

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011

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 Cheney, Marsh Morgan, and Craig Keeney. Selectman Wheeler was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 3 Building Permits, 2 Tax Agreements, and MS-1 for NH DRA.

At 6:30 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Police Chief Warn who introduced Andrew Strickland and his wife Kerrie. Chief Warn explained that Andrew had applied for both the full time Police Officer position and the part time position. Chief Warn also stated that Andrew came highly recommended by Officer Colby Morrision and Selectman Wheeler. Chief Warn also stated that Andrew is a 1998 Plymouth High School graduate and has served time with the US Air Force. Chief Warn informed the Board that Andrew has successfully passed all background and psychological testing and Chief Warn stated that Andrew portrays the image of wanting to be the best at everything he does. Chief Warn expressed that he would like to send Andrew to the academy the next scheduled session available (after the January session), because the Police Department is presently short staffed. Chief Warn expressed, that with the Board's approval, he would like the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to swear in Andrew Strickland as a full time Police Officer. The Board concurred and Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector swore in Andrew Strickland.

At 6:50 p.m. Chair Davis then made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A, 11(b) regarding a personnel matter. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Keeney – aye, and Selectman Cheney – aye, the Board went into Non public Session. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 6:53 p.m.

Chair Davis continued the meeting by calling on Paul Yelle, President of the Campton Historical Society. Paul introduced Sandy Decarie as their contact person and a very responsible individual who has been as asset to the Historical Society. Paul presented the scenario to the Board that if the Historical Society had bike swaps at the Campton Historical Building, (CHB) would they be able to charge a fee of \$10.00, which fees would benefit the Campton Historical Society. The Board concurred. Also, Paul inquired about liquor being brought (by individuals) to movie nights at the CHB. The Board explained concerns and legal issues, and it was recommended that it not become a practice. Paul had one more inquiry and that pertained to clarification about scheduling meetings at the CHB. It was agreed that if Paul or Sandy had any questions pertaining to allowing access to the CHB for requested meetings to be scheduled, that the inquiry be presented to the Board of Selectmen for their input. Chair Davis explained that the new proposed office building will have a meeting room and this will take the pressure off the Campton Historical Society regarding scheduling problems. Paul and Sandy also

encouraged the Board to view their new Carriage Shed exhibit and then thanked the Board for their time.

Chair Davis then called for approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting and Non Public Minutes. After revisions made by Selectman Davis and Selectman Morgan, Chair Davis made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised and Non Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan, and the revised Minutes and Non Public Minutes as written were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Butch Bain, Road Agent regarding property owned by Kevin Rogers on Eastern Corners Road. Butch proceeded to explain that the culvert (previously discussed with the Board) consisted of erosion and silt buildup issues. This had been brought to his attention by Jane Kellogg of the Conservation Commission. Butch did acknowledge the ongoing problems but he also acknowledged that storm Irene made the situation even worse. Kevin Rogers stated that he felt he has complied with suggestions made by the Planning Board and the Campton Conservation Commission in resolving the problems. Mr. Rogers also presented pictures of the area and what he has done to try to alleviate the problem with less sloping, fabric and stone, etc. After questions presented by the Board and discussion, it was decided that Butch Bain, Charlie Brosseau, Compliance Officer and Kevin Rogers would meet on the property on Friday to view the problems and then report to the Board.

Chair Davis then proceeded with another issue to discuss with Charlie Brosseau. Chair Davis explained that the Board agreed that it has become necessary to have Charlie make follow-up visits for Driveway Permits after the driveway is installed. Charlie agreed to this procedure and discussed some problems that he has encountered with the driveway inspections concerning lack of knowledge of boundary lines. After discussion, the Board agreed the fee for the Driveway Permit will be increased to \$50.00 and Charlie will be compensated hourly for the additional visit. Ann Marie will put a notice in the newspaper reflecting the increase. The Driveway Permit approval will also have an expiration date and a notation will be added to the permit that the owner notify the Town Office when the driveway has actually been completed. There was also discussion about the requirement of a 12" culvert as opposed to a 15" culvert. It was agreed that Charlie Brosseau would confer with Butch Bain, Road Agent if questions arises whether a 12" culvert vs. a 15" culvert be installed. The standard requirement presently in existence is a 15" culvert.

Also, another issue was brought to Charlie Brosseau's attention by Selectman Cheney that a particular home off Ellsworth Hill Road possibly is too close to the road and Selectman Cheney will further investigate regarding the boundary lines.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that a letter from Cathy Bentwood, Director of Bridge House Homeless Shelter was received describing the program and the goal to partner with Grafton County municipalities in becoming a Grafton County (only) shelter. Veterans would be the only

exception. Cathy Bentwood also expressed the need for monetary support for the shelter and hopes funding from the Town of Campton will continue.

An update e-mail was received from Sean James regarding the Blair Bridge Project, which Ann Marie has already forwarded to the Board. Also, a bill was presented from Sean James, which Ann Marie has given to Matt Moore to review before payment.

A thank you note was received from the Piazza family pertaining to donations made on behalf of their late wife and Mother, Deb Piazza.

Ann Marie distributed to Selectman Keeney with a copy available for Selectman Wheeler (as they are the Human Resources Committee members), various examples of employees' evaluation reports used by surrounding Towns.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved on to Other Business – Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis inquired about the progress of approval for TANS. Ann Marie indicated that they were very close, and it is hoped funding would be available by the end of the week.

Ann Marie indicated that Stan Graton started the work on the Blair Bridge from storm damage approximately 2 weeks before he received a down payment check from the insurance company. Selectman Keeney indicated that he felt Stan would be finished with the storm repairs in approximately 2 weeks.

Selectman Keeney asked for clarification of the discussion the Board had at last week's meeting with the Conservation Commission regarding the Warrant Article to be brought to vote at Town Meeting. Chair Davis then briefed Selectman Keeney regarding the presentation given by the Conservation Commission.

Chair Davis then called on Tara McKenzie, Librarian. Tara expressed a thank you to the Board for their support of the library and also acknowledged that a grant was received for children's books and invited the Board to the presentation of the new books.

There being no further business, Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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