

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
November 30, 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 Wheeler had a conflict in schedule and was not present.

A member of the public attending the meeting who was not on the agenda was Kelly Bolger.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Abatement and 1 Residency Application.

Chair Davis noted that the agenda this evening would include Butch Bain, Road Agent, to review the Highway Department Proposed 2010 Budget.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Lisa Ash and Carolee Miot to review the Campton Parks & Recreation Proposed 2010 Budget. Lisa explained that the proposed Director's salary shows an increase of \$1,900, which attributes to the fact that Carolee is putting in a tremendous amount of hours which she was not getting compensated for. Lisa explained that some budget points that affected the increases and decreases in the budget are: an increase in hours worked and program expenses; administrative and management being managed through part-time hours; grant monies; programs and brochures are similar to full-time departments; increased volunteer program; excellent support and a beautiful facility provided by the Campton Elementary School and SAU staff. Lisa stated that out of the \$232,000 (multi-year) grant, Campton's portion is \$62,000. She also explained that without the Town's financial support there would be no grant.

Carolee Miot also informed the Board that the 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students created a project to design a "Welcome to Campton" sign for the community. Carolee expressed that it was a wonderful experience for the children having to present their ideas to the Campton Planning Board and various other groups, and they had to work hard to raise the funds for the cost of the sign, which was \$4,000. Ann Marie pointed out that a letter was received from the NH DOT with the approved change of location of the sign which letter Lisa Ash has passed on to Carol Lenahan, as she has volunteered to handle the procedures involving the sign. Lisa Ash stated that they would like to display the sign at the Campton Town Meeting and Parks and Recreation will also be providing childcare for the Town Meeting. The Board then thanked Lisa and Carolee for their presentation and update.

Chair Davis then called on Butch Bain, Road Agent to review the Highway Department 2010 Proposed Budget. Butch indicated that the \$5,000 that the Board agreed to keep in the Highway Budget would be placed under the line for "Gravel". Butch also inquired as

to approval for the purchase of additional culverts. The Board unanimously agreed. Butch also suggested that the Board think about the replacement of the older truck next year and also replacing the grader in the near future. Discussion centered on approximate hours of use of the grader and the possibility of purchasing a used grader. Butch also stated that the portions of roads he designated for paving this year (being approximately one mile of road, total) are: Loft Circle, a section of Beech Hill Road. Selectman Morgan stated that the South end of Town Pound Road needed attention and Butch indicated that he would certainly consider that section of Town Pound Road, after the planned sections mentioned above were completed. Selectman Morgan also inquired if boulders could be placed on a section of King Road to eliminate the cost of guardrails and would have no impact on the budget. The Board then thanked Butch for his time and updates.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review the Proposed 2010 Budgets for Selectmen, Finance and Legal. Ann Marie indicated that she would review the Proposed Budget for as far as she has completed it, as it was a short workweek because of Thanksgiving. Ann Marie pointed out that there would be 3 elections this coming year; therefore, the Moderator/Meals/Memory coding line had been increased to reflect the election costs. Salaries and hourly rates of pay remain the same as requested by the Board. The Computer Services figure was raised as 2009 expenditures exceeded the proposed amount and Ann Marie would like to allow for possible problems arising from the merge. Bank Charges have dropped considerably as Mary Durgin, Town Treasurer has arranged with the bank to agree to no charges for the Town. Ann Marie felt the Office Supplies line could be lowered by \$500.00. After discussion with the Board, the Legal fee line was cut by \$10,000, making the Proposed Budget for 2010 to be \$30,000 rather than \$40,000 for legal fees. Ann Marie also indicated that the Property, Liability, Auto & Bond line increased by 6%, but the Worker's Comp line dropped approximately \$3,000.

Ann Marie indicated that the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid line was a set fee at \$24,684.32 for 2010.

Chair Davis then asked Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated another thank you letter was received regarding the paving of Hodgman Hill Road. Also, a letter was received from a resident concerned about the ditches on Cook Hill Road needing attention.

A report from the Department of Environmental Services was received regarding Pike Industries' Hot Mix Asphalt plant. The report indicated deficiencies, but there was no recommendations made, as the Hot Mix plant no longer exists.

Waterville Estates Village District Commissioners sent follow-up letters to the Board, the Planning Board and Mr. and Mrs. Muto concerning the Taylor Drive matter. The letters confirmed that Taylor Drive will remain a District Road and not a Town of Campton Road and also spelled out the specifications of construction improvements that will be made.

Matt Moore forwarded a report from Hoyle, Tanner and Associates concerning the Blair Bridge Project, which Ann Marie e-mailed to the Board. The report is lengthy, but Ann Marie pointed out the estimated construction total being \$2,475,000, which was close to the State's estimate of \$2,150,000. Kelly Bolger pointed out that this figure is compiled (initially) using the "Cadillac" of features. Hoyle, Tanner and Associates will be reviewing this report with the Board at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Selectman's Meeting.

Town Attorney, Laura Spector sent an e-mail regarding the on-going State v. Clarke case. Attorney Daniel Licata expressed a desire to have a meeting with Mr. Jeff Andrews who expressed a possible interest in buying and cleaning up the property in question. Laura Spector stated she would participate in the meeting, upon the approval of the Board. Selectman Morgan and Selectman Cheney also expressed that they would like to attend.

Ann Marie indicated that she spoke with Fire Chief Tobine regarding fire hydrant testing of Campton Village District, and Chief Tobine stated he was working with the District on acquiring the hydrant testing information.

At 7:55 Chair Davis made a motion to go into Non Public session under RSA 91-A:3,II© regarding a tax matter. Selectman Morgan seconded the Motion to go into Non Public Session 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 7:58 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Chair Davis proceeded to move forward with the approval of the Minutes of the previous Meeting. A Motion was made by Selectman Morgan to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes as presented, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Cheney, and the Minutes and Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Chair Davis then proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Ann Marie indicated that she received a Proposal from Mark Laroche regarding the construction of the portable office counter top for the Selectmen's Office which was discussed with the Board at a previous meeting. The total price is \$1,289. The Board concurred that the counter would be beneficial and the funds for the project would be taken out of the Contingency Fund.

Selectman Keeney indicated that three residents who own mobile homes had expressed concerns about the high value placed on their homes after the re-evaluation. It was agreed by the Board that Ann Marie would discuss these concerns with Town Assessor, Mark Nieder.

Selectman Morgan indicated that Kelly Bolger informed him that the drainage to Fire Department Sub Station would be completed this week.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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