

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 28, 2011

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen Charles Wheeler, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Cheney was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 5 Residency Applications and 4 Tax Abatements.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and she called on Butch Bain, Road Agent as their first appointment. Butch indicated that it was road limit time; however, he felt it would be alright to hold off on putting the road weight limit signs up for a couple of weeks as the roads are still "stiff". Butch indicated that if we get a sudden warm trend in the weather he could have the road weight limit signs posted very quickly. The Board agreed to hold off on the posting of the road weight limits.

Butch also indicated that this morning they were having trouble with the International truck again being the same problems as in the past. The Board concurred that some kind of action should be taken, and Ann Marie will contact Laura Spector notifying her that Butch Bain will be contacting her to discuss the history of the problems regarding the truck and what kind of recourse the Town may have.

Butch also indicated that 21 road signs were discovered missing this past week calculating a cost of over \$1,300.00 to replace, and also a day or more of work to install them. There was discussion concerning certain ways to help eliminate this problem such as applying grease to the signs. Also, Ann Marie mentioned that she called the insurance company and insurance could be purchased on the signs; however, the Board did not feel insurance was necessary.

Chair Davis called for a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes. After one revision made by Selectman Wheeler, a Motion was made by Selectman Morgan to approve the Minutes as revised and the Non Public Minutes as presented. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and the Minutes (as revised) and Non Public Session Minutes as presented were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review Correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that notification was received from the NH Department of Revenue Administration confirming that the Town overall equalization assessment is set at 104%.

A Resolution from the Board of Directors of North Country Council was received regarding their opposition to the Northern Pass Project, which was based on their survey of all their member communities.

NH DOT sent a letter indicating that the Department is in the process of developing a rating program for all public highway/railroad at-grade rail crossings located within the State of New Hampshire and the public at-grade railroad crossings located in Campton are Blair Road, NH Route 49 and Owl Street. The NHDOT is soliciting input from the Town (by survey) concerning issues related to railroad crossings. Butch Bain, Road Agent and the Board concurred that they know of no issues regarding the above railroad crossings locations.

A Semi-Annual Gas Monitoring report was received from Chem Serve Environmental Analysts regarding the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station. Ann Marie also mentioned that Kevin McGuire is now interim manager at the Transfer Station and that Joan Marshall is assisting. Ann Marie stated that the Thornton Board of Selectmen would like to have 3 Selectmen from the Town of Campton, 3 Selectmen from the Town of Thornton and 1 Selectman from the Town of Ellsworth, making a total of 7 members (together with the Local Government Center) to be involved in the interviewing process for the Manager position at the Transfer Station. Chair Davis suggested that a scoring grid procedure be used in the process and perhaps only one Selectman from each Town be involved in the process making a total of 3 Board Members, (one from each Town) rather than a total of 7. The Board suggested that Ann Marie inquire as to the role of Local Government Center (LGC), and they would like to know the cost that LGC will be charging for their services.

Ann Marie also mentioned that the Thornton Board of Selectmen expressed that they still had some concerns about the Neighborfest project. Chair Davis mentioned that the Thornton Board of Selectmen might get answers to their questions through the NH Secretary of State's Office, and she suggested that Ann Marie relay that information to Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator.

U. S. Senator Kelly A. Ayotte sent a letter updating the Northern Pass Transmission project from the U. S. Department of Energy standpoint, and indicating the specific dates in March that the Towns of Pembroke, Franklin, Lincoln, Whitefield and Colebrook will be holding meetings. The meeting in Campton will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Campton Elementary School. Chair Davis indicated that Charles Brosseau, State Representative contacted her to inquire if the Board of Selectmen would like to participate (in the capacity as a whole Board) at the meeting on the March 2nd. The Board concurred that they will plan on attending the meeting, but they would not be speaking specifically as a whole body at that meeting.

Ann Marie indicated that Police Chief Warn provided receipts to his recent training conference in Connecticut.

Ann Marie stated that Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector returned the original appointment for Kelly Bolger for the Parks & Recreation Commissioner appointment as Mr. Bolger has not been sworn in, and therefore, the appointment is not valid. The Board agreed to table this matter.

Ann Marie indicated that Debbie Lewis of the NH Local Government Center responded to the Board's concerns on the Appraisal Report prepared by American Appraisals concerning Town owned property. Ms. Lewis indicated that any concerns need to be addressed in writing to the NH Local Government Center. Ann Marie has contacted Mark Nieder, Town Assessor regarding this matter.

Ann Marie indicated that the Library Trustees submitted (for approval) an Agreement between the Campton Public Library Board of Trustees and the Town of Campton Board of Selectman which concerned quarterly payments made to the Campton Public Library Treasurer; the Town providing payroll to library employees; the Town paying for the library audit; and the agreement that the Library Trustees will return any unused Town monies to the Town. The Board concurred that Ann Marie send a response Memo to the Library Trustees specifying the provisions and the specific dollar amount of quarterly payments; however, no formal Agreement will be signed at this time.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis proceeded with Other Business - Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis informed the Board that she met with Greg Colby, Town Auditor this past Thursday and Mr. Colby stated the audit started on Wednesday with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office and everything was going fine at that time. Chair Davis inquired if there were any new Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requirements. Mr. Colby indicated there was nothing significantly new this year; however there will be some changes regarding reports of Fund Balances beginning next year. Mr. Colby indicated that he would be glad to come to a Selectmen's Meeting to review the recent audit when it is completed.

Selectman Wheeler indicated that Jessica Halm of the Conservation Commission contacted him with concerns regarding the #28 Warrant Article pertaining to the Conservation Commission and the Board's decision "not" to recommend this Article. Ann Marie indicated that the Conservation Commission is scheduled to meet with the Board next Monday concerning this matter.

Chair Davis reminded the Board of the School District meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Also, Ann Marie indicated that Matt Moore tried to contact Nancy Mayville at the NH DOT concerning the Blair Bridge Project; however she will be out of the office until Friday.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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