

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
December 7, 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, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan.

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 10 Abatements, 2 Residency Applications, a letter to the NH State Liquor Commission, 1 Quit-Claim Deed, 1 Veteran's Exemption, 1 Building Permit, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut and 1 Employee's Request for Personal Leave.

At 6:45 p.m Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Martha Aguiar and Shelley Thompson, Campton Library Trustees to review the Proposed 2010 Library Budget. The budget was distributed to the Board and Martha proceeded to go down the budget line by line. Martha indicated the Librarian's wages remain the same. She stated that the Trustees decided not to have a summer program this year as Parks and Recreation is doing a great job with programs so the substitute wages may go down from the \$2,400 figure for 2010. Martha also indicated that the Library provides free admission to Squam Lakes Science Center to all Campton residents. It was suggested by the Board that this information be placed on the web site, in the Annual Town Report and also passed on to Parks and Recreation to "spread the word". Martha explained that they added a new line for Accountant as they now have employed Nancy Donahue (at a reasonable hourly rate) to do the bookkeeping. Martha was happy to announce, the bottom line reflects \$50.00 less then last year. The Board was pleased and thanked the Trustees for the presentation.

Ann Marie also distributed the Trustees of the Trust Funds Budget. She explained that Charter Trust manages the funds' fees and the cemetery account is high because there is considerably more work involved. After some discussion, the Board requested that Ann Marie get clarification on total costs and fees to operate the account.

At 7:00 p.m., Chair Davis called on Dan Morel regarding the Campton/Thornton Fire Commissioners. Dan explained that the Commissioners realize that there seems to be a disconnection between the Board and the Fire Commissioners and he would like to meet with the Board every 3 months to help alleviate this disconnection of communication. Dan continued by discussing the budget and touched on the Fire Chief's salary being combined with his weekend hours to bring his salary to a flat \$61,000. Ann Marie previously presented to the Board, when reviewing the Fire Department 2010 Proposed Budget, a \$58,000 salary for the Fire Chief. This figure will bring the Fire Chief's salary in line with other Towns with approximately the same population. Dan indicated that he felt the Chief has built a decent department. Kelly Bolger also indicated that he worked

with the Chief on applying for two grants to expand the Fire Department and add sleeping quarters. Kelley stated that Chief Tobine worked on this project on his vacation. Kelly explained that he wasn't sure if the Board was aware of this fact. Also, there was discussion about a new Fire Department vehicle and the pros and cons of their option of putting monies in the Capital Reserve and/or Lease/Purchase. As yet, the Board did not come to a decision on their options.

Dan also indicated, as Ann Marie had presented previously, that the Chief would like to hire his secretary full time, for a 40-hour workweek. At this point, health insurance was discussed and the Board suggested that Dan inquire as to whether or not the Fire Department is locked into LGC at the present time, or whether they could switch to the insurance company that the Town utilizes. The Board then thanked Dan Morel for coming and will look forward to further communication with the Fire Commissioners.

Chair Davis then proceeded with calling on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that a thank you note was received from Walt Stockwell of the Historical Society for the work that the Highway Department did at the Historical Society building parking lot. Also, a thank you note was received from Voices Against Violence responding to the Town's letter confirming an allocated figure will be contributed to their organization of \$2,000 (the same as last year).

Matt Moore sent the confirmation of the Natural Resource Agency Coordination Meeting being held on December 10, 2009, at 12.15, in the Lobby Conference Rooms 112/113 at the John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Dr., Concord. Sean James of Hoyle & Tanner Associates will attend. Because of conflicts in schedule no Board member will be able to attend, but Kelly Bolger stated he might be able to switch his schedule around to attend.

Ann Marie was provided a picture of the new "Welcome to Campton" sign (which she displayed to the Board) designed by the students through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Chem Serve Environmental Analysts provided their report pertaining to the Transfer Station, and everything is good. They did mention in the report that the perimeter fence was in disrepair.

Ann Marie indicated that the Campton Elementary School PTO sent an e-mail concerning donations for their annual auction. The monies raised will go towards school supplies, children's activities, expanding the playground and other programs.

An On-site Full Compliance Evaluation Report was received from the State of NH Department of Environmental Services pertaining to Pike's sand and gravel pit. It was found that Pike failed to submit periods of operation for calendar years 2004 through 2008. The recommendation was that this information be submitted by Pike to DES for these periods of operation.

Regarding the State v. Clarke matter, Attorney Spector hopes to set up a meeting next week, which Selectmen Charles Cheney and Marsh Morgan would like to attend.

A letter was also received from Attorney Paul Fitzgerald pertaining to issues that were previously discussed with the Board concerning the Waterville Estates Commissioners and Corey Smith. After discussion, the Board decided to refer this matter to Town Attorney, Laura Spector. Selectman Keeney suggested a copy of the Minutes of the 1/9/08 Selectmen's Meeting be given to Attorney Spector to assist her.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved on for approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Marsh Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes as presented, seconded by Selectman Keeney the Minutes and Non Public Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair Davis then proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Wheeler indicated the road sign was now back on Sugar Bush Drive

Selectman Morgan indicated that Butch Bain and his crew did a great job patching the South end of Town Pound Road. Selectman Morgan expressed at the previous meeting that this area needed attention, and he was pleased with the patching being completed so soon.

Selectman Davis inquired about whether or not a lease/purchase option would be available for the road grader. It was confirmed this could be an option, but Selectman Keeney indicated that there was still plenty of unused hours of use on the grader at the present time.

At 7:48 Chair Davis made a motion to go into Non Public session under RSA 91-A:11(g) regarding a security 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 Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye the Board went into Non Public Session. At 7:50 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session and the Minutes were sealed.

It is noted that a Proposal that was presented by Pemi-Glass was unanimously rejected by the Board.

There being no further business Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 7: 53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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