

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 21, 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, Sharon Davis, Marsh Morgan and Craig Keeney. Selectmen Cheney was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 3 Residency Applications, 2 Conservation Commission appointments, 1 Planning Board appointment, 2 part time Police Officers' appointments, 1 Report of Appropriation to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut and 1 Property Tax Agreement.

A member of the public attending the meeting who was not on the agenda was Hannah Joyce.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and called on Jeff Andrews for his follow-up to last week's meeting (as requested by the Board) pertaining to his request for tax abatements on his property in Beebe River under the ownership name of Beebe River Business Park, LLC and the KC Tire building, presently owned by MeCap, LLC. Mr. Andrews reviewed briefly the numerous State and Federal requirements and costs involved in the cleanup (as presented to the Board with his handout last week). It was explained to Mr. Andrews that because of past issues concerning Beebe River, the Board would agree to abate taxes on the MeCap, LLC property and taxes on the Beebe River Business Park, LLC property, if Mr. Andrews acquired a performance bond in the amount of not less than \$250,000 and agreed to the cleanup being completed in the year 2011. It was explained to Mr. Andrews that the performance bond would protect the Town if he should default on the cleanup. It was also explained to Mr. Andrews by the Board, that upon receipt of notice from the NH Department of Environmental Services that the cleanup has been satisfactorily completed, the Town will release the bond. Mr. Andrews did acknowledge that he felt the Town's requests were a good resolution. Mr. Andrews will speak to his lender and Ann Marie will speak to Laura Spector, Town Attorney concerning the drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Mr. Andrews.

At 7:10 p.m. Chair Davis called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Hannah explained that she would like to bring the Board up to speed on two State Senate and House Bills. She also distributed to the Board information regarding the effects the two Bills will have on the municipality. In brief, one Bill (HB457) reduces the interest rate (in half) on late and delinquent property tax payments, subsequent payments and other unpaid taxes. Hannah explained that she calculated that the Town would be losing approximately \$38,354 in interest. The other Bill (SB 156) pertains to the State granting automobile dealerships the ability to register automobiles which would again reduce municipal revenue and create cost to the municipalities. Hannah expressed to the Board that she would appreciate their support in voicing their concerns about the expenditures and loss of revenue to the municipality regarding the 2 Bills. Hannah provided

information for e-mailing the Senate Finance Committee regarding SB156 and contacting the Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee by phone at 271-3092, Jeanie L. Forrester, Vice Chairman.

Ann Marie brought the Board's attention to two other issues that occurred this past week concerning the Town Office building. The bathroom ceiling in one bathroom had a leak and the ceiling tiles need replacing and there are some mold issues to clean up from previous leaks. Ann Marie also updated the Board that the two oil tanks in the basement will be replaced on Tuesday due to one tank having a leak. It was suggested by Robinson's Fuel that both tanks be replaced at the same time to avoid any possible future problems. The Board agreed that they would like Ann Marie to get a cost estimate to replace the tile in one bathroom, clean up the mold issue that already exists from previous leaks, install a suspended ceiling in the other bathroom, and resealing the bathroom vents on the roof.

Chair Davis then discussed revisions to be made to the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Wheeler discussed revisions to the Non Public Minutes. Chair Davis then called for a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes as revised. Selectman Morgan made the Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes as revised, seconded by Selectman Keeney; the Minutes and Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved as revised.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that a notice was received from the NH Local Government Center regarding workshops scheduled for "Local Officials" in the months of May and June. The closest locations were: June 8th in Lincoln and June 11 in Concord. Anyone interested should contact Ann Marie for more details and enrollment.

A letter of notification was received from Kelley Monahan, Register of Deeds, Grafton County that the Registry of Deeds Office will be open four Tuesdays in April from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. for any elected officials of the Towns that comprise Grafton County to share growing concerns and challenges that the individual town governments face.

Ann Marie indicated that Donna Lane, Grant Administrator for CDBG indicated to her that the grant for the Beebe River Village District Feasibility Study will be granted funding, but the project may not be funded because of lack of residents in Beebe River.

A notice was received from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension that the manual for "Good Forestry in the Granite State" is available for purchase. Ann Marie will pass this information on to Jane Kellogg of the Conservation Commission.

Tri State Fire Protection, LLC sent notice that they have been awarded the fire extinguisher contract for the State of New Hampshire indicating that discounted prices should save over 30% on the Town's current fire protection contract. Ann Marie will discuss this matter with Fire Chief Tobine.

A letter was received from Kimberly Bielecki, Member Relations Advisor at NH Local Government Center with an updated appraisal sheet for property owned by the Town at 440 Bog Road reflecting a figure for building cost of reproduction new to be \$54,600. The Board, however, respectfully disagrees with other previously submitted appraisals for Town property and would like a representative to come in to speak with the Board regarding the appraisals. Ann Marie will arrange the meeting.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis continued with Other Business - Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis inquired if the auditors were finished with the audit. Ann Marie indicated that she was still waiting to hear from Scott on certain procedures and completion of the audit is not done until the end of the year. Chair Davis stated that Mr. Colby agreed to come in to speak with the Board upon completion of the audit and she will send Mr. Colby an e-mail.

Selectman Morgan indicated that he had a personnel issue to discuss. At 7:35 p.m. Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3-11(a) regarding a personnel issue. Selectman Wheeler 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 Keeney - aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. At 7:50 p. m the Board came out of Non Public Session and the Minutes were sealed.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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