

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 14, 2011

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis, and Marsh Morgan.

Members of the public attending the meeting who were not on the agenda included Hannah Joyce, Kevin G. Hamilton and Arthur Joyce, Jr.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They also signed 3 Residency Applications, 1 notice of denial of tax abatement and 1 notice of granted tax abatement.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Ann Marie and Hannah Joyce to fit them in before the Board's first appointment this evening. Ann Marie explained that she and Hannah Joyce would like to get a head start on ordering the server (approved at Town Meeting) so that everything would run smoothly before it was time for the property tax bills to be sent. Selectman Keeney stated that he would like to get another price. Extensive discussion proceeded about what was involved with acquiring another quote; the short time frame to work with; the fact that the Town has already voted to approve the server at Town Meeting; and the level of trust that has been built with Kurt Smith. After this discussion, the Board did unanimously agree to move forward with the purchase of the server quoted by Kurt Smith and purchase approved at Town Meeting.

At 7:55 p.m. Chair Davis called on their first appointment for the evening, Peter Mespelli. Mr. Mespelli explained that he was having ongoing problems with Wetlands regarding his subdivision on Morris Way which is not a Town road. Mr. Mespelli explained that he would like to request the Board's permission to build a 10' wide bridge with approximately a 24' length to serve 3 building lots, plus 11 1/2 acres of common area. Selectman Morgan explained to Mr. Mespelli that the Planning Board requires a 12' wide bridge and the Board agreed that if future property owners decided to request the road become a Town road, it would be less of a burden to the owners to come before the Town for approval; and the likelihood of Town approval would be greater with a 12' wide bridge. The Board unanimously agreed that their recommendation would be to build a 12' wide bridge. The Board thanked Mr. Mespelli for coming in and Mr. Mespelli thanked the Board for their recommendation.

At 7:10 p.m. Chair Davis called on Lester Mitchell regarding the Veterans' Monument Committee and funding. Ann Marie distributed information as to the history of the initial sum of \$1,500 approved by a Petition Article in 1999 (at Town Meeting) that this sum of money be turned over to the Campton Historical Society. Mary Durgin placed this sum in a CD and as of this date the current balance is \$3,580.54, with a renewal option in August, 2011. Ann Marie explained to Mr. Mitchell, (after speaking with Town

Attorney, and in answer to Mr. Mitchell's question at Town Meeting) that the funds cannot be turned over to the Town by the Campton Historical Society as this is non-profit money and has to remain with the Campton Historical Society. Mr. Mitchell also explained that the initial location planned for the monument was no longer feasible and that the Veterans' Monument Committee was seeking other options for a location. Chair Davis and the Board suggested that consideration be given to placing the monument in front of the proposed new Town Offices Building, (in the common area). Mr. Mitchell confirmed that extensive research would be needed for veterans' names, etc. and that this would all take some time. The Board assured Mr. Mitchell that upon the approval of construction the new Town Office Building, consideration for the Veterans' Monument would be included in the landscape design.

Kevin Hamilton and Arthur Joyce, Jr. were also present and briefly described the progress of the Veterans Monument Committee and enthusiastically presented pictures of the monument constructed for Tamworth. Mr. Hamilton also mentioned other Towns that have memorials that could be very helpful in assisting the Committee. Kevin Hamilton expressed that he could foresee a large amount of public interest and contributions. Mr. Hamilton stated that the Committee would be glad to keep the Board informed of their progress. The Board expressed their appreciation of the progress of the Committee and would look forward to further updates.

Regarding another issue, Mr. Mitchell requested that a map of Blair Cemetery be donated to the Campton Historical Society, and the Board assured Mr. Mitchell that this task would be looked into to try to accommodate his request.

