

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectmen Charles Cheney and Charles Wheeler were not present due to conflicts in their schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 4 Residency Applications, 2 Building Permits, 1 Purchase Order for the Highway Department, 1 Appointment of Roger Stephenson as an Alternate on the Planning Board, 1 Professional Service Agreement between the Town and Donna Lane regarding Beebe River Community Development Block Grant, together with 1 Request for Release of Funds and Certification Exempt and an Agreement pertaining to Request for Qualifications.

A member of the public who attended the meeting who was not on the agenda was Kelly Bolger.

Chair Sharon Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and since the Board's 6:45 p.m. appointment with Bill Sharp was a no-show, she called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. A confirmation letter from Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc. was received confirming their agreement with all conditions listed by the Campton Zoning Board of Adjustment concerning the variance applied for regarding a 16 unit senior housing project. Ann Marie discussed options of taxation for non-profit housing and explained that to the Board with an example of how a nearby Town handles their property tax calculating pertaining to non-profit housing.

The North Country Public Safety Foundation sent a letter regarding their Third Annual Public Safety Foundation Award and encouraged the Board to submit a nomination (nomination form was enclosed) for a deserving individual in the field of Fire Service, Emergency Medical Services (including Search & Rescue) and Law Enforcement.

Ann Marie was very happy to announce that Nancy Mayville, of the NH Department of Transportation forwarded notification that the State will be reimbursing the Town \$76,466.40 (80% of the \$95,583.00 submitted bills) at present, for the Blair Bridge Project.

A thank you letter was received from Mid-State Health Center for the Town's \$500 appropriation.

North Country Council, Inc. sent a letter regarding their anticipation to apply for funding through the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant and asked for the Board's support (attaching a sample letter to draft) to indicate the Town's support.

Also, a notice from North Country Council, Inc. regarding their Quarterly Meeting on August 25, 2010, to include the discussion of "Wind Farms – Big and Small". An RSVP is needed by August 23, 2010.

Ann Marie indicated that Ray Burton called her and the Governor's Council will be meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at the White Mountain National Forest Service Building, in Campton and they will be honoring "unseen volunteers" and asked Ann Marie to submit a deserving volunteer to be honored; however, he needed the name of that individual on the day he spoke with Ann Marie. Due to the short time frame (not having the appropriate time to consult with the entire Board) Ann Marie contacted Ron Reynolds, who has been volunteering his time every week for the past 2 years by providing training to May Brosseau and creating mapping projects that benefit the Selectmen's Office and Planning Board by utilizing the Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping program. Ron not only has offered his time, but has also donated computer equipment to the Town. Ann Marie expressed that Ron Reynolds was very pleased to be honored.

Tom Mullen, of Owl's Nest Golf Club submitted a letter to the Board requesting that a crosswalk be permitted on Owl Street, by the Owl's Nest Golf Club. Ann Marie consulted Police Chief Warn, whose suggestion was that warning signs be installed and perhaps flashing lights as his concern was unregistered golf carts crossing the road. The Board felt that the golf carts have been crossing the road since the course opened and felt the crosswalk would help. Ann Marie explained that the Board will send a support letter to the State, but the ultimate decision will be made by the NH Department of Transportation (after their viewing of the site).

A 6 Month Status and Statistics memo was received from Police Chief Chris Warn which Ann Marie provided copies to each Board member to review. Numbers are up from 2009.

Ann Marie indicated that the Elm tree had arrived from the Liberty Tree Society and Butch Bain, Road Agent, will be planting the tree this week (after he hears from the electric company) and Jeff Hebda will be donating the peat moss for the planting. The official dedication ceremony for the Elm Tree Memorial will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Saturday, August 14, 2010, at the Pattee Meadow, on the corner of Blair Road and Route 175.

Ann Marie indicated representatives from Public Service NH visited the Selectmen's Office recently and discussed the new hydropower project coming from Canada that will be initiated by PS NH (which will include the Town of Campton).

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis called on Wayne Charron, owner of Chesley's Mobile Home Park pertaining to a mobile home that needs to be removed from the park and tax issues on this property. Mr. Charron indicated that the mobile home represents a hazard to the area and has absolutely no worth. Mr. Charron stated that there was a Federal Tax Lien on the property in the amount of \$14,000, which the Federal government was waiving

because of the worthlessness of the mobile home. Mr. Charron asked if the Town would take the same view as the Federal government regarding lien property and taxes. It was the Board's consensus that since Mr. Charron only acquired the property in 2010, that taxes owed in 2010, amounting to \$314.00, be paid by Mr. Charron and the rest of the taxes due previously would be abated. Selectman Keeney inquired if there was any possibility of getting the taxes paid by the previous owner. Ann Marie confirmed that it would not be feasible. Mr. Charron thanked the Board for their consideration.

Chair Davis then moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Morgan then made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney, and the Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Keeney regarding Other Business – Selectmen's Input concerning the Eastern Corner Bridge. Ann Marie indicated, upon Selectman Keeney's request, that she checked the previous Minutes to see if a vote was taken regarding any decisions made by the Board concerning the repair of the bridge. No vote was taken, but the general consensus was that no repairs to the bridge would be made by the Town. Selectman Keeney suggested that a letter be drafted by Ann Marie, and reviewed by the Board, and then sent out to the property owners indicating the Board's decision, and that the Board would give the property owners permission to repair the bridge on their own. Ann Marie will draft the letter.

Ann Marie briefed the Board on the meeting with Nancy Mayville of NH DOT (which was held several weeks previously) pertaining to the Blair Bridge Project. It was confirmed at that time, that funding would not be available until mid-August. Mrs. Mayville informed the Town to get written approval from the State before any work is performed. She also indicated that the Town should be very specific regarding their Request for Qualifications and numerous permits need to be filed. Also, there would be a mandatory training course for Ann Marie and Matt Moore to attend regarding the financial process of the project. Selectman Keeney indicated that contrary to previous information, someone will have to be present on the job site all day, at least 3 ½ days per week. Selectman Morgan suggested that next year's budget reflect setting aside 1 or 2 months of expenses to have on hand before the project actually gets started.

Ann Marie reminded the Board that the Beebe River Block Grant will need similar procedures followed pertaining to interviewing engineers and their qualifications. Ann Marie suggested a Committee be formed for this task as the engineers have until August 19, 2010 to get their proposals in on time and interviews need to be held shortly thereafter. She also suggested that the Beebe River Commissioners be involved in this process since it is their project.

Selectman Marsh Morgan indicated that the old state guard posts on Town Pound Road are not really necessary, and he would like to get the Board's approval to take them down, and for the Board to inform Butch Bain to remove them. The other Board members agreed to have Butch do this.

Also, Selectman Morgan indicated that Fire Chief Tobine expressed to him concerns pertaining to liability regarding the West end of Blair Bridge where the small parking area exists. In addition, there seems to be some kind of structure left behind in the parking area from an event previously sponsored by the Country Cow Restaurant. Country Cow Restaurant will be notified to remove the structure.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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