

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 1, 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, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan.

Members of the public attending the meeting who were not on the agenda were Mary Durgin, Campton Town Treasurer and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Karen Rienzo.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Building Permit, 1 Residency Application, 1 Warrant for Collection of Taxes, 1 Veteran's Exemption and 4 letters to property owners regarding junkyards.

At 6:45 Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Trustees of the Trust Funds, Martha Aguiar and Nancy Mardin. Martha Aguiar distributed a list of the Capital Reserve accounts with the income created and fees incurred on each account starting with 2008. The calculations confirmed that the Capital Reserve accounts are costing more than they are earning. Martha explained that Charter Trust suggested that some of the accounts be placed in 6-month CD's and to keep turning them over. Martha stated the interest rates on the CD's are between 1.25% and 1.75%. After the Board reviewed the various accounts it was decided that the following accounts would be placed in 6-month CD's: Fire Truck Rescue, Future Road Construction, Highway Equipment, Historical Society Building, Highway Department Garage, Municipal Building, Town Records and Waste Disposal. After the Trustees' of the Trust Funds presentation, Mary Durgin thanked the Board for the \$5,000 designated for the support of the Historical Society.

At 6:55 p.m. Chair Davis then called on Police Chief Chris Warn, Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Robert Bain, Road Agent regarding the Selectmen's decision regarding the health insurance budget. Police Chief Warn stated that this discussion was brought about by concerns of different conversations, misunderstandings and misinformation. Chief Warn expressed it was hoped that the best needs of the employees and best needs of the Town could have been arrived at through the Benefits' Committee, and both the Committee and the Board would work for a compromise. Police Chief Warn felt that this communication seemed "to stop", and his question to the Board was: "What happened?" Police Chief Warn also wanted to confirm that the new co-pay agreed by the Board for all employees for health insurance coverage is 7%, not 10%. The present policy designates new employees hired after 2/29/08 would be responsible for 10%. The Board confirmed the percentage rate to be a 7% contribution for all employees commencing July 1, 2010. Hannah Joyce stated that Police Chief Warn hit on most of her issues; however she was concerned about the Benefits Committee not having the opportunity to meet with the Board after they put forth their recommendation for the Board's work session. Karen Rienzo, Benefits Committee member and Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, stated that the Committee felt they were "under the gun" not only to

calculate comparable figures, but to submit a recommendation for the work session. It was confirmed by the Board that they had sufficient information with the six comparable polices, the figures and the recommendation (from the Benefits' Committee) in order to make a decision at the work session without the necessity of meeting with the Benefits' Committee. Karen Rienzo expressed that if it was known that the Board was going to actually make their decision at the work session, other calculation scenarios would have been presented; i.e. the Town paying 100% for all employees with a set percentage to be paid by employees for coverage beyond the single premium quote. Karen felt the Committee did not have sufficient time to calculate different scenarios to make a recommendation for the Work Session, and the Board assumed the Committee was "ready" by evidence of their recommendation. Chair Davis explained that a lot of time was spent by the Board going over figures, previous concerns voiced regarding health insurance issues provided by the Local Government Center. In taking this all under consideration, Chair Davis explained that it was the Board's decision that R.J. Dragon (through past experience) would be the most accommodating to assist employees with their health insurance needs. Chair Davis also pointed out that the Town would still be paying 93% of health insurance and 100% of dental. It was also acknowledged that the Board's decision was based on concerns voiced by taxpayers of the rising insurance costs and the Board's decision had no reflection on employees. There was also discussion about the Opt Out policy which the Board will implement again commencing July 1, 2010 with a 70% reimbursement to an employee, if an employee desires to opt out. Police Chief Warn expressed caution in the "wording of the Opt Out plan". Ann Marie will speak with Town Attorney, Laura Spector concerning this issue.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that an invoice and contract proposal from Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. was received in the amount of \$15,919.80 regarding the Blair Bridge Project. Selectman Keeney indicated he would be meeting with Kelly Bolger to review the contract on Wednesday.

Ann Marie distributed an example of Public Notice – Illegal Junkyards provided by a nearby Town (through May Brosseau) for the Board to review. It was agreed that this policy also be enforced by the Town of Campton. It was also suggested that the last page of the notice be attached to the property owners' letters that are being sent out.

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District sent notice of their meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the PSU Facilities Service Building.

North Country Council, Inc. also sent notice of a scheduled meeting regarding Broadband to be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m., at the Maplewood Country Club, Bethlehem, NH.

An e-mail was sent from Mary Deppe, Transportation Planner at North Country Council regarding a North Country RideShare Program that would include the Town of Campton. In order for North Country Council to apply for funding to include Campton it is necessary that 5 original signed and notarized copies of the "Partnership Agreement

Form” (which was included in the e-mail) be completed and returned by February 10, 2010. Ann Marie will complete the forms for signing.

Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector advised (by memo) that two taxpayers were not keeping up with tax agreements. Ann Marie had already received a call from one taxpayer and she will write to the other taxpayer.

Ann Marie distributed the 5-year cyclical revaluation services contract for 2010-2014 received from Town Assessors, Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, LLC. Ann Marie reminded the Board that Mark Nieder will be meeting with the Board on February 8, 2010 to review the proposal.

Ann Marie also indicated that Chris Bolan from the Chamber of Commerce called and discussed that if the Chamber starts paying taxes to the Town, the Town would be responsible for Chamber dues in the amount of \$1,000 per year. The dues will be added to the budget.

Ann Marie also indicated that she spoke to Mark Halloran regarding the cistern for the sprinkler system issue at the school, and he confirmed funding would be a difficult burden to the school. He indicated that the warrant article was going to remain; however, at the meeting they would table the article for a date after the Campton Village Precinct’s meeting is held. The importance of a Board representative attending the Campton Village Precinct meeting was discussed and Selectman Charles Cheney agreed to attend the meeting.

Chair Davis proceeded to move for the approval of Minutes from the previous meeting. After several revisions made by Selectmen Sharon Davis, Marsh Morgan and Charles Wheeler, Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan, and Minutes were approved as revised.

At 7:30 p.m. Chair Davis inquired if there was any Other Business/Selectmen’s Input. Butch Bain, Road Agent indicated that he had some price quote options for the hose equipment that the Board requested he research. After his presentation, discussion followed and it was decided that Selectman Cheney would provide Butch with information on the Gates system that he felt might be a better option to research.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board for review a list of the proposed Warrant Articles for Town meeting. She also indicated that she would add any Petition Articles that come in by Tuesday’s deadline.

Selectman Cheney inquired as to the outright purchase of the new police cruiser as opposed to a lease/purchase agreement. It was determined by Police Chief Warn (after discussions with Irwin Motors) that the outright purchase would cost less.

Police Chief Warn mentioned the possibility of Officer Dan Gilman being deployed towards the end of the year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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