

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 3 Residency Applications, 1 Current Use penalty and Warrant, and 1 thank you letter to the Old Home Day Committee.

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

Chair Davis opened the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. An invitation from North Country Environmental Service was received for an "Appreciation Day" to be held October 14, 2010, between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The day will include a tour of the Landfill in Bethlehem, Question & Answer Session with Design Engineers for Stage IV, Phase II, lunch and door prizes.

Ann Marie indicated some good news from Nancy Mayville of the NH DOT. Mrs. Mayville indicated that federal funding was approved for the Blair Bridge Project in mid-August and the Municipal Agreement, which needs to be executed before starting work and charging to the project, will be sent out to the Town later this week. Mrs. Mayville also indicated that she approved a scope and fee by Hoyle and Tanner Associates dated February 1, 2010 to proceed with the next phase of design so now the Town can begin the next steps for implementing the project. She also indicated that the State processed the Town's request for reimbursement that Ann Marie previously had submitted to the State.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis proceeded to move for a Motion to approve the Minutes and the Non Public Session Minutes of the previous meeting. After two changes to the Minutes and one change to the Non Public Session Minutes, Selectman Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes as revised. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and the Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes were unanimously approved as revised.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis called on Senator Deborah Reynolds for a legislative update. Senator Reynolds began by thanking the Board for having her and explained some of her goals, such as not being in favor of "dumping down" expenses to municipalities. She explained that she is in favor of gaming, believing this will help eliminate placing additional expense burdens on the Towns. She mentioned Broadband and felt it will encourage high tech jobs in New Hampshire. She touched on health care costs and risk pool legislation, and certainly acknowledged the need for additional road maintenance. Senator Reynolds asked the Board for any concerns they might have at the State level of government. Some concerns mentioned by the Board were: the fact that the State has contracted for \$200,000 to look at changing the logo for the State of New Hampshire

rather than continuing with the “Live Free or Die” slogan. Also discussed were solid waste disposal concerns and Banking and Liquor Commissioners’ creditability issues causing public distrust.

Kelly Bolger inquired if Senator Reynolds was in favor of a fuel tax for road maintenance. She acknowledged she would be in favor. Mr. Bolger suggested that if such a tax were levied, that a time frame be placed on such a tax and then after a certain period of time the tax be lifted.

At 7:15 p.m. Chair Davis called on Dan Morel, Fire Commissioner and Fire Chief David Tobine regarding discussion of the Fire Department Building. Chief Tobine reiterated the staff “cramping” problem that exists at the Fire Department Building and proceeded to distribute to the Board a diagram of a floor plan to alleviate the problem. Some of the items Chief Tobine discussed regarding the diagram were bunking accommodations. He stated that this would cut response time down and be more cost effective for the Town. Chief Tobine also mentioned that the shower facility in the proposed floor plan would enable the removal of contaminants encountered by the firefighters rather than the staff going home and possibly contaminating their families. The size of the structure presented is roughly 2,500 sq. ft. Kelly Bolger stated that while it was hard to calculate a cost figure on the project due to the suggestion of volunteers also doing some work on the project; however, he used a \$125 per square foot figure estimating anywhere from \$163,000 to \$170,000 for the project. Kelly Bolger also mentioned that Chief Tobine had written a grant for Federal funding for this project, but it was denied. Ann Marie inquired as to how this floor plan would blend and affect the already proposed plans that have been drawn for the Town facilities. Selectman Wheeler and Selectman Cheney suggested Chief Tobine continue putting the numbers together for the project since not all pertinent information seemed to be available at the present time for an accurate cost estimate. Selectman Davis suggested, (as was suggested in the past), that Chief Tobine make the effort, at this time, to set up an office at the Sub Station to eliminate privacy issues. It was confirmed that any future construction costs for this project would solely be the burden of the Town of Campton.

Ann Marie stated that another issue with the Department of Labor and the Fire Department has arisen. The Department of Labor has indicated that since the Fire Department has more than 5 staff members and has a separate ID number that the Fire Department needs to have its own Loss Safety Committee and separate Minutes. The Labor Department contends that a penalty will be issued for non-compliance. Chief Tobine indicated that he is working on a plan to satisfy the Department of Labor and form a separate Loss Safety Committee, (together with other State requirements); and in doing so, he was informed that there is a good chance the penalty would be waived. Ann Marie has also supplied documentation to Chief Tobine to assist him with the State.

Chief Tobine also discussed another liability issue pertaining to some transformers in Beebe River Village District and “live wires” being left down on the ground. Chief Tobine asked the Board for permission to remove the transformers and wires. The Board

concurred to give permission to Chief Tobine for the removal to eliminate the liability issue for the Town.

Chair Davis then proceeded with Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Ann Marie inquired if the Board would like her to again meet this year with Department Heads concerning the upcoming proposed budget. The Board concurred. Ann Marie asked if there was anything specific the Board wanted her to discuss with the Department Heads in order to assist them in their proposed budget tasks. It was suggested by Selectman Cheney, and agreed by the Board, that they would like to have the Department Heads work on a 5% reduction in their budgets, if possible, without sacrificing professional service to the Town. COLA issues were mentioned, but the Board concurred that they were not prepared to make any decisions at present, and would discuss this issue at a future date.

Selectman Davis inquired if Federal funding would involve an A-133 Special Audit, separate from the annual financial audit, and Ann Marie stated that while she has never been involved in an A-133 Special Audit, she believed that the Federal funding for the Blair Bridge Project would trigger this particular type of audit. There was also discussion as to whether or not grant monies could be used to pay for the audit.

Selectman Keeney indicated that the present owner of the Pattee home on Blair Road has discussed with him some boundary line dispute issues concerning him and the Conservation Commission. The Board indicated that there was nothing that they could do and suggested that a surveyor be hired to resolve such issues.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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