

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 11, 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, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed 1 Elderly Exemption, 1 Building Permit and 1 letter to the Deputy Secretary of State.

Members of the public who were present at this meeting, but not on the agenda were: Sally Moulton and Jeff Andrews.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Keeney called on Kelly Bolger to give an update on the renovation to the old Police Department Building for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Kelly indicated the carpet delivery is running a day late and will be here tomorrow. Kelly also informed the Board that Certified Computer Solutions, LLC has been in touch with the proper individual regarding the fiber optics. Kelly also stated that the building is equipped with motion detectors, heat detector and an air conditioning system. Chair Keeney inquired if the parking lot to the Municipal Building had been taken care of and Kelly confirmed that Butch Bain, Road Agent had swept the entire parking area. Chair Keeney also informed the Board that Chris Kelly and Martha Aguiar inquired if the renovated Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office could be open for the public to view on Election Day (March 12, 2013). Kelly Bolger confirmed that the contractors were fine with the request and that they would be working in the storage area only on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Kelly stated hat he would inform the contractors that the public will be coming through on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board then thanked Kelly for his update.

Chair Keeney noted that the NH Department of Environmental Services had not yet arrived for their appointment so he continued the meeting by calling on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated the NH DOT sent an updated letter regarding the Highway Block Grant Aid with an adjusted payment; therefore, Warrant Article 6 needed to be amended to reflect the adjustment. Selectman Wheeler agreed to read the Amendment to Article 6 at Town Meeting.

Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector provided a copy of a Wetland application needed by the school for a drainage ditch in the back of the building.

A copy of the Town of Campton's Objection to Request for Reconsideration of Denial of Verified Motion to Stay Final Order Pending Appeal in the case of Town of Campton v. Beebe River Village District was received from Laura Spector-Morgan.

An e-mail was received from Liz Sheil indicating that there will be a public forum with Interim Director George Bald providing an update relative to the Local Government Center. Two events have been scheduled one for March 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Common Man (Foster's Hall) in Plymouth and one scheduled for April 9, 2013, at 7:00

p.m. at the Tilton Senior Center. Ann Marie indicated that an RSVP for the Plymouth meeting is needed by March 18 and April 5 for the Tilton meeting.

There being no further correspondence Chair Keeney continued the meeting by calling for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. After one revision made by Selectman Davis, Selectman Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised and Selectman Wheeler seconded the Motion. The Minutes were unanimously approved as revised.

Chair Keeney then called on the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) regarding Beebe River Water and Sewer. The representatives appearing for the NH DES were: Rick Skarinka, Rene J. Pelletiere, P.G. and Cynthia M. Klevens, P.E. The Board introduced themselves to the representatives and Mr. Skarinka updated the Board that Beebe River's water system is in good shape and the septic is in relatively good shape with the exception of the pump. A price quote was presented by Cynthia Klevens for a replacement pump in the amount of \$3,980.00. Mr. Skarinka emphasized that with that said no major capital investments need to be made; however what is needed is management structure. Mr. Skarinka expressed that the representatives were here this evening to hear what the Board would like to see at Beebe River and get some "good dialog" to begin, and come out by solving the problems. Chair Keeney explained that his goal would be to see Beebe River function as a unit (long-term), but the District was not working because of non-participation. It was also expressed by the Board that the Beebe River residents didn't seem to take seriously what their responsibilities were as a District. Ann Marie Foote, Town Administrator explained that because of these problems the setting of the tax rate was delayed which jeopardized the Town cash flow. The end result was the dissolution of the District. Mr. Skarinka expressed that he was of the impression that after the disbanding of the District the responsibilities of Beebe River would fall on the Town. Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan explained that after the dissolution of the District the Town had no responsibilities to Beebe River. Ann Marie has been paying the electric bill and the water testing company (with the funds remaining in the checking account) to keep Beebe River "a float". Laura Spector-Morgan stated that the Town would need to get permission from the Court to expend any monies left in the checking account for the septic pump replacement.

Three options were presented by Attorney Mitchell for management of Beebe River. Those being: (1) Forming a homeowners association; (2) Possibility getting together to form a new District; and (3) A Special Assessment. Mr. Skarinka inquired as to what the Board was in favor of out of the three options. The Board unanimously agreed that the forming of a homeowners' association is what they would like to see happen. Mr. Skarinka explained that he was in favor of a Special Assessment as opposed to the homeowners' association or new District. Mr. Skarinka proceeded to express his reasons for the Special Assessment and they focused around the problems in the past of previously mentioned non-participation and either the homeowners' association or the forming of a new District would appear to present the same problems. He explained that while there seems to be more interest by residents, it wasn't a guarantee that there would be a long-term interest. Mr. Skarinka felt with a Special Assessment the Town would

have a system in place and seems to be a better choice for a long-term resolution. Mr. Skarinka also mentioned that with a Special Assessment costs would be incurred by the Town; however he felt those costs could be incorporated into the Special Assessment. Jeff Andrews, owner of Beebe River Business Park, LLC (who owns properties in Beebe River) also expressed his desire to have a Special Assessment.

Sally Moulton, a resident of Beebe River expressed that she felt the property owners haven't had "their say" and supports a solution that is fair and equitable to the people living in Beebe River. She also expressed that out of fairness to the District Commissioners (when the District was in existence) she felt that they did not have the proper training.

Mr. Skarinka expressed that the Department of Environmental Services would like to move forward to have dialog with the homeowners and then report back to the Board.

At this point, Cynthia Klevens thanked the Board for their time and expressed to the Board the importance of the septic pump replacement as the pump in existence will fail, it is just a matter of time, causing additional problems. She also stated that the NH DES would entertain additional quotes for the pump. The Board then thanked the representatives for coming.

Mr. Jeff Andrews expressed that he gave an easement to the Beebe River District (when it was in existence) giving access on private property regarding the well. Mr. Andrews would like to know now, since the District is not in existence, where the easement stands. Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan indicated that she would have to research this question.

There being no other Business or Selectmen's Input, Chair Keeney declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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