

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 26, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney, and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 4 Residency Applications, 2 Building Permits and 1 Purchase Order for the Highway Department.

Members of the public who attended the meeting who were not on the agenda were: Gary Benedix, Nicholas Sceggell, Sam Plaisted, Jim Sanborn, Roger Hoyt, Ed Hoyt, and Floyd Wilkie.

Acting Chair, Charles Cheney called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and called on Butch Bain, Road Agent regarding a road issue on Deacon Willey Road concerning Steve Hackett's property. Butch explained that Mr. Hackett had constructed a 3 to 4 foot berm shoulder in front of his property. Butch explained that while this berm has not caused erosion problems in the past, the problem did arise with the last heavy rain storms and the issue needs to be addressed. Butch felt the solution to the problem was to take down the berm. Mr. Hackett explained that he had the berm constructed so that sand would not come down his driveway and also onto his lawn. Butch confirmed that Mr. Hackett has a nice lawn and his property drops below the road grade. Both Mr. Hackett and Butch presented pictures to the Board illustrating the problem. After discussion, the Board agreed to go out to view the site on Thursday, July 29, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. to come up with a solution. The Board did suggest moving the berm back further on Mr. Hackett's property and Mr. Hackett was in favor of that procedure.

At 7:15 p.m. Acting Chair, Charles Cheney called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Jacqueline Arzouian as the next appointment on the agenda regarding a dog issue. Jacqueline Arzouian spoke on her own behalf, explaining that she resides in the Town of Campton and has 2 labs which she has purchased dog licenses for in the past. She explained that she was out of the state of New Hampshire for five months and she took her two dogs with her. She stated that she received two notices from the Town indicating her delinquency on registering the two dogs which she ignored calling the Town about. She felt that the dogs were not in Campton for five months so there was no need to license them in Campton. Jacqueline explained that she then received a notice of Civil Forfeiture from the Town for neglecting to register the dogs. She then called the Chief of Police, Chief Warn, who suggested she come in to speak to the Board. She explained that she did not realize that the law specified that the dogs be registered in the Town in which she legally claims residency rather than where the dogs were temporarily housed in Vermont. Ms Arzouian, by her own acknowledgment, indicated that she did not register the dogs in Vermont either. Ms Arzouian expressed, under her circumstances, some leniency should be considered. It was explained to Ms. Arzouian by the Board that the dog licensing law is mandated by the State of New Hampshire and the Board cannot

make any concessions. Ms Arzouian expressed her extreme disappointment in the Board and abruptly left the meeting.

At 7:25 p.m. Acting Chair Cheney called on the Campton Conservation Committee as the next appointment to further discuss the Groundwater Reclassification Application. Acting Chair Cheney explained that tonight would be an information and comment session only, and no vote would be taken this evening regarding the Groundwater Reclassification Application because a full Board was not present. Acting Chair Cheney stated each individual who wished to speak this evening will be given equal time to express their views. Ann Marie also pointed out that a letter of support was received from Village Pond Association, but it was not received until the day after the previous Selectmen's Meeting and that is why it was not presented at that meeting. She also pointed out that letters of support were also received from the Campton Village Precinct, Campton Conservation Commission, Corey Smith of Waterville Estates Village District and James D. Aguiar. Nick Sceggell also presented an e-mail to Ann Marie in support of the project from Campton Sand and Gravel.

Jessica Halm of the Conservation Commission stated that the Conservation Commission wanted to follow-up regarding the Reclassification after the Public Hearing and that the Conservation Commission thought that at this meeting this evening the Board would be voting on whether or not to apply for the Groundwater Reclassification Application. Jessica reiterated their support for the program and they want to do everything they can do to protect the aquifer. Gary Benedix, Campton Village Precinct Commissioner, expressed that while he believed Campton, at the present time, doesn't seem to have a problem with hazardous waste, he felt that future development might create a problem and he was supporting the project. He also expressed that he felt this program was not finger pointing at businesses, but an awareness program. Floyd Wilkie, a Campton businessman, was not in favor of the project. He felt that the businesses in Town were not getting enough credit for the procedures they follow in protecting groundwater and are more knowledgeable about protection procedures than homeowners. He felt that if businesses were being singled out homeowners should also be involved. Mr. Wilkie also pointed out that his property is also inspected by his business liability insurance company and the company will deny coverage if certain procedures are not met. Selectman Morgan inquired if the State had ever been out to inspect Mr. Wilkie's property and Mr. Wilkie indicated that he believed they came out once. Mr. Wilkie feels "the businesses are regulated enough". Jim Sanborn felt that this project should not be implemented against businesses and was concerned about who, and how qualified the individual was who would be doing the inspections. (Mr. Sanborn explained that he was not present at the Public Hearing). Acting Chair Cheney explained that Charles Brosseau, Code Enforcement Officer would be doing the inspections after he was trained by the State. At this time copies of the sample surveys were passed out for the public to review.

Sam Plaisted stated that the Town did not need any more expenses to enforce State law. He didn't feel the Town had any business getting involved in this project and it should be handled solely by the State.

Roger Hoyt expressed that there were a considerable number of businesses that deal with hazardous waste that were not included on the list of businesses and he was not in favor of this project. There was again discussion about how the businesses were selected. Ed Hoyt was also not in favor of this project and all the gentlemen present who were not in favor of this project mentioned wider spread contaminations present in Town (one in particular being salt distribution). They felt the contamination examples they presented were more severe than what this project would be regulating.

