

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 4, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler and Craig Keeney. Selectman Cheney had a conflict in schedule and was not present and Selectman Marsh Morgan was ill.

A member of the public attending the meeting who was not on the agenda was Kelly Bolger, who attended the meeting until the Non Public Session Meeting began.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 3 Intents to Cut, 2 Driveway Permits, 2 Sign Permits, 1 Building Permit and 1 Pole Permit.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector to review her 2010 Proposed Budget. One of the items the Selectmen wanted clarified when Ann Marie initially reviewed Hannah's Proposed Budget was a breakdown of the Supervisor's Budget. Hannah provided a brief breakdown which Pat Harding provided giving anticipated hours of each supervisor, public notices and supplies. Selectman Davis questioned item line Printing & Supplies in the amount of \$2,000 (showing no increase) and felt that because of the three elections an increase might be necessary. Hannah will review this item. Hannah indicated that she would like to offer online motor vehicle registration and online payment of property taxes. Hannah presented to the Board information on initial costs and yearly costs in order to initiate the online services. (Up front costs being approximately \$845.00 and minimal costs each year thereafter and these expenses have been included in the Printing and Supplies line). After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to proceed with the online service as eventually (after the initial learning curve) it will be faster and more efficient. Selectman Sharon Davis also suggested Hannah review the possibility of doing online deposits which would alleviate the security issue and deposits would generate much quicker. Hannah will research this further.

Hannah requested that regarding the additional items on the Proposed Budget she would like to go into Non Public Session. Chair Davis stated they would proceed with their 7:00 p.m. appointment first.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis called on Kevin Hamilton and Hannah Joyce regarding Old Home Day 2010. Kevin began by thanking the Board for all their support and guidance and the fact that the Old Home Day Committee could not have done it without Town support. Kevin indicated that it is obvious that the public would like to continue this event and the Committee has tentatively set a date for the 2010 Old Home Day to be July 31, 2010. Kevin also indicated that the Committee requested an amount of \$5,000 (last year) in the budget for this event. This year they would like to cut that figure to \$2,700 as the balance of that figure (to bring it up to \$5,000 again this year) they already have

available. There was discussion about the PTO not participating (as they did with a carnival) so the Committee felt the need to include a carnival on their own. There was concern about \$5,000 not being enough money with this added expense, and Kevin stated that the Committee will be meeting on Thursday to discuss this particular issue. Kevin added that all the same Committee members are on board again this year, with a few new members, and he is excited about new ideas. Kevin stated that the ads were a success and even if people were unable to contribute they volunteered their time. The Board unanimously agreed to back the 2010 Old Home Day event and Kevin thanked the Board again for all their support.

At 7:15 Chair Davis made a motion to go into Non Public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(a) regarding a personnel issue. Selectman Wheeler seconded the Motion to go into Non Public Session and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye the Board went into Non Public Session. At 7:45 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session and the Minutes were sealed.

Chair Davis then called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector to continue her presentation. Hannah presented the Warrant Articles for restoration of books in the amount of \$3,450 and 200 updates to maps for the cemetery in the amount of \$800 (from the Cemetery Fund). Hannah indicated that there is still a huge amount of books to restore, but she tries to keep a \$5,000 maximum expense each year until the completion.

Hannah also presented to the Board a Petition from registered voters of Campton to include a Warrant Article at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting which Chair Davis read to the Board as follows:

Article: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President:

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that, on a good note, Key Government Finance has indicated that there is approximately \$2,000 remaining in the escrow account for the Town regarding the leased Highway Department truck. Ann Marie inquired if the Board would like to use that amount to pay the final payment or receive a refund check? The other suggestion was from Road Agent, Butch Bain to purchase equipment to make hydraulic hoses. Selectman Keeney indicated that this would not be a good investment as the fittings have to be purchased individually and they are quite expensive. The Board decided to receive a refund check.

Ann Marie informed the Board that Local Government Center sent a notice of endorsement adding liability protection for “trampolines and other rebounding devices”.

