

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 25, 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, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Davis and Selectman Wheeler were not present because of conflicts in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 letter to NH State Liquor Commission for Waterville Estates Village District Community Center, 1 Application for reimbursement to NH DRA regarding forest land, 1 Annual Financial Report to NH DRA, 1 Warrant for Collection of Land Use Change Tax, 1 Building Permit, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut, 1 Application for Sign Permit and 1 Forest Fire Report/Bill.

A member of the public who attended the meeting who was not on the agenda was Sandy Morgan.

At 6:45 p.m. Acting Chair Cheney called the meeting to order and Ann Marie indicated that Butch Bain, Road Agent would be an additional appointment (7:00 p.m.) on the agenda this evening. Acting Chair Cheney then called on Kevin McGuire, the new Transfer Station Manager. The Board explained to Kevin that they were impressed with the present appearance of the Transfer Station and that they felt he is doing an excellent job. The Board also confirmed to Kevin that he would have support from the Boards and Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator, concerning any budget issues that he may encounter. Kevin discussed the rotted roof over the compactor which had to be taken down, and it was suggested that Kevin think about any projects that might be needed in the future so that they can be considered in the budget process. Kevin indicated that he was in the process of building a new door for the dumpster and has engaged the Thornton Road Agent, (with the consent of Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator) to aid in transporting materials and the door itself to the Transfer Station. The Board also stressed to Kevin the importance of keeping the business line open with Mount Carberry Landfill. Kevin also informed the Board that a suggestion was made to have the use of hand sanitizers available to the public so he has purchased this item (himself) to try out at the Transfer Station. The Board thanked Kevin for his performance and appreciated the fact that he came in this evening.

At 7:00 p.m. Acting Chair Cheney then called on Butch Bain, Road Agent. Butch explained that there is a 3-foot culvert on Meadow Lane that needs replacing and the job needs to be done this week in conjunction with the paving job to be done in a few weeks. Butch stated that he received 2 proposals for the cost of the excavation of this project, as follows: Larry Benoit Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$900.00 and M.E. Johnston Construction in the amount of \$1,290.00. Butch explained that Leigh Johnston was also approached for a proposal but due to scheduling issues Leigh Johnston declined. After discussion and the fact that Butch confirmed that he had no problem with Larry Benoit Excavation, LLC performing the excavating, Acting Chair Cheney made a Motion to accept the proposal of Larry Benoit Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$900.00 to

perform the excavation work for the removal and replacement of the 3-foot culvert on Meadow Lane. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney and the proposal from Larry Benoit Excavation, LLC for excavation was unanimously approved.

Butch Bain's August Itinerary and fuel expense comparisons were distributed to the Board. Butch did explain that he will be rearranging and adjusting subcontractors' snowplowing routes and Highway crew routes this year which he feels will save some money and in turn, this savings can be allocated to rising fuel costs. Butch also informed the Board that the new truck will be available soon and this equipment will also save the Town money in plowing expenses.

Butch Bain also informed the Board that the NH DOT informed him that the 8-foot sign warning on the Blair Bridge does not meet DOT standards.

Acting Chair Cheney then continued the meeting by calling for a Motion to approve the public Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Morgan made a Motion to approve the Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney and the public Minutes were then unanimously approved as written.

Acting Chair Cheney then called for a Motion to approve, as written, the Non Public Minutes of July 11, 2011 held with the Thornton Board of Selectmen and the Ellsworth Board of Selectmen and the Non Public Minutes regarding compensation of a public employee. The Motion was made by Selectman Morgan to approve both sets of Non Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney and both sets of Non Public Minutes were then unanimously approved as written.

Acting Chair Cheney then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that a proposal was received from Mark Laroche in the amount of \$563.00 to remove and replace the old stair system (basement bulk head stairs) at the Fire Department. The Board agreed that the work needed to be done for safety reasons. A Motion was then made by Selectman Keeney to approve Mark Laroche's proposal and complete the work at the Fire Station in the amount of \$563.00. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan and with a role call vote: Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, and Selectman Keeney – aye, and the proposal was unanimously approved.

Ann Marie indicated that the Board all received Hannah Joyce's Memo regarding 2011 Fall Tax Rate Setting. Ann Marie stated that she also spoke with Michelle Clark (of DRA) who did express a tax rate possibly being set in September; however, Michelle confirmed that there had been problems in the past relating to the utility rates being set and Beebe River Village District delays.

A thank you letter was received from the Town of Ashland for allowing the Public Safety Departments of Campton/Thornton to participate in their 4th of July parade.

The North Country Public Safety Foundation (a private entity) forwarded an official nomination form which can be submitted to their Foundation for any suggested public safety officers to be awarded through their Foundation. The awards would benefit the officers and their families.

A letter was received from White Mountain National Forest asking for any comments and thoughts pertaining to the relocation of a section of the Berry Farm Snowmobile Trail from private land onto National Forest System land in Campton.

Ann Marie indicated that she had spoken to Laura Spector, Town Attorney regarding the property in Waterville Estates that has been abandoned and previously discussed with the Board, Corey Smith and Michael Bauman. Attorney Spector indicated that the Town would have to go before the District Court in order to get permission to board up the building on the property and this could be costly and Laura did not recommend it. After discussion, the Board concurred not to go forward with any action on this matter.

Ann Marie informed the Board that it was determined (through the Unemployment Compensation Department) that a seasonal employee hired through Parks and Rec. was not eligible for collection of unemployment through the Town.

There being no further correspondence, Acting Chair Cheney then proceeded with Other Business – Selectmen’s Input and called on Ann Marie and Selectman Keeney. Ann Marie indicated that she and Selectman Keeney and Selectman Davis, Matt Moore, Shawn James and Nancy Mayville met last Thursday concerning the Blair Bridge Project. Ann Marie explained that it was determined by the NH DOT that the design built process was not going to work and the bidding process was what the NH DOT suggested proceeding with. Consequently, to address the bidding process procedure, Shawn James will need to resubmit documentation for the change in procedures. Also, it was noted that 2 public meetings would need to be held. It was also mentioned that the Historical Society would need to be contacted. In light of this new direction, it was acknowledged that it will create delays. The project could possibly be put out for bidding in January and construction commenced in 2013. Ann Marie indicated that Matt Moore would address the Board more fully on the details of this meeting when there is a full Board present. Ann Marie also mentioned that there will be a new contact person at the NH DOT, C.R. Willeke, (rather than Nancy Mayville) involved in this project.

There being no further business, Acting Chair Cheney then made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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