

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JANUARY 31, 2011

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis, and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Residency Applications, 1 purchase order for the Highway Department and 1 letter to the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission.

Members of the public who was present at the meeting (but not officially on the agenda) were Hannah Joyce, John Whitney and Priscilla Carr Whitney.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called on Kurt Smith, IT/Support Network Engineer, to review the price quote of the proposed new server for the Town Office and a new laptop for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Kurt explained that the server he is recommending is more than adequate for what the Town needs, at the present time. However, with this server it will avoid upgrading in 3 or 4 years; (Kurt is looking at an 8-year time frame) and it will have a large amount of memory, with room to expand; warranty is three years; and the fact that, in the future, this particular server could run the entire Town, if necessary. He explained that the Town needs a lot of memory and memory is the most economical to purchase at the time the server is purchased. While the server quoted is not the top of the line, it is the "minimum of the maximum", and he feels will give optimum uninterrupted service, even if the Town Office lost its power supply for a short period of time because of the redundancy it will provide. This redundancy feature alone is very important as the Town Office is very dependent on the system running smoothly and keeping the Town Office in operation. Kurt also explained the work that needs to be done to install the server is extensive; and in addition, he will be adding switches in the building. There was discussion concerning the possibility of a less expensive server without sacrificing performance. Kurt did explain that he could drop the amount of memory to bare minimum but this would result in slower performance; and the server would have to be upgraded within 3 to 4 years to add memory. He explained that the recommended server should last 8 years. He warned that dependability would also be sacrificed and the availability of computer parts is a problem because the suppliers are located so far away which could result in down time. Kurt will look into the possibility of a lease/purchase agreement (as there was discussion pertaining to that scenario) and he will get that information to Ann Marie.

The next price quote that the Board requested clarification on was the laptop he had recommended for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Kurt presented a revised price quote, and after discussion, it was agreed by the Board to have Kurt consider looking at a laptop with a less expensive chassis, (with a business level capacity), as the Board felt this would be sufficient for the needs described. The Board thanked Kurt for working with Town staff to keep the Town running smoothly, and they appreciate his expertise in the technology field.

Chair Davis then moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Danny Desrosiers, School Board member and Jim George, School Principal, to review the School Board's Proposed Budget. Mr. Desrosiers explained (without going line per line) that the bottom line reflected a 6% increase and that was because of rising health insurance, retirement percentages and Special Education. Jim George explained that the school is acquiring a large number of special needs pupils and the Special Education Department is doing a terrific job. Mr. George also acknowledged that parents recognized and appreciate the benefits the Town is providing. However, as the number of special education pupils increase, so do the expenses. The Board did inquire about health insurance and requested a breakdown for premiums and Mr. Desrosiers agreed to provide that information to the Board. Mr. Desrosiers did indicate that they are looking into higher co-pay costs to lower the health insurance premiums, and he acknowledged that the teachers do pay a certain percentage of the premium (depending on the plan they select). The Board then thanked Mr. Desrosiers and Mr. George for their presentation.

At 6:55 p.m., Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session with Danny Desrosiers, under RSA 91-A:3,II(a) concerning compensation of a public employee. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:05 p.m., and the Non Public Session Minutes were sealed.

Chair Davis then called on the Library Trustees to discuss the proposed budget for the Library. Those present for discussion were Martha Aguiar, Shelley Thompson and Michelle Betts. Martha proceeded to explain that the budget is slightly down 2% and this was achieved by reducing the Librarian's hours by 4 hours, making the total hours of operation of the library reduced to 27 hours from 32 hours. Martha explained that this decision was made to alleviate safety issues at the library. Martha also stated that the Librarian, Fred Johnson has expressed that he would resign if his hours were reduced.

Martha Aguiar expressed that the Trustees would like to purchase more books and acquire some "kid friendly" furniture. Michelle Betts confirmed the shelves were full of old outdated books and they have since removed these books to make room for new purchases. There was also discussion about certain books not being made available to all students. Shelley Thompson touched on some reasons why this was happening; however

the Board concurred that if certain books were unavailable to all the public, the books should not be in the library.

The Board expressed the following concerns: the Librarian may resign; issues with hiring a new Librarian with the reduced hours; issues of reducing compensation and purchasing books, at the expense of losing the Librarian; and also the fact that the public has expressed opposition to the reduced hours and commended, in writing, Fred Johnson for his accomplishments at the Library.

Chair Davis expressed the need to revisit the Inter-governmental Agreement between the three Boards (School District, the Town and the Library) to consider revising as the Agreement was written in 1988. The Library Trustees agreed.

Michelle Betts also distributed to the Board a Public Library Survey which they would like to distribute to the public on Election Day. Martha also indicated that the Library Trustees had other issues that they would like to discuss with the Board at another time. The Board concurred that they would be glad to meet with the Library Trustees and a time will be scheduled.

Chair Davis then called on the Trustees of the Trust Funds to review their proposed budget. Donna Cass, Martha Aguiar, and Nancy Mardin appeared. Martha Aguiar stated that the budget was down considerably from last year due to fewer fees for professional services, setting the bottom line at \$6,410.00. The Board was pleased and thanked the Trustees for coming.

Chair Davis called on Lisa Ash and Carolee Miot to review the Parks & Recreation Budget. Lisa Ash explained that the bottom line came out the same as last year; however she requested permission from the Board for some discretion pertaining to distribution of the monies within the budget. The Board concurred that Lisa and Carolee were doing a fine job and distribution (within the budget bottom line) would be at their discretion. Lisa stated and was very enthusiastic about the fact that they have been approached by the National Recreation Association as being a “model” Parks & Recreation Commission and wished to have an article presented for publishing expressing how their “model” is cost effective to tax payers. Lisa will keep the Board informed about the progress. Also, Carolee distributed additional brochures concerning Campton Community Family Recreation which they would like to distribute at the Town Meeting. The Board thanked Lisa and Carolee for their presentation and commended them both for the good job they are doing.

