

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 1, 2013

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, Marsh Morgan and Karl Kelly. Selectman Cheney was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Land Use Change, 1 Appointment for part time Police Officer Blais, 2 Abatements and 1 Property Liability Insurance contract through Primex.

There was one revision to the agenda this evening. The 7:30 p.m. Non Public Session has been rescheduled for July 15, 2013.

Members of the public who were in attendance at this meeting but not on the agenda were Paula Hancock and George J. Wright.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Kelly Bolger for an update on the Municipal Buildings. Kelly informed the Board that he was not happy with the grass with all the weeds growing in the lawn. He has contacted L.E. Johnston and they have agreed to come and mow and spread a weed killer on the lawn at the appropriate time (making sure enough time has passed so the weed killer would not harm the grass). Kelly also reported that the budget for the Fire Department parking lot paving came in under budget so he would like permission to have the Fire Department parking lot striped. He received a quote of \$400.00 for the work to be done. The Board unanimously agreed. Kelly informed the Board that Paul Hatch of Emergency Management has started the second phase of the grant for the generator. Kelly stated that he will have a price quote for a new door for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office tomorrow. The lock on the present door malfunctioned and Chris Kelly assisted in resolving the problem expeditiously. The Board thanked Kelly for his update.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis then called on Rev. Bayard Hancock. Rev. Hancock stated that he wrote the Board a letter on May 30, 2013 concerning the fact that no Board member was present at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Campton and he would like an explanation. Chair Davis explained that, unfortunately, she has a seasonal business that she has to run and it is very busy 7 days a week (including holidays). Selectman Wheeler operates Owl's Nest Golf Course which also is busy during the holidays. Selectman Karl Kelly confirmed the same scenario of meeting with clients, but also expressed that he understood that it wasn't confirmed until a short time before Memorial Day that an actual ceremony was going to take place making it difficult for him to make plans to attend. Selectman Morgan confirmed that he attended a Vietnam War Memorial service (out of town) showing his respect for a friend whose name was added on a memorial stone. The Board reassured Rev. Hancock that no disrespect was intended, just a 7-day work week.

Ann Marie did attend and expressed that it was a lovely ceremony; however explained that it is difficult to get individuals to participate and she proceeded to explain some of the difficulties. Rev. Hancock also expressed that the National Guard was not present. It was confirmed that the National Guard has never attended the Campton Memorial Services. The Board thanked Rev. Hancock for coming and Chair Davis expressed that she hoped that he was satisfied with their explanations and stated that perhaps next year a member might be able to attend.

Chair Davis called for a Motion to approve the Minutes and 3 sets of Non Public Minutes dated June 17, 2013. Selectman Morgan made a revision to the set of Non Public Minutes with Police Chief Warn. Selectman Wheeler then made a Motion to approve the Minutes and 2 sets of Non Public Minutes as presented and the one set of Non Public Minutes with one revision and Selectman Morgan seconded the Motion. The Minutes were then unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that the Blair Bridge Project Construction meeting was held on June 21, 2013. It was confirmed by Arnold Graton that the bond company requires lien waivers for each pay out, not at the end of the project as Sean James had previously indicated. Ann Marie informed the Board that Craig Keeney reviewed the last two bills for the engineering costs.

Ann Marie indicated that an e-mail was received from Charles Willeke of NH DOT regarding a potential Project #12407 change order (in the amount of \$1,300.00) for adding logo signs on the northbound and southbound off ramps of I-93, Exit #27 for the Country Cow (pertaining to the Blair Bridge Project). Discussion ensued pertaining to offering the logo signs to other businesses that pursue the offer and the fact that the expenses involved would not be incurred by the Town, rather by the businesses and the NH DOT Bureau of Traffic would install the signs at no charge. Ann Marie read the procedures set out in the e-mail regarding payment costs, reimbursement amounts and responsibilities of the Country Cow (and any other business wishing to participate). The Board agreed with the sign procedure set out in the e-mail and the offering to other businesses, if they pursue the offer. A Motion was then made by Selectman Wheeler for the approval of Project #12407 change order for the adding of logo signs. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, and Selectman Karl Kelly – aye, the logo signs were approved. (Selectman Davis abstained).

The Board also discussed pot holes in the turn-around driveways being affected by the Blair Bridge Project. Chair Davis called for a Motion to repair the pot holes in the turn-around driveway. Selectman Wheeler made the Motion for the Town to repair the pot holes and Selectman Morgan seconded the Motion, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Ann Marie presented a change order for the Blair Bridge Project in the amount of \$3,000.00 pertaining to additional construction by Arnold Graton which will require

Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan Monitoring. The Board agreed to the \$3,000.00 change order and the order was signed this evening.

An e-mail was received from Senator Jeanie Forrester regarding an update on Northern Pass Route which Ann Marie read to the Board. Senator Forrester expressed encouragement regarding the decision to bury 8 miles of transmission lines; however, she also encouraged the need for steadfast efforts to be continued by the public to protect our communities.

An e-mail was received from Mike Pomerantz concerning an investigation by the Fire Commissioners. The Board unanimously agreed that this matter is a personnel matter and that the Fire Commissioners need to address Mr. Pomerantz's e-mail. Ann Marie will respond to Mr. Pomerantz indicating the Board's decision.

North Country Public Safety Foundation forwarded a Nomination form for recognizing a deserving individual in public safety in the fields of Fire Service, Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services. A nomination form was passed on to Kelly Bolger, Fire Commissioner, for review.

The McGlaulin Group Auctioneers sent notice of their availability for auction services for tax deeded properties. Ann Marie indicated that they offer a flat 10% commission charge.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis continued with Other Business – Selectmen Input. Chair Davis called on Ann Marie who indicated that at the beginning of the year the Board had discussed getting her some additional help with the accounting especially with the additional paperwork for the Blair Bridge Project. Ann Marie had a woman who she met at the recent NHGFOA conference who was interested in obtaining some additional work hours. She presently works for a neighboring town part-time and would like to pick up some more hours. She has very good background in accounting. Ann Marie wanted to know if the Board would be agreeable to using the \$1,700.00 set aside for this in the budget and possibly hire this person. The Board was agreeable to doing this. Ann Marie indicated that she needed to make arrangements for Certified Computer Services to get her updated on QuickBooks and network a computer to hers so she could possibly start in the fall.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Karl Kelly who presented the request from the Country Cow Restaurant to sponsor a grand opening of the Blair Bridge, on the bridge itself. After discussion it was confirmed by the Board that there were too many liability issues to have such an event on the bridge and respectfully said “no” to the request.

There being no further business, Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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