At 7:40 p.m. Chair Davis called on Jeff Andrews regarding Beebe River (KC Tire building). Mr. Andrews explained that he was following up on a prior Selectmen's Meeting from a year ago in regard to the Town of Campton's willingness to provide property tax abatements to him for the clean up of the K C Tire property (presently owned by MeCap, LLC) and also waiving some property taxes on land he owns in Beebe River under the name of Beebe River Business Park. Mr. Andrews presented a letter to the Board breaking down the costs of clean up and the current tax statement on the MeCap property and the property owned by himself under the name of Beebe River Business Park. Mr. Andrews explained that he would purchase the MeCap property and do the clean up in 2011, (returning the property to a useful state) if he could come to an agreement with the Town. Chair Davis explained that this was a lot to absorb this evening and more time would be needed to read and consider Mr. Andrews' proposal before a decision could be made. Chair Davis suggested that Mr. Andrews be rescheduled on the agenda for next week. Ann Marie confirmed the appointment for Mr. Andrews for March 21, 2011, at 6:45 p.m.

Chair Davis then continued the meeting by moving for a Motion to approve Minutes and Non Public Minutes of the previous meeting. After revisions made to the Non Public Minutes by Selectmen Keeney, a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and Non Public Minutes as revised was made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman

Wheeler; the Minutes as presented and Non Public Minutes as revised were unanimously approved.

At 7:50 p.m. Chair Davis made Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3-11(a) regarding a personnel issue. Selectman Morgan seconded the Motion to go into Non Public Session and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis - aye, Selectman Morgan - aye, Selectman Wheeler - aye, Selectman Cheney - aye, and Selectman Keeney, the Board went into Non Public Session. At 8:00 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session and the Minutes were sealed.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that the Performance Bond and Certificate of Insurance from Commerford Nieder Perkins, LLC, Town Assessors for the 2011 reciprocal work to be performed were received.

The Campton Library Trustees sent a copy of their work session minutes which reflected that the position of Library Director was offered to Tara McKenzie, and she will take the position effective March 14, 2011. The salary will be \$15.00 per hour with benefits (as described in the Campton Public Library Handbook). Tara's sixth month review will be on or around September 1, 2011.

Ann Marie stated that the Grafton County Conservation District 2011 Annual Report was received and she will pass this booklet on to the Conservation Commission.

Anne Bartosewicz, Project Director of Northern Pass sent a letter again announcing the scheduled meeting in New Hampshire and maps indicating the proposed preferred route for the transmission project.

Ann Marie indicated that Butch Bain, Road Agent, requested permission from the Board to move forward with the application for the purchase of the new 6-wheeler truck approved at Town Meeting. The Board agreed. Ann Marie also indicated that Butch has an appointment to meet with Liberty International concerning the ongoing problems with the International truck to determine what options are available. Butch indicated that after this meeting he will then call Attorney Spector to see what recourse the Town may have.

Ann Marie inquired if the Board would like to go forward with Attorney Dan Crean reviewing the Town Personnel Policy. The Board concurred.

Ann Marie confirmed that she and Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator will be present for the interviewing process for the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station Manager position, along with 2 Selectmen each of the Towns of Thornton and Campton and 1 from the Town of Ellsworth. The Local Government Center will review all the resumes and give the Towns a short list of the most qualified candidates to interview. Ann Marie also informed the Board that May Brosseau will be on vacation next week.

Ann Marie then proceeded with the Selectmen's Assignments for 2011. A Motion was made by Selectman Cheney to have Selectman Sharon Davis remain as Chairman and Selectman Wheeler to remain as Vice Chair. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan and the motion was unanimously approved.

The following additional committee appointments were decided:

Human Resources: Selectmen Charles Wheeler and Craig Keeney

Planning Board Ex-Officio: Selectman Marsh Morgan

Parks and Recreation Commission: Selectmen Sharon Davis and Charles Wheeler

Building Committee: Selectmen Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan

Chair Davis called on Selectman Charles Wheeler regarding Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Selectman Wheeler indicated that Dan Morel was not going to look for reappointment as a Fire Commissioner even though he has encouraged him to do so. Ann Marie indicated that a letter of confirmation from Dan Morel will be needed for confirmation.

Selectman Craig Keeney suggested the task to get the roads organized by classification become a priority before the submission to the State. Selectman Keeney will work with May Brosseau on this project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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