

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MARCH 2, 2009

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were Selectmen Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Charles Cheney was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board spent the first 15 minutes going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 2 Employees' Request for Personal Leave, 3 Abatements, 2 Residency Applications and Chair Davis signed the contract pertaining to NH Humane Society.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis opened the meeting by calling on Butch Bain, Road Agent. Butch explained that there have been incidents involving the violation of the weight limit on Bump Bridge and he was concerned, as the Town has invested thousands of dollars to repair the bridge. Discussion was then had regarding suggestions on how to enforce the weight limits. Police Chief Chris Warn indicated that from past experiences alarms and cameras are not effective. Chief Warn did suggest that the Town regulate the bridge and then a defined fine amount can be established to impose on violators. Chief Warn did state that at present, if anyone witnesses a violator and then comes to his office and signs a written statement, Chief Warn would act on that statement by writing a summons to the violator. Police Chief Warn did mention that he could put a warning of a fine on the Police Department web site. Chair Davis suggested (after Town Meeting) that the Board discuss this issue further, to decide what route to take on this problem (possibly a Town ordinance drafted).

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis called on Charles Brosseau, Compliance Officer regarding junkyard issues. Charlie distributed to the Board a copy of the draft Application for Junkyard License for the Board to review. Kelly Bolger (present at the meeting) stated that this project has been one of the longest running items to be acted upon and it is hoped that (as spring approaches) action can be taken. Charlie felt a two-person team would be the most effective and previously, Selectman Craig Keeney had offered to accompany him on the property visits. It was agreed by the Board that a schedule be set up to visit the properties on the list and to encourage the property owners to "cleanup". Then, if there are no results with this mild approach, the Board will decide on seeking enforcement of state regulations; and (it was previously decided) that the filing of the Application for Junkyard License be issued to the property owner for completion with a paid fee requirement. Charles Brosseau and the Board did express that they did not wish to "put anyone out of business" and hoped that the encouraging (and suggestions) for clean up action will resolve the issues. The Board then thanked Charles Brosseau for coming.

Chair Davis then asked Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that the Census Bureau had forwarded a letter notifying that the first phase of the 2010 Census will begin in April of 2009. The Bureau also explained that the new questionnaire would take approximately 10 minutes to complete and had only 10 questions. The U.S Census

Bureau is also encouraging involvement of community leaders and businesses to become actively involved in promoting the Census to residents in the area.

Ann Marie stated that the Application for the Blair Covered Bridge pertaining to the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program had been submitted, but it could take 6 to 9 months for a response.

A letter was received from Grafton County Commissioners regarding an update on the proposed Department of Corrections new facility. Due to litigation that has not been completed the building plans are now on hold, but they have been busy redesigning the square footage to curb costs.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board the draft Agreement that Laura Spector had completed for the Board to review regarding the Campton Village Water Precinct, Richard Tuck and the Town of Campton. After reviewing, the Board decided that they would like a few more additions to the agreement being: this agreement does not “run with the land” (that it only be in effect with Rick Tuck as owner); that “horse back riding guests” be added to the language with sleighs; and also to keep snow to a minimum of 2 inches to allow easy passage. Ann Marie will speak to Laura Spector regarding the additional language.

Ann Marie also stated that the 3 abutter property owners to Mr. Steve Dinger’s property in Waterville Estates had agreed to accept service by certified mail. Ann Marie confirmed, after speaking with the property owners, a “domino effect” could possibly occur, depending on the results of this issue.

Ann Marie stated that Hannah inquired as to whether or not the Board would like to be on stage again for the Town Meeting. It was decided that the Board be on stage and, if possible, skirting under the table be provided. It was also established that (at Town Meeting) Article #4 be read by Selectman Sharon Davis; Article #16 be read by Selectman Charles Wheeler and the Amendment of the Elderly Exemption will be read by Selectman Marsh Morgan.

There being no further correspondence or announcements, Chair Davis moved for a motion to accept the Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes of the previous meeting; with a Motion from Selectman Marsh Morgan and seconded by Selectman Craig Keeney the Minutes were approved as written.

Chair Davis then called for Other Business/Selectmen’s Input. Selectman Keeney questioned as to whether or not the Village Water Precinct had applied for assistance from the stimulus package in order to increase the flow rate with respect to the sprinkler system at the school. Kelly Bolger indicated that he has spoken to the State Fire Marshal and apparently the present piping does not meet the gallons per minute required. Apparently an extension was granted pertaining to this issue and it is believed that now the time period has expired. The options Kelly stated were fixing the pipeline or building a cistern; either or would involve funds that were not available at the present time.

Selectman Keeney stated that he would contact Jon Francis, Facilities Manager at the SAU office, regarding any status on this matter.

Police Chief Warn wanted to inform the Board that he had given Officer Betsy Bolan permission for a leave of absence since she has made the semi-finalists for the TV show "Survivor".

There being no further business, Chair Davis then moved for a Motion to adjourn. Selectman Charles Wheeler made a Motion to adjourn and seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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