

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 8, 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, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Wheeler was not present because of a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 5 Building Permits, 2 Sign Permits, and 1 contract regarding NH Humane Society, 3 Intents to Cut and 1 Employee's Request for Personal Leave.

A member of the public who attended the meeting who was not on the agenda was Lloyd Wiley.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Dennis Prescott regarding a Beebe River Property, which he had previously discussed with the Board two meetings ago. Mr. Prescott explained that he has now signed a Lease Purchase Agreement for the old KC Tire property presently owned by Mecap, LLC. Mr. Prescott explained that he was here to ask if the Town is willing to abate taxes on the property in question up until the time of his purchase in exchange for the agreement by Mr. Prescott to properly clean up the property (in compliance with State requirements). Mr. Prescott also expressed concern about the property increasing substantially in value after the cleanup and asked if the Board could hold the value for 5 years. The Board acknowledged that they had no authority to hold the value; however a re-evaluation would not be done until 2014, but the property could possibly be included in the one-quarter portion of the Town which is designated to be evaluated by the assessors each year (and then the entire Town re-evaluation is completed on the 5th year). With that being said, the Board felt that Mr. Prescott would certainly be able to file an abatement if he felt it necessary. Mr. Prescott also discussed some repairs he would be doing on the property and the Board explained that no Building Permit was necessary as long as he was not changing the footprint of the building; however, any cleanup operations would be by State regulations. Mr. Prescott stated that he was looking at the cleanup being completed on or before November 30, 2011. Selectman Keeney then made a Motion pertaining to property Map/Lot #09.15.031.00002 that the Town would forgive taxes, interest and costs through the 2011 tax year and the \$8,500 lien will also be forgiven as long as the property is cleaned up in compliance with State regulations by November 30, 2011 and notification of said compliance be given to the Town of Campton. Selectman Morgan seconded the Motion and approval of said Motion was unanimous.

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

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that Mr. Stanley W. Freeman, III had come in to the office and dropped off a letter

requesting that his property in the Beebe River Village District be removed from the Beebe River Village District and his explanation for such request (which Ann Marie explained to the Board) which involved a lot line adjustment with Trudy Cote and the discrepancies of adjusting the territorial boundary of the Beebe River Village District. The Board discussed conditions set forth regarding commercial properties not being allowed to connect to Beebe River Village District (restrictions in the grant) and the fact that part of the Cote property actually should be in the Beebe River Village District. Ann Marie will check further into portions of same properties being included and not included in the Beebe River District and value designations determined by the assessors.

Ann Marie also indicated that the Beebe River Village District Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Campton Historical Society Building. She also informed the Board that an Article will be voted upon at that meeting to dissolve the Beebe River Village District. A 2/3's vote is required.

Ann Marie indicated that the Building Committee met on July 27th and the Minutes of the Meeting will be posted on the Town web site after they are approved. Selectman Morgan attended the meeting and indicated that heating sources were discussed; the fact that the present design has too much roof space; and the fact that it was discovered that Geothermal energy brought with it high maintenance costs. Selectman Morgan indicated the Committee is now working on some changes and then getting some solid costs figures.

Ann Marie also distributed to the Board the Highway Department Fuel Expense comparisons for 2010-2011. It was acknowledged by the Board that budget adjustments next year will need to be made for increasing fuel costs as the State's price per gallon is no longer fixed (as of January, 2011) and varies daily. Ann Marie did indicate that even though the fuel expense budgeted this year would exceed the allocated figure, there will be money available in winter maintenance of the roads to cover the fuel overage for this year.

Ann Marie indicated that NH Retirement System sent an updated notification that the Town Employer rate percentage contribution is now set at 8.80% for employees, Police at 19.95% and fire at 22.89%.

Deb Reynolds sent an e-mail update regarding the Local Government Center (LGC) issue and urged the Town to write to the LGC requesting the return of surplus to the Town. Ann Marie pointed out that the Town of Campton was not enrolled with the LGC for health insurance during the time in question. The Board, at this point was still not totally convinced that LGC did anything wrong.

Ann Marie indicated that a "Financial Account Reconciliation" course was being offered (starting in October). The registration is \$30.00 and the publication material for the course is \$119.00. She indicated that she would like to attend this course and money has been allocated in the budget. The Board concurred.

Ann Marie also indicated that Matt Moore sent an e-mail regarding the Blair Bridge Project and the fact that they still have not heard from Nancy Mayville. There seemed to be some discrepancy of interpretation of the State's procedure between Sean James and Matt Moore. Selectman Keeney suggested an appropriate e-mail be forwarded to Sean James regarding a communication issue and Ann Marie will consult with Matt Moore first.

Ann Marie reminded the Board of the Meeting with the Thornton and Ellsworth Board of Selectmen regarding the Campton/Thornton/Ellsworth Fire Inter-Governmental Agreement meeting is set for Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m., at the Thornton Town Office. Selectman Cheney mentioned some changes that were discussed by the Board; however Ann Marie indicated that Attorney Spector stated that the changes the Board is concerned about would need to be put in the Personnel Policy Manual not the Inter-Government Agreement.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis inquired if Lloyd Willey had anything he wanted to add to the meeting. He stated he was at the meeting to listen. Chair Davis inquired if any Board member had any other business to discuss. The Board did not.

There being no further business, Chair Davis then made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,

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