

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JUNE 27, 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 Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney. Selectman Morgan is on medical leave. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Residency Applications, 4 Notices of Intent to Cut, 1 appointment of part time Police Officer, and 1 letter to the NH State Liquor Commission.

Members of the public who attended the meeting who were not on the agenda were: Robert Bain, Jessica Halm, Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, Dennis Prescott, and Harry Hughen.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called on Stuart Thompson, P.E. and William Oldenburg, P.E. of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation regarding the High Risk Rural Road Signing Improvement Program. Mr. Thompson explained that this program was created for safety to try to eliminate the accident rate for fatalities and incapacitating injuries through well marked signage. Mr. Thompson stated that proper signage can reduce risk by as much as 20 to 30%. Mr. Thompson also indicated that the program was federally funded, at no cost to the Town. Mr. Thompson stated that the State did an evaluation (through field examination and working with Town Departments to identify roads at high risk) and the Town of Campton was included in this evaluation. It was explained that the signs would be initially provided and installed by the State; however, if the signs need replacing, on Town Roads, due to wear and tear) it would be the Town's obligation to replace. Any replacement on State roads would be replaced by the State. Mr. Thompson indicated that the life expectancy of the signs is approximately 8 years. The project included paved roads only. Butch Bain indicated that he has been working with Mr. Thompson and felt this was a "win, win" project. Mr. Thompson encouraged any comments or questions and he made available his e-mail address to the Board. Mr. Thompson stated that after all reviewing of the project with the Towns involved was completed and the approvals received, he anticipated that the project would begin in the fall or next spring. Mr. Thompson left an Agreement with the Board to sign if they were in favor of the project and encouraged the Board to contact him with any questions. The Board thanked Mr. Thompson and Mr. Oldenburg for coming

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Davis called on Clint and Anita Lane regarding the Pattee land survey. Mr. Lane explained that a survey was done, at the request of the Conservation Commission, involving the property they purchased from the Town through the Conservation Commission. It was discovered that their acreage was reduced from what they originally were told the acreage was at the time of purchase. This reduction of acreage has created problems for the Lanes in meeting their lender qualifications for loan purposes. Due to this fact, Clint and Anita Lane were at this meeting to request a boundary line adjustment. After discussion, it was determined that the amount of land involved in the adjustment was not a large portion, and the Board agreed it would be an act of goodwill by the Town to be in favor of the boundary line adjustment. It was the

Board's suggestion that Mr. And Mrs. Lane continue to work with the Conservation Commission regarding this issue. It was also confirmed by Jessica Halm that the approximate cost for the surveyor to complete the adjustment and changing of the deed would be \$575.00 and that these costs would be paid through the Conservation Commission's budget. There was concern expressed by Jessica Halm as to the proper procedures followed by the Conservation Commission and Ann Marie will get an opinion from Laura Spector, Town Attorney.

Mr. Lane also discussed some drainage issues on the property and the Board suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Lane work closely with the Conservation Commission on this additional issue.

Chair Davis then called on Scott Lemiere regarding the Mecap property in Beebe River Village District. Mr. Lemiere discussed the ongoing problems concerning the sale of the Mecap property due to cleanup problems required by the State. Mr. Lemiere indicated that Mecap owners were willing to give the property to a buyer in exchange for the cleanup. Mr. Lemiere inquired if the Board knew of anyone who would be interested in the property. At this point, Dennis Prescott who was present at the meeting, inquired as to how much it would cost for cleanup. Mr. Lemiere indicated that the initial figure was \$130,000 for entire cleanup of the property, (including debris not associated with hazardous waste); however, the State is now requiring just the cleanup of the hazardous waste and the approximate cost Mr. Lemiere stated was approximately \$50,000. Dennis Prescott confirmed with the Board and Mr. Lemiere that he would be interested in the purchase of the Mecap property with the understanding that after the cleanup was performed by him, (and approved by the State, and notification of proper cleanup to the Town by the State) that the Town would abate all back taxes on the property. The Board concurred. Mr. Lemiere thanked the Board for their time.