Jessica Halm expressed that this meeting was an “eye opener” and that the contamination concerns were absolutely valid, and she pointed out that once the aquifer gets contaminated it will not clean up easily, and the cost of the program was minimal in comparison to a major clean up. She did express that the Conservation Commission was concerned about possible large point source spills. She asked if this program is not appropriate, what does the public feel could be done to create awareness? Ed Hoyt felt awareness letters to the public could be distributed. Tammy Wooster, of the Conservation Commission pointed out that if the Application was approved, letters would go out to all homeowners making them aware of hazardous waste protection.

Selectman Keeney felt the Conservation Commission should assume the cost of this project rather than the Town. Selectman Keeney expressed that this seemed to be the thoughts expressed to him by taxpayers. Tammy Wooster of the Conservation Commission expressed that the cost factor was never brought to their attention before this meeting. Jessica expressed that there are six volunteers (Conservation Commission members) that would need to be consulted to consider the cost of the project being handled by the Conservation Commission.

There was also discussion pertaining to the fact that the Planning Board is already mindful of regulating possible operations that are anticipating coming in to the Town that would be handling hazardous waste.

After each individual from the public had their equal share of time to speak, Acting Chair Cheney explained again that no vote would be taken at this meeting for the Groundwater Reclassification Application; however, at the next Selectmen’s Meeting scheduled for August 9, 2010 a vote will be taken as to whether or not the Town will decide to apply for the Groundwater Reclassification Application and it will be so noted on the agenda that a vote will be taken that evening.

At 8:30 p.m. Acting Chair called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that Donna Lane forwarded the Request for Qualifications for Beebe River Village Precinct Water and Wastewater System Preliminary Engineering Study and she explained the procedures would be similar to what has been followed for the Blair Bridge Project. Ann Marie stated that Donna Lane also forwarded two additional documents regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) regarding Beebe Rive Village Precinct comprised of a Code of Ethics for CDBG Administration and a Financial Management Plan, which describes the CDBG financial process. Ann Marie explained

that both of these procedural documents need to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen. The provisions of the Code of Ethics for CDBG Administration are as follows:

1. Goods and services shall be procured in a manner that maximizes free and open competition.
2. Officers and employees shall not participate in any decision concerning matters in which they have a financial interest.
3. Conflicts of interest, or the appearance of such shall be avoided in order to assure public confidence in the operations of government.
4. Every effort will be made to actively recruit women/minority-owned businesses and to provide opportunities for local residents and businesses, consistent with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.
5. All procurement actions shall be conducted in public and all record thereto will be open to public review.

Acting Chair Charles Cheney moved for a Motion to adopt and implement the Code of Ethics for CDBG Administration as stated above. A Motion was then made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman Keeney, and the Motion to adopt was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Acting Chair Charles Cheney then moved for a Motion to adopt and implement the Financial Management Plan of the CDBG. A Motion was then made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman Keeney, and the Motion to adopt was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Ann Marie indicated that the Liberty Tree Memorial paper work has been prepared and she is now waiting for the \$500 check and Selectman Davis needs to sign the Proclamation.

A notice was received from University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension regarding an Information Session pertaining to the Asian Longhorned Beetle to be held Thursday, August 5, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at the Grafton County Complex in the UNH Cooperative Extension conference room.

An informative letter was received from Deachman & Cowie regarding an issue between Beebe Valley Family Limited Partnership, Robert Welsh, Manager and Beebe River Village District concerning a broken clay pipe leading to one of the homes in the District.

A letter was received from the State of NH, Department of Revenue Administration concerning the new law on audits being conducted for every municipality in the State of New Hampshire, which Ann Marie had previously brought to the Board's attention after recently attending a seminar.

A follow-up letter was also received from Josephine Belville of the State of NH, Department of Revenue Administration addressed to Commerford Nieder & Perkins, LLC. Ann Marie indicated she would leave copies for the Board to individually view.

A notice of a workshop for “A Hard Road to Travel” was received which is scheduled for November 4, 2010, in Moultonborough which will cover highway discontinuance, roads to summer cottages, regulations, maintenance duties, liability, etc. regarding Class V and VI roads. Ann Marie will remind the Board about the workshop again as the registration date gets closer.

Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector sent an update regarding tax agreements. Two of the four property owners under agreement are behind in their agreements and letters have been sent out.

Ann Marie indicated that a complaint call was received concerning junk cars on an individual property in Town. Ann Marie indicated that there was a recent death in the family concerning the owners of this property and she wanted to know how the Board would like to proceed. It was the consensus of the Board to give the family more time before presenting the complaint.

Acting Chair Charles Cheney then moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Morgan had three revisions. A Motion was then made by Selectman Morgan to approve the Minutes as revised, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney, and the Minutes were unanimously approved as revised.

Acting Chair Charles Cheney then called on Selectman Keeney who discussed the Eastern Corners Road Bridge. Selectman Keeney would like Ann Marie to check in the Minutes to determine whether or not a vote was officially taken regarding the Board’s decision not to spend any monies to repair the bridge. If, in fact, an official decision had been made, Selectman Keeney felt that the land owners and residents should be notified of the Board’s decision.

Selectman Morgan inquired about the progress of the project concerning the status of the road classification for Class V and Class VI roads based on the State map which has discrepancies from the Town’s records. Ann Marie indicated that May is working on the map and Hannah Joyce confirmed she is working on her search and a spreadsheet to be presented to the Board.

There being no further business, Acting Chair Charles Cheney made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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