

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 23, 2012

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed 2 Veterans' exemptions, 1 2012 Contract for Cyclical Revaluation Services and 1 Notice of Intent to Cut.

A member of the public who was present at this meeting, but not on the agenda was Sandy Morgan.

6:45 p.m. Chair Davis brought the meeting to order and indicated that she revised the Work Session Minutes dated January 17, 2012 (copies of the revisions were distributed to the Board for their review). After the Board's review, Chair Davis then made a Motion to approve the revised Work Session Minutes dated January 17, 2012, to approve the 2 sets of Non Public Session Minutes (as written) dated January 17, 2012 and to approve the Minutes dated January 9, 2012 (as written). The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that Attorney Adam Cook sent a letter indicating that he was representing a property owner and taxpayer in Beebe River Village District and was requesting "documents relative to the town's relationship with the taxing district, Beebe River Village District". Ann Marie explained to the Board the documentation that was forwarded to Attorney Cook and the Board suggested that Attorney Cook be billed for the copy costs.

Ann Marie presented a picture to the Board of the Christmas tree that the Campton Corner Pantry entered in the Festival of Trees contest sponsored by the Common Man Inn, which won second prize.

A copy of a letter was received from Primex (addressed to Police Chief Warn) expressing that Primex is happy for the opportunity to provide additional programming and creative law enforcement-centered training to the Department in the future.

Ann Marie also indicated that Primex is having a workshop, "Human Resources Best Practices Series – I" on Thursday, February 9, 2012, between 9:00 a.m. and noon, at the Meredith Community Center in Meredith. Selectman Wheeler has a conflict in schedule; however, Selectman Keeney will attend.

Ann Marie indicated that \$1,650.00 of land use taxes will be turned over to the Conservation Commission this year.

Ann Marie stated that Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector received the petitioned Warrant Article for a High Voltage Electrical Transmission Line Ordinance for voting at the March 2012 Town Meeting.

Chair Davis then called on Lisa Ash and Carolee Miot to review the 2012 Proposed Parks & Rec. Budget. Lisa explained that the budget reflected a slight increase in compensation for the Director's compensation and an increase for some additional programs. After review, the Board was in agreement with the slight increase and acknowledged that they are hearing great things about the program from the public.

Ann Marie indicated that the Board's 7:00 p.m. appointment was not going to be present so Chair Davis then called on Matthew Moore regarding the Blair Bridge Project. Chair Davis explained that the Board met with Sean James and Sean briefly touched on the \$619,000.00 increase for the cost of the project. After discussing the costs reductions (suggested by Sean James) and the pier scour protection item added to the restoration plan, Mr. Moore indicated that it was hard to find ways to bring the cost down because of having to follow certain guidelines. Mr. Moore did indicate that the engineering fee and contingency fees were a contributing factor in arriving at the overage of \$619,000.00 since these figures were erroneously not included in the original restoration estimate. There was also some discussion as to why this error occurred. While Mr. Moore felt there wasn't much that can be done to bring the price down, he did indicate that the State informed him that they do have monies available that other Towns have not used and these funds could possibly be available to the Town of Campton for this project. There was further discussion concerning cash flow issues for the project.

Chair Davis introduced Paul Yelle, President of the Campton Historical Society (CHS) to Matt Moore. After discussion with Paul Yelle concerning the level of involvement as to participation that the CHS desired to be engaged in with the Blair Bridge Project, it was determined that the CHS would like to be an informed party rather than a consultant. Paul Yelle agreed that he would draft a letter to the Cultural Resources Committee informing the Committee of the Historical Society's decision. Chair Davis expressed that the letter would greatly assist in getting to the next step in the rehabilitation process.

Chair Davis then called on Nancy Mardin and Martha Aguiar to present the Trustees of the Trust Funds 2012 Proposed Budget. The requested budget decreased by \$10.00 for a total of \$6,400.00 and the Board members were pleased.

Chair Davis then called on Nancy Mardin to present the Campton Historical Society 2012 Proposed Budget and this budget also stayed flat at \$5,000.00 for operating costs, and \$5,000.00 in Capital Reserves for future building repairs. Again, the Board was very pleased.

Paul Yelle mentioned that the Historical Society will be getting a grant for more storage area. Paul also wanted the Board to be aware of some new events that they are working on. One event in particular Paul mentioned was a Halloween activity which was explained to the Board. Paul was also excited about their guest speakers they have lined up this year. Stan Graton is one of the speakers and he will be presenting a presentation on covered bridges.

At 8:00 p.m. Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A to meet with Laura Spector-Morgan, Town Attorney. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:25 p.m. Town Counsel advised that the meeting with her did not require taking Minutes.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie regarding Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Ann Marie requested that the Board establish a date for the Budget and Bond Hearings. It was determined that Wednesday, February 15, 2012 is the confirmed date.

Selectman Keeney inquired as to the merit raise percentage proposed for Chief Warn’s secretary for 2012. After discussion, it was agreed that Ann Marie will research the Minutes to answer additional inquires presented by the Board.

There being no further business, Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey,
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