Chair Davis then continued the meeting by calling for a Motion to approve the Minutes and two sets of Non Public Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Keeney made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes as presented. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and the Minutes and Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that the New Hampshire Retirement System has sent notification that employer and employee retirement contributions will be increased effective July 1, 2011. The increase will affect all employees, teachers, police and fire. Ann Marie will be distributing a memo to all employees concerning the specific rate increases pertaining to each department. There was also discussion pertaining to "detail" compensation and how the increase it will effect the Town budget in the future

Ann Marie indicated a Trustee's Accounting was received from Mary Durgin pertaining to George Durgin's Trust which reflected a principal balance on hand of \$2,611,604.38. Ann Marie also stated that the recipients benefiting from the Trust are: Pemi-Baker

Home Health Agency, Speare Memorial Hospital, Shriners Hospital, Pease Public Library, the Town of Campton and Plymouth Regional High School.

Notification was received from U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the Northern Pass Transmission Project indicating that the opened public scoping period has been extended pending alternative route information being provided by Northern Pass. The scoping period will remain open until DOE provides notice of its closing.

Paul Yelle dropped off to the Selectmen's Office an informative history of the rehab and re-use of the Campton "Old Town House" properties which was compiled by Walt Stockwell and to be shared with the Town.

Ann Marie indicated that the Campton-Thornton-Ellsworth Intergovernmental Fire/Rescue Service Agreement has been received (after Attorney Spector's review) and the next step is for all three Boards to meet to review. Ann Marie will e-mail the agreement to the Campton Board of Selectman. After discussion, the Board decided they would like Ann Marie to get clarification from Attorney Spector on wages, benefits and pay raises. The Board also agreed to Wednesday, August 10, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. as the tentative date to meet with the other two Boards.

Ann Marie also announced that Beebe River Village District has now scheduled their Budget Hearing this month and their Annual Meeting in July.

Ann Marie informed the Board that Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator informed her that the individual that has been offered the position of Manager at the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station is still negotiating his compensation. The Board agreed that they would like an update letter from the Thornton Board of Selectmen regarding this issue.

Ann Marie met with Bryan Christiansen from Comcast (who owns our cable system which is managed by Time Warner Cable) and the Thornton Cable Committee concerning ideas for negotiating extended service to the Towns of Thornton and Campton. Clarified at the meeting was the fact that channels cannot be negotiated and that the franchise fee is a tax to be added to cable members and could be a negotiating factor for the costs involved with extending services throughout the Town. There will be a public hearing scheduled for the public to voice their concerns.

Ann Marie informed the Board that unemployment compensation bills are coming to the Town for the previous librarian. Ann Marie informed the Board that the Town no longer has unemployment compensation insurance. The Board then agreed that the compensation bills should come out of the library budget.

Chair Davis inquired if the Board was in favor of the Municipal Agreement presented by Stuart Thompson of the NH DOT concerning the High Risk Rural Roads Program which was presented to the Board this evening. The Board unanimously concurred and the Municipal Agreement was signed by the Board this evening.

Chair Davis then called for Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Ann Marie indicated that Chief Warn would not be out on medical leave as his surgery has been postponed.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Wheeler. Selectman Wheeler suggested that, in the interest of convenience to our Campton residents, that Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector be authorized to approve Residency Applications rather than the Board of Selectmen. The Board agreed and Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to authorize the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to approve Residency Applications. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney and the authorization was unanimously approved.

The Board also concurred, due to the economic times and some unexpected expenditures so early in the year, that all supplies purchased by Department Heads needed be approved by Ann Marie before purchasing.

The Board also discussed the issue of the BMSI tax program and the Vision Assessment Program and it was their concern, as it has been in the past, that having two different programs was wasting time and resources. The Board unanimously agreed to urge the implementation of Avitar.

The Board also discussed the RSA ‘s pertaining to the fact that the Tax Collector is responsible for sending out the tax bills. Ann Marie indicated that the Selectmen’s Office has been preparing the bills and the Tax Collector’s Office was mailing them out (for years). The Board acknowledged and then concurred that the RSA states that the Tax Collector should prepare and send out the tax bills and the Board agreed that the Tax Collector’s Office should take over this responsibility.

There was also discussion concerning the purchase of the lap top for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Board again expressed looking for some better price quotes.

Chair Davis inquired about the Blair Bridge Project. Ann Marie indicated that Nancy Mayville of the NH DOT had indicated another meeting was necessary with the Board after the 4th of July. The Board concurred that the week of the 18th of July would be a convenient time. Ann Marie will try to confirm the date.

Selectman Wheeler indicated that he will be out of town on Monday, July 25th and August 8th.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey,
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