At 7:40 p.m. Chair Davis called on Patricia Harding to review the Proposed Supervisors of the Checklist Budget. Patricia expressed the need to purchase a new laptop and mentioned that the old laptop might be able to be used in trade. It was suggested by Selectman Keeney that perhaps Kurt Smith should be consulted regarding the Supervisor’s laptop quote. Ann Marie will contact Kurt. Also, Patricia mentioned that the printer is very slow. There was previous discussion concerning the printer, and it was suggested that the Supervisor’s laptop be connected to the present copier in the Town

Office, which would be more economical than purchasing a new printer. Ann Marie will speak to Kurt Smith and Bruce at Mason Office Supply in order to get a time frame for when the copier would be available for printing by the Supervisors. Chair Davis also inquired if Patricia had allowed for extra time needed for verification of the checklist work that will have to be completed this year. After discussion with Patricia and Hannah Joyce, it was suggested Patricia check with the State to get clarification as to the extent of the remaining verification work needed to be completed as Patricia indicated most of this had already been verified. However, since the Supervisors will have to have more meetings because of the verification process, the budget line for the Supervisors of the Checklist was increased to \$2,000.

Chair Davis informed Patricia Harding that, by law, any notices pertaining to when the Supervisors of the Checklist are meeting must be posted. Notices must be posted on the door at the Town Office (at least 7 days prior to the date). Chair Davis also informed Pat Harding that it is necessary for the Supervisors of the Checklist to place on the calendar in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of the Town Office any dates that they will need to use the Meeting Room. Chair Davis indicated this will eliminate conflicts. In addition, Chair Davis expressed to Patricia that the Board was concerned about the fact that there are supposed to be 3 Supervisors of the Checklist; and if all the supervisors cannot participate, then a new supervisor will need to be appointed. Patricia confirmed that she would contact Judy Spencer to inquire about her status as to whether or not she can actually fulfill her duties as a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that 2 petition warrant articles have been submitted. One Petition pertaining to the Northern Pass Transmission Project and one Petition pertaining to the reclassification of Eastern Corners Road from a Class V road to a Class VI road, starting at the cemetery and continuing to the end of the road, which is approximately 1.1 miles.

Ann Marie indicated that letters were received from the State of NH, Division of Forest and Lands indicating the re-appointment of David Tobine as Forest Fire Warden, also the appointment and/or reappointment of Charles Cheney, Brian Tobine and Ian Halm as Deputy Wardens. The appointment of Julianna O'Neill was also made as Issuing Agent for the Town of Campton.

Ann Marie indicated that State Representative, Charles Brosseau has indicated that Kathleen Brockett, Communications Specialist for the Northern Pass would like to set up a public meeting to discuss the Northern Pass Project with the Towns people. The Board agreed that both sides of the Northern Pass Project should be heard and suggested that the school would be an appropriate meeting place.

A copy of a thank you letter was received from School Administrative Unit #48 addressed to Police Chief Warn for the excellent panel presentation the Chief of Police presented to the school staff.

Hannah Joyce sent a memo informing the Board that the new Federal Rate of 2011 mileage reimbursement is \$.51 per mile.

A letter was received from Anthony Donovan of Fishman Realty Group pertaining to Beebe River expressing, in his opinion, that the plan brought forth by Jeff Andrews to work with the State, Town and neighbors on resolving the property issues is the most realistic proposal to get this property “back on the tax roll”.

A notice was received from the Campton Historical Society regarding a Pot Luck Dinner to be held on February 11, 2011, starting at 5:30 p.m. with a movie thereafter, which is entitled, “The Endurance (2000).

The Technology Transfer Center forwarded additional workshop notices which Butch Bain, Road Agent also receives. Some of the particular workshops include: Municipal Garage Safety, Employee Safety for Public Works, Introduction to Basic Computer, and Usage, Grader Operation & Safety.

Chair Davis stated that she received a thank note from Ann Marie Foote (addressed to the Board and fellow employees, which Chair Davis proceeded to read to the Board) expressing appreciation for the lovely flowers received for her father’s funeral.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Keeney who requested permission to receive a copy of the notifications received by the Town recently pertaining to permits filed for road crossings for snowmobiles. The Board concurred, as it is public information.

Chair Davis called on Selectman Cheney who indicated that he received calls from concerned individuals pertaining to snowmobiles traveling on Miclon Road in order to reach snowmobile trails. Selectman Keeney indicated that clarification was received from Police Chief Warn and acknowledgement by Butch Bain, Road Agent, and this issue had been resolved. Selectman Keeney verified with Police Chief Warn that there was no problem traveling on Miclon Road to get to the entrance of a snowmobile trail. Selectman Keeney indicated that the particular problem on Miclon Road appeared to be more of a “personal issue”.

Selectman Wheeler indicated that the Human Resources Committee met last Thursday and they had a successful meeting. Selectman Wheeler will provide the Minutes of the meeting to Ann Marie.

Chair Davis informed the Board of some new laws being proposed for the Legislature to vote on pertaining to property tax appeals, special detail of Police Officers and unpaid property taxes pertaining to manufactured housing.

Chair Davis called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Hannah indicated that there has been proposed new legislation to allow dealerships to process motor vehicle registrations electronically using a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor. Hannah expressed her concerns

with this legislation and encouraged the Board to express opposition to the Electronic Vehicle Registration Program Bill.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey  
Office Assistant to Ann Marie Foote, Town Administrator