheduled later than planned) so he was unable to attend this evening to present his 2010 Proposed Highway Budget; however, it was acknowledged that Ann Marie has previously previewed the Highway Budget with the Board. Chair Davis called on Selectman Keeney who wished to make a suggestion. It was acknowledged by Selectman Keeney that the Highway Budget was down \$5,000, but he would like to suggest that the \$5,000 remain in the budget to be applied to either/or, or both, gravel/magnesium chloride (placing magnesium chloride in budget line under supplies). Selectman Keeney indicated that some residents have approached him requesting the application of magnesium chloride on the gravel roads. Selectman Keeney indicated that while Butch Bain is very cautious with his budget, he wanted to keep on the same track with the improvement of the roads and providing the Road Agent the tools to continue in that path. It was also acknowledged that there is still more ditching that has to be done, and the Board has witnessed improvement with additional highway personnel. The Board agreed to leave the \$5,000 in the budget and allow Butch Bain to decide how that amount is distributed between gravel and magnesium chloride.

At 6:50 p.m. Chair Davis called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector who requested a Non Public session under RSA 91-A:11(g), relating to a security issue. Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session. Selectman Morgan seconded the Motion and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye the Board went into Non Public Session. At 7:33 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session and the Minutes were sealed.

At this point, Chair Davis excused herself from the meeting and turned it over to Selectman Marsh Morgan to continue.

Selectman Morgan called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development was sponsoring a

workshop regarding USDA Rural Development Community Facility Loans & Grants. The workshop is scheduled at the Grafton County Senior Center, 8 Depot Road, Plymouth, NH on December 3, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Selectman Davis, Ann Marie and Donna Lane will be attending. Donna Lane indicated to Ann Marie that there are monies available for community facilities and Ann Marie felt that was encouraging to hopefully start the ball rolling for the new Town Office building.

Ann Marie indicated that Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector provided a copy of a recent letter that was sent to property owners from the Town Assessors. Apparently there was a discrepancy on follow-up letters sent out by the Town Assessors, Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC regarding dates and the revised assessment figures. Ann Marie indicated that she spoke with Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC and revised letters are now being sent out.

Ann Marie indicated that a copy of a disturbing letter was received from a resident whose property had been previously visited by the Town regarding junkyard issues. The letter indicated that the Town had hired a company out of Hillsborough, NH to clean up his yard commencing November 23, 2009. The Board wanted it made perfectly clear that no such company had been hired by the Town for any clean up in his yard. Ann Marie also expressed that after doing some research, this particular company seemed to be non-existent.

Ann Marie indicated that Senator, Deborah Reynolds forwarded a letter to Chair Davis indicating that the information from the recent public forum regarding the 10-Year Highway Plan was available at:  
<http://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/typ/index.htm>.

Ann Marie also indicated that the recent copy of a letter from Dr. and Mrs. Michael Muto that was directed to Michael Bauman (Waterville Estates Village District Commissioner) was forwarded to Attorney Spector. Attorney Spector suggested the Board respond to Mr. Bauman relaying to him that the road in question, "is a District road, would remain a District road, and be maintained by the District". The letter was prepared and signed by the Board.

Ann Marie indicated that an updated e-mail was received from Matt Moore from Sean James regarding the Blair Bridge Project and everything is on schedule. A letter was also received (addressed to Chair Davis) from the White Mountain National Forest thanking her for attending the dedication and her welcoming remarks to the White Mountain National Forest Headquarters from the Town of Campton.

An e-mail was received from Beverly Chappell indicating that Police Chief Warn has asked her to assist him with maintaining the Police Department web site. This would raise the monthly fee from \$100 to \$150. The Board would like Ann Marie to get a breakdown for this expense before making a decision.

Ann Marie indicated that a property in Branch Brook Mobile Home Park has been transferred to the Town, and Selectman Cheney had indicated that he would move the trailer to the Highway Department. It was suggested that the Police Department assist Selectman Cheney when he moves the trailer.

Ann Marie expressed that Mary Durgin, Treasurer of the Historical Society, provided an annual report that shows the Historical Society is financially in, “good shape”, and expressed gratitude to the Town for the \$5,000 contribution each year.

There being no further correspondence, Selectman Morgan then moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting; Motion was made by Selectman Keeney, seconded by Selectman Cheney to approve the Minutes as previously revised, and the revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

Selectman Morgan then proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen’s Input. Selectman Keeney still expressed some concerns regarding the Muto matter. He felt the issues were handled as, “a correction of errors” and he has lost confidence in the way certain individuals handled this matter; and he did not want to see other land owners be penalized as he was concerned about the Building Permit. Selectman Morgan indicated that all agreements made by the Planning Board with the Mutos (past and present) are in writing and will be adhered to.

Selectman Keeney also expressed concerns about the recent re-evaluation. He stated that he has been approached by property owners stating that they were never contacted by the Assessor to come into their homes. Selectman Keeney expressed that he thought in the re-evaluation process the Assessors were suppose to visit every home in Town for interior inspections. Selectman Keeney expressed some concern with the re-evaluation process and Ann Marie will schedule a meeting with Mark Nieder, our Assessor and the Board.

There being no further business Selectman Morgan made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Charles Cheney, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey  
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