

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 18, 2011

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Cheney arrived shortly after the meeting began and Selectman Charles Wheeler was not present because he is on vacation. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Purchase Order for the Police Department, 1 Warrant for Collection of Excavation Taxes, 1 Veteran's Exemption, 1 Application for Current Use, 1 Sign Permit and 1 Building Permit.

Members of the public attending the meeting who were not on the agenda were: Pam White and Spencer White.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called on Butch Bain, Road Agent regarding the Blair Bridge. Butch explained that Hannah had called him due to the fact that an individual had called her concerned about the decking on the bridge. Butch stated that after inspecting the decking, it appears that now some of the planks are splitting down the middle and as discussed before, there are also ongoing concerns about the securing of the decking. After discussion of safety issues and the fact that the bridge work will not be commenced until spring next year, it was decided that Bob Davis, once again, inspect the bridge to see what can be done to repair the decking. In the meantime, Ann Marie indicated that the executed Municipal Agreement regarding the Blair Bridge was received from Nancy Mayville of the NH DOT. The letter also stated that she is seeking authorization for funds for the Preliminary Engineering to be done by Hoyle, Tanner & Associates. The Board expressed concerns with the delays, taking into consideration the further deterioration of the decking and possible safety issues that may arise. With that in mind, the Board decided to have Ann Marie contact Matt Moore to discuss any possible suggestions to encourage the State to move a little more quickly so the Town can move forward with the restoration of the bridge.

Butch Bain also wanted to bring the Board up to date regarding signage pertaining to ATV's being prohibited on the new bridge on Eastern Corner Road. Butch explained that Mr. DeLucca, owner of property on Eastern Corners Road, indicated that he has already used his ATV on the bridge because, at present, that was the only way he could get out to his property. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed, again, that it was necessary to install the signage rather than possibly allowing further destruction of the road and bridge.

Chair Davis then continued the meeting by calling for a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes of the previous meeting. After two revisions to the regular Minutes, Selectman Morgan made a Motion to approve the revised Minutes and to approve the Non Public Minutes as presented. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Cheney and the revised Minutes and Non Public Minutes as presented were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that the Stan Graton of 3-G Construction presented an estimate (at the Board's request, after discussion at last week's meeting) for installing tire wear strips/runners consisting of 3 rows of 2" x 10 number 1 grade p.t. at the cost of \$2,690.50. The Board unanimously agreed that the strips need to be installed to preserve the decking. Ann Marie also indicated that Stan Graton also provided a Calculation Cover Sheet with a State of New Hampshire seal, signed by Normand G. Cote, Jr., Licensed Professional Engineer, stamped and dated April 17, 2011. The Calculation Cover Sheet stated the following: Structural Design Criteria: Fire Truck 36,000 lb – use 40,000 lb per the Town. Analysis will use H20 truckload with 32,000 lb rear axle and 8,000 lb front axle. Analysis will consider moving load for wheels. Items not in this scope of work: Abutments and guardrails are not this scope of structural design. Therefore, guardrails have not been designed for vehicle impact. The Board then agreed to a 6 Ton weight limit and requested that Ann Marie draft a letter to Fire Chief Tobine giving him permission to drive the ambulance across the bridge, and to notify the State of the completion of the bridge.

Ann Marie also indicated that she forwarded a certified mail, return receipt letter to Alain Bennett and Rick Davis, Beebe River Village Precinct Commissioners regarding their lack of scheduling the District's budget hearing and annual meeting and that consequences that will arise if this is not completed. Ann Marie also advised Mr. Bennett and Mr. Davis that the Board of Selectmen were very concerned about this matter, as they do not want to put the Town in jeopardy regarding the Town's tax rate possibly being delayed because of these issues. Ann Marie was also in contact with Michelle J. Clark, at NH Department of Revenue, and Ms. Clark was helpful in providing information about deadline dates, RSA's pertaining to the annual meetings and information regarding, "Can a village district be dissolved?"

Ann Marie stated that an e-mail was received from Laura Spector with regard to a few changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding solid waste. Concerning the Intergovernmental Fire/Rescue Service Agreement, it was noted that Fire Commissioners have authority to grant abatements on ambulance fees. It was suggested by Laura Spector that it be added to the agreement that any applications made to the Fire Commissioners for granting of abatements be approved by the Selectmen. Also, Selectman Cheney felt it should be clarified in the agreements, (the Fire Rescue and the Disposal of Solid Waste) that the salaries and benefits should be set by the Board of the Selectmen.

Ann Marie also indicated that Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator, informed her that the Thornton Board of Selectmen was not opposed to Waterville residents using the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station for their recyclables. After further discussion, (even though a decision at a previous meeting on this issue was arrived at), the Campton Board of Selectmen concurred, again, that they did not agree to allow Waterville residents to use the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station.

Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector provided information regarding another legislature bill, HB 622 regarding Semi-Annual Tax billing pertaining to wording of the bill allowing the Town to ask DRA for adjustment (+/-) on our tax rate should the Town be affected by change in adequate education grants or excess tax amounts.

Ann Marie indicated that Congressman Bass will have a Representative at the Town Office on April 19, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Ann Marie will notify Darlene King-Jennings.

Hannah Joyce also provided a copy of a letter from Grafton County Commissioners (which has been distributed to the Board) regarding the “New Correctional Facility Financial Impact”.

Ann Marie indicated that the deadline for applying for the Fire Commissioner position was April 18, 2011 and the only application that the Town received for the position was from Kelly Bolger. Chair Davis then made a Motion to appoint Kelly Bolger as Fire Commissioner. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan, and Kelly Bolger was unanimously approved to be appointed to the position of Fire Commissioner.

At 7:40 p.m. Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II © concerning an inquiry about a Police matter. At 7:45 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Keeney concerning Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Selectman Keeney indicated that he was impressed with the way the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station looks at the present time. Ann Marie indicated that she was unable to get in touch with Selectman Wheeler (as he is on vacation) and the interviews for the Transfer Station Manager Position are scheduled for Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 12:30 p.m. Selectman Cheney indicated that he will put a request in for time off from his employment to attend the interviews on April 26, 2011 with Selectman Morgan.

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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