

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2012

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney, and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Building Permit.

Members of the public who were present at the meeting, but not on the agenda were Sandy Morgan and Kelly Bolger.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector to review the 2012 Proposed Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Budget. The proposed budget was distributed to the Board for review. After discussion, the Board agreed and informed Hannah that her request for her part-time person to become full-time could not be done this year. Hannah also requested a \$.50 an hour raise for her part-time employee at the end of her 6-month work period. Hannah requested that the supply line be separated between the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office and the Selectman's Office. While Selectman Davis was not in favor, Selectman Keeney was in favor. No decision was made on that issue this evening. The Board agreed with Hannah that Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector was doing an excellent job; however, the Board explained to Hannah that they set a maximum percentage for any merit increase (3.75%) and they agreed that the Deputy should receive a 3.75% increase. Hannah was also informed by the Board that they instituted a performance evaluation process to be followed this year. Since Hannah refused to participate in the evaluation process, the Board agreed that a percentage increase would not be considered for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's position this year.

Hannah then presented the Warrant Article for restoration of records in the amount of \$4,093.00. Selectman Cheney expressed concern that it seems the restoration will "never get caught up" and there should be something more economical than the process now being used and he inquired about CD's. Hannah expressed that they always have to have a paper backup.

Hannah then presented to the Board a list of items she would like to work on in 2012: (1) Updating the Town Clerk/Tax Collector web page to be more user friendly. The Board agreed. (2) Help the Selectmen's Office to complete a purge of data in BMSI. Ann Marie asked if she could speak, and she wanted the Board to know that Hannah did not discuss any of this with her previous to this meeting. Ann Marie indicated that there was previous discussion with the Board concerning switching to the Avitar system, eliminating the duplication of work in BMSI and Vision. With that being said, Ann Marie expressed that she is was not in favor of her staff expending any more time working on trying to improve BMSI data. Hannah's list continued as follows: (3) Look again into the acceptance of credit cards; (4) Assist the Selectmen's Office in completing trial mergers; and (5) Look into having the Assessment cards on-line. There was

discussion about costs involved with this procedure and trying to keep the budget at a minimum. Ann Marie also indicated that the majority of the time there are questions brought up by appraisers and realtors and those questions are addressed while the individuals are in the office, which eliminates possible additional telephone communication.

Hannah Joyce formally requested a copy of the Non Public Minutes dated January 17, 2012 that have been sealed.

The Board also informed Hannah Joyce that the Moderator's rate of compensation will remain the same at \$50.00. The Board also expressed to Hannah that they were looking at the "Old Home Day" event becoming (eventually) self-sustaining. The Board requested that Hannah provide expenditures to the Board for their review and consideration for the 2012 budget.

Chair Davis acknowledged that the individual who had an appointment regarding a tax matter this evening did not show so she proceeded with approving the Minutes of the previous meeting. After revisions discussed, Selectman Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney and the revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that a petitioned Warrant Article has been received regarding broadcasting various Town Boards' Meetings. Ann Marie read the Warrant Article which states that: All towns such as the Town of Campton, in the Pemi-Baker Community receiving Time Warner Cable are asked to join Pemi-Baker Community TV as "member communities." The cost is \$1.00 per cable subscriber, yearly fee. For the subscriber yearly fee Campton would become a "Member Community" which would allow: The submission of one municipal meeting a week to be broadcasted on Channel 3; Town residents may submit videos free of charge to Channel 20; Town manager/administrator may submit emergency/priority messages to appear as "banner: on Channel 3; and Continued use of electronic bulletin board free of charge by residents/organizations with priority handling of messages. Ann Marie indicated the difficulties she has encountered in trying to arrive at a figure for the budget if this Warrant Article were to pass. The Board suggested working with a figure on the high end so it would reflect the "worst case scenario.

Ann Marie indicated a letter was received expressing concern about a proposed power line being installed from the wind farm on Tenney Mountain in Groton, NH going through Campton, Plymouth and Holderness. The concerned parties expressed that there were no meetings for the public to attend before this was planned, and the question was presented in the letter: "Why not use the right of way that is the least intrusive and meets the same point." The letter was signed by "Shutters in the Dark".

A copy of a newspaper article was forwarded from Jim Aguiar pertaining to utility companies trying to get a lower assessment on their utility poles and lines. Ann Marie mentioned that the utility companies expressed that they would like the towns in the state

to follow more closely the state's recommended assessments. Ann Marie confirmed that the Town of Campton does already follow state recommended assessments.

At 7:30 p.m. Chair Davis then called on Tom Mullen and Kelly Wieser as their next appointment for the evening. Kelly advised the Board that they were here this evening to get some input from the Board on a project they are participating in. The project involves purchasing property off of Route 49 from Donald and Cheryl Johnson in order to build an indoor water park, hotel facility, conference center, restaurant and gift shop. Kelly Wieser explained that the facility would establish an estimate of at least 400 jobs for the area and a conservative estimate of \$75,000,000.00 in property value. It was also acknowledged that this entire venture would eventually be owned by a New York firm. Mr. Mullen expressed that he was not at liberty to confirm the name at this time.

There was discussion from the Board concerning if the facility would be open to local day visitors as well as their reservation traffic. Mr. Mullen confirmed that there would be consideration made during less busy times. There was also discussion concerning traffic matters; water supply (expansion of the Campton Village District); sewage matters; possible ledge issues; and Northern Pass issues. The Board expressed that the venture was a fantastic idea. It was acknowledged by Mr. Mullen that he would like the project to move ahead this year and that he and Kelly were meeting with the Campton Planning Board tomorrow evening. Kelly and Mr. Mullen thanked the Board for their time.

Chair Davis continued the meeting with Other Business – Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis indicated that the Blair Bridge signs have been vandalized again. Butch Bain, Road Agent has fixed them; however there was discussion about placing cameras at both ends of the bridge. The Board agreed it was something to consider.

Chair Davis informed the Board that there is logging activity on Perch Pond Road and the road is breaking up and there were 8 inch deep holes that Butch Bain has managed to fix; however, she is concerned about more extensive damage to the road and additional cost to the Town. She asked the Board for permission to have Butch Bain set the road ban weight limits up early. Ann Marie will speak to Butch Bain and the Board agreed that the loggers should to be notified of the early date if that is the direction taken.

Chair Davis also stated that on February 13, 2012 she and Selectman Wheeler would not be present at the Selectmen's Meeting; however, the Board will still have a majority present to vote on the petition to alter the boundary of the Waterville Estates District.

It was agreed that the Board would meet on February 22, 2012 (due to the February 20<sup>th</sup> holiday) to review Warrant Articles.

The Building Committee will be having their next meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 in the Art Room at the school and the Fire Department and Police Department have been invited.

Ann Marie presented a price quote from Kurt Smith for the replacement of 2 new computers, (one in the Selectmen's Office and one in the Town Clerk's Office) and a color laser jet printer. The total price is \$5,267.98. The Board agreed.

Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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