

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MARCH 25, 2013

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, Marsh Morgan and Karl Kelly. The Board reviewed and signed the manifests. They also signed 1 Building Permit, 1 Application Certification Agreement for Federal Surplus Property, and 1 Report of Appropriation Actually Voted and 1 Intent to Cut.

Members of the public present at this meeting but not on the agenda were: Robert Bain and Robert M. Hiltz, Jr. Tom Mullen was present for the latter half of the meeting.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Kelly Bolger to give an update on the buildings. Kelly indicated that he invited Mike Gilbert of Milton CAT and Bill Fraser of GRI this evening to discuss the pros and cons of diesel fuel vs. propane for the operation of the new generator. Some of the questions the Board presented were: (1) Will the generator purchased now meet emissions standards 5 years from now? (2) What fuel is more favorable, diesel or propane? (2) Maintenance issues (3) Cost effectiveness of both fuels (4) Whether or not discounts were available for larger quantity purchases and the fact that diesel fuel would be readily available and transportable in an emergency situation. Kelly informed the Board that an emergency supply contract would have to be signed with the fuel service. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to go with diesel fuel as opposed to propane for the generator operation. The Board thanked Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Fraser for their assistance this evening.

Kelly Bolger then informed the Board that he will be scheduling this week a plumbing and electrical inspection of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's new office. Kelly stated that the inspections are not required but he wanted to get the inspections done. Kelly also indicated that he did the best he could do with electrical outlet placements; however, he will have a contractor available on the day of the move if additional outlets are necessary. Kelly indicated that once the Selectmen's Office was out of the trailer he would have the furniture moved out to the meeting room in the old Town Office where possible bidders could view the furniture for purchase. Ann Marie stated that she spoke with Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator, who indicated that the Town of Thornton would like to view the furniture for possible purchase. Kelly also indicated that he will have the skirting removed on the trailer and arrangements made to release the walkway decking from the trailer. Kelly invited Selectman Karl Kelly to tour the Municipal Building and the new Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. The Board thanked Kelly for his update.

Chair Davis then called on Sally Moulton regarding Beebe River. Ms. Moulton stated that she had the opportunity to speak with residents in Beebe River and that there were four residents interested in becoming Commissioners. Ms. Moulton indicated that the interested parties are comprised of 2 residents that are long-time residents and the other two residents are new residents. Ms. Moulton explained that the consensus is that they are interested in hiring a management company for the water and sewer and the roads

would be handled between the residents. The water rights were discussed by Sally Moulton and she mentioned the right-of-way issues and some discrepancies of opinions were discussed concerning the right-of-way issued to the District. Ms. Moulton asked that the residents of Beebe River be allowed an extension of time and that the Board agree to the “stay” in order for the interested residents to get organized and acquaint themselves with budget preparation, etc. Ms. Moulton requested approximately three weeks. Chair Davis explained to Ms. Moulton that the Board needed to consult with the Town Attorney, Laura Spector-Morgan before any decisions could be made. The Board then thanked Ms. Moulton for coming.

Chair Davis then called for approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and the Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler. The Minutes were then unanimously approved as written.

At this point, Chair Davis explained to the Board that Selectman Karl Kelly has expressed an interest in the Blair Bridge Project so she would like to suggest that Selectman Kelly’s name be added to the Blair Bridge Project on the 2013 Assignment list. The Board concurred.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that the Office of Devine Millimet & Branch, P.A. forwarded a letter notifying the Town that Attorney Mark Broth has resigned from their firm. Devine Millimet & Branch PA would like to know the Board’s preference regarding the Town’s files pertaining to the mediation held with Attorney Broth. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to have the files transported to Town Attorney, Laura Spector-Morgan’s office.

Ann Marie indicated that Senator Jeanie Forrester provided an update on Senate Bills regarding Rooms & Meal, gas tax, the disabled and fees for vital records. Ann Marie will e-mail the update to Board members.

Ann Marie informed the Board that she was in possession of the title to the Beebe River Village District pickup truck; however, Laura Spector-Morgan suggested not doing anything with the truck until after the court case is resolved.

A thank you card was received from Angela Rescino that Ann Marie read to the Board.

Ann Marie wanted the Board to be aware that a taxpayer signed a recent tax agreement (which the Board also signed) for payment of 2010 taxes. Ann Marie and the taxpayer were not aware (at the time of signing the tax agreement) that there is a remaining balance on the 2009 taxes. Ann Marie will notify the taxpayer and after the balance of the 2009 taxes are paid, Ann Marie will draw up another agreement to be signed for the 2010 taxes.

Chair Davis presented a letter to Ann Marie (which she received from Carol Lenahan) thanking the Board for recognizing her at Town Meeting for her achievements as President of the Garden Club. Ann Marie read the letter from Carol to the Board.

Chair Davis then called on Tom Mullen. Mr. Mullen stated that he would appreciate it if the Board would send a letter to the State indicating that Owl Street is in need of repair. Selectman Karl Kelly also indicated that Ellsworth Hill Road is also in bad shape. Mr. Mullen indicated that Ray Burton, Senator Forrester and Martha Richards will also be writing a letter to the State.

Mr. Mullen also expressed to the Board that he hoped Board members were not upset about his suggestions made at Town Meeting. Chair Davis explained to Mr. Mullen that they appreciated the suggestions; however, there are too many prohibiting factors regarding personnel which would stand in the way of any consideration to his suggestions. Chair Davis also explained that the Town has a Human Resources Committee and Selectman Wheeler and Selectman Kelly are assigned to this Committee for 2013. Selectman Wheeler explained that the Committee does not have the power to act, but brings issues back to the Board, if need be, and this procedure has been working very effectively. Tom Mullen indicated he was not aware of the Committee and had he known, he would not have made the suggestions in the first place.

Tom Mullen also stated that he had good news from the bank which will assist in “keeping the golf course afloat”.

The Board inquired about the water park progress and Mr. Mullen indicated that he is working with a company who is assisting with working with the bank and bringing in other investors, but feels it will probably take another year and a half.

Chair Davis then continued the meeting with Other Business – Selectmen’s Output. Discussion again ensued pertaining to Beebe River. Chair Davis inquired if the Board would like to have Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan come to a Selectmen’s Meeting to answer Beebe River issues. The Board unanimously agreed that they would like to get their questions answered by phone first, and then they will probably need her to come to a meeting later in the process.

There being no further business, Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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