A thank you note was received from Campton Baptist Church for the use of the Town Office parking lot. A thank you note was also received regarding a response letter that was forwarded to Waterville Estates Village District from Attorney Laura Spector, Town Attorney (at the request of the Board) regarding Corey Smith and Waterville Estates

Ann Marie indicated a variety of workshops sponsored through UNH were received that might be of interest to Road Agent, Butch Bain. Ann Marie also indicated that the North Country Council Newsletter had been received.

A corrected schedule for the Campton School District assessment was received as there was a bookkeeping error in the first letter received from the SAU. Ann Marie thanked Selectman Craig Keeney for straightening out this matter.

A letter was received by Hilltop Views Condominium Association stating that the Association would like to have the Town Assessor attend their Association Meeting to discuss the land assessment increases. Ann Marie explained that she spoke with Mr. Fallon and explained that the Town could not pay for the Town Assessor attending their meeting, but abatements could be submitted by the property owners. Selectman Wheeler mentioned that the Association could certainly provide compensation to the Town Assessor if they desired to go forward with a meeting.

Ann Marie indicated that Comcast sent a letter notifying the Town that they have entered into a joint venture with GE to purchase NBC Universal.

The NH Central Chambers of Commerce sent a notice regarding a "Social Media" conference (the Shift to Inbound Marketing) being held on January 13, 2010, at the PSU Boyd Lecture Hall #144, Plymouth, NH between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A letter was also received from a resident who would like to be removed from the Beebe River District and Ann Marie will respond to her letter to inform the resident of the proper procedures to be followed to initiate the request.

A letter and map was also received from the State of NH DOT regarding the new location for the Parks and Recreation "Welcome Sign" with a list of the regulations to be followed when the sign is actually placed on the property.

Ann Marie read a cute thank you note from the 3rd grade class for their "cool" visit to the Selectmen's Office.

Ann Marie indicated that she received a price quote from the printer for the larger Town Reports and the increase would be \$1,000. The Board felt the larger report was much easier to read and would like to go forward with the larger book; however, Hannah stated that this might affect the series of the already restored smaller books and she will check and notify the Board if the larger book created a problem.

Ann Marie also reported that she checked with the payroll service and creating a payroll bi-weekly schedule would save \$560. Also, a formal request would need to be made to the Department of Labor stating the reason for the change. After discussion about the benefits to the Town (cash flow, etc.) and also some initial snags compounded by budgeting issues for this year (presented by Ann Marie), Selectman Charles Wheeler made a Motion, effective January 1, 2011, that the Town will commence a bi-weekly payroll schedule for all Town employees. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney and unanimously voted to approve a bi-weekly payroll schedule becoming effective January 1, 2011.

Ann Marie stated that May Brosseau indicated a particular property owner in Town was inquiring about a building permit for a yurt to be placed on the property; however, a Shoreline Protection permit also needed to be approved. Ann Marie confirmed with the Board that the Town policy is that no Building Permit should be signed until all State permits have been approved first. The Board concurred.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis proceeded to move forward with the approval of the Minutes of the previous Meeting. Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes as written, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney, and the Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair Davis then proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Wheeler requested that a figure for total expenses expended by the Fire Department be presented to the Board before the meeting next week. Ann Marie will arrange to get the figures.

Selectman Keeney inquired (for a resident) if Town property lines were still walked. It was confirmed by Ann Marie that they were not.

Selectman Keeney also inquired as to how the Board would like to proceed with the junkyard issue of properties that have not complied with specific requests made for cleanup. He stated there were 3 properties out of 10 that have not complied. The Board concurred that a warning letter be sent from Town Attorney, Laura Spector stating that if specific cleanup requests were not met, the Town may have to consider adopting an ordinance with penalty fees enforced.

After concerns discussed with the Board pertaining to the Campton/Thornton Sanitary Landfill, Selectman Davis suggested that a Non Public Session Meeting be arranged with the Thornton Selectmen to address these issues. Ann Marie will arrange this meeting with Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator.

Chair Davis also mentioned that a letter was received from NH Municipal Association stressing how critical it was for municipalities to "stick together" in advocating for important changes in statute that will benefit local government, or, on the other hand, have a detrimental impact on the operation of municipal government.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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