

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectmen Charles Cheney and Craig Keeney are on vacation. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Residency Applications, 2 Building Permits, 1 Employee's Request for Personal Leave and 1 MS-1 Extension Request Form.

A member of the public who attended the meeting who was not on the agenda was Alain Bennett.

Chair Sharon Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and proceeded to open the engineering bids for the Beebe River Village District Project. Two bids were received, one from Provan & Lorber and the other from Horizons Engineering. After discussion concerning qualifications, assistance with grant funding, knowledge concerning the job at hand, and past work experiences, it was agreed by the Board that both companies are very solid establishments, but seemed to be in favor of Horizons Engineering. Chair Davis then asked Alain Bennett, Beebe River District Commissioner, for any input. Mr. Bennett was in favor of Horizons and feels the company has the most recent knowledge of the project. Chair Davis then moved for a motion; Selectman Morgan made a Motion to accept the bid from Horizons Engineering, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and the Motion was unanimously approved.

Ann Marie then asked Alain Bennett to update the Board regarding Beebe River District. Alain explained that a Petition had been filed (tenants at Beebe River being the majority who signed the Petition) requesting specific financial documents concerning the District's budget. Alain stated that a meeting would be scheduled for the middle of September to address these issues. He also expressed to the Board that the property owners in Beebe River District are upset about the higher Precinct tax and their desire to dissolve the Precinct. Mr. Bennett also stated that Commissioner Scott Woods has resigned. The Board agreed that they will make an effort to attend the Beebe River District meeting, when the date is scheduled in September.

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that a public notice was placed in the newspaper regarding grinding and preparation for paving on Beech Hill Road and Loft Circle starting August 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> and paving will be done the following week.

A bill was submitted from Robert C. Whitehouse, Jr. regarding clearing in the front of two lots owned by Mr. Whitehouse that he felt needed clearing for visibility of motor vehicles and he felt the Town was negligent by not performing this task. Mr. Whitehouse took it upon himself to hire Hixon Logging Tree Service to perform the work, and he was requesting reimbursement from the Town in the amount of \$500.00. The Board agreed

that the Town has an approval process that was not followed in this case, and they agreed that any approval of reimbursement for this bill would set a precedent. Ann Marie will inform Mr. Whitehouse of the Board's decision by letter.

Many workshop notices have been received regarding Grader Operation & Maintenance, Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity, Road Surface Management, Street Crossings, etc. which Ann Marie will pass on to Butch Bain, Road Agent.

An e-mail was received from Stuart Thompson of NH DOT regarding a Rural Signing Improvement Program. This project consists of installing new warning signs and delineation and replacing sub-standard warning signs to improve safety. There is no cost to the Town. Ann Marie will give this information to Butch Bain to follow through with Stuart Thompson.

North Country Council, Inc. sent a notice of their Annual Meeting scheduled for October 28, 2010 at the Mountain View Grand, in Whitefield, at 4:30 p.m. (business meeting), Cocktail Reception at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Ann Marie will pass this information on to Selectman Cheney.

The Local Government Center will be having a "Law Lecture Series" on September 15, 22 and 29<sup>th</sup> and also on October 13, 20 and 27<sup>th</sup>, between 7:00 and 9:00 pm. Ann Marie will pass this information on to May Brosseau, Planning and Zoning Board Clerk. Also a Budget & Finance Workshop (which Selectman Davis and Ann Marie have previously attended) is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> and September 23 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

A reminder notice was received for the Loss Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for September 10, 2010, at the Town Office, at 2:00 p.m.

Ann Marie indicated she had a visit from the Primex representative who indicated that the Workers' Compensation Safety Improvement Program (through Primex) will be offering to members, a financial assistance grant in the amount of \$940. Among some of the examples of eligible equipment that may be purchased with grant funds are: Exterior Walkway Lighting, Ergonomic Equipment, Stepstools/Ladders, Safety Training Consultants and Security Assessments.

A notice from NH Department of Revenue Administration was received indicating the possibility of receiving the approved tax rate by e-mail and the necessary forms to be filled out to receive the tax rate in e-mail form.

A notice was received from Grafton County Economic Development Council regarding their Annual Meeting scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 8:00 a.m., at The Common man Inn, Plymouth, NH.

A thank you letter was received from Court Appointed Special Advocates for the Town's appropriation of \$300.00.

A Community Action Report was received from Sam Greene of the NH Department of Revenue, (after his meeting with Ann Marie). After discussing constitutional and statutory requirements relative to cyclical inspection work, it was noted in his report as follows:

Though, generally speaking, it is a good idea for the Town's contract assessors to inspect properties periodically, there is no constitutional or statutory requirement that cyclical inspections be performed every 5 years, or that they be performed in a 4-year cycle. The Selectmen should consider their options for cyclical inspection work in consultation with their contract assessor.

A revised proclamation regarding the Liberty Elm Dedication was received for Chair Sharon Davis to sign.

Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor forwarded a very nice letter in appreciation of the 2010 Campton Old Home Day Celebration and events.

Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector provided a copy of a letter to the Board that she forwarded to Brown's River Marotti Co. commending them on the excellent job the company had done on the restoration of the Town Reports from 1825-1887.

NH Municipal Association forwarded their notice of the 2011-2012 Legislative Policy Conference (with Proposals) that is scheduled for September 17, 2010. The Board has been supplied with copies.

Ann Marie then presented a list of accounts (provided by the Trustees of the Trust Funds), which the Trustees would like guidance from the Board on investing into CD's. The following is the decision of the Board:

Town of Campton CR – Municipal Building the remainder of \$26,000 from the \$411,329.04 already in a CD the Board suggested the remaining \$26,000 invested in a 6 month CD.

Fire Truck - \$12,050 - The Board suggested the entire amount to be invested in an 18 month CD.

Waste Disposal - The Board suggested \$100,000 of the \$138,383 to be invested in a CD for 6 months.

Future Road Construction \$63,884 - The Board suggested the entire amount invested in a 6 month CD.

Town Records archives \$6,011 - The Board suggested no investment in a CD.

School Building Fund \$50,181 - The Board did not make any investment suggestions.

Chair Davis then moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Morgan made one revision to the Minutes and then made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and the Minutes were unanimously approved as revised.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Morgan regarding Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Selectman Morgan indicated that he spoke with William Plaisted and he witnessed that Mr. Plaisted is getting started with junkyard cleanup.

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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