

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 13, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 5 Building Permits, 1 Sign Permit, 1 Residency Application, 1 Driveway Permit, 1 Purchase Order, and 7 Current Use Penalties and Warrants.

Members of the public who attended the meeting who were not on the agenda were: Sandy Morgan, Angela DeLucca, Connie Walters, Christine E. DeLucca, Daniel Kenniston, Larry Untiet, Hannah Joyce, Randy W. Mardin, Sr., Sheila Walters, Sam Plaisted, Gail Sanborn, Doug Sanborn, Robert Bain and Kelly Bolger.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector as the first appointment of the evening regarding a Personnel issue and Hannah requested a Non Public Session. Chair Davis called for a Motion to go into Non Public Session. Selectman Morgan made the Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:11©. The Motion was seconded by Charles Wheeler and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye the Board went into Non Public Session. At 6:50 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

While waiting for additional property owners to arrive regarding discussion of Eastern Corner Road, Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. After a revision made by Selectman Morgan and by Selectman Davis, a Motion was made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman Wheeler to approve the Minutes as revised, and the Minutes were approved as revised.

Chair Davis then opened the meeting for discussion by property owners regarding Eastern Corner Road and the bridge status. Larry Untiet started the discussion by asking when is the Town going to fix or replace the bridge on Eastern Corner Road to allow “legal access” to property owners? He also wanted to know when the portion of the road in question was changed to a Class VI road as he stated when he bought his property the realtor involved in the transaction represented to him that the road was a Class V road. He also acknowledged that road and bridgework had been done (to the portion of the road in question) by the Town in the past. Selectman Cheney indicated that a Class VI road designation would entail the Town not maintaining the road, year round, for five consecutive years or more and the portion of Eastern Corner Road in question has not been maintained for 5 consecutive years year round; therefore, classifying the road as a Class VI road. Selectman Cheney acknowledged that emergency work had been done on the portion of the road in question because of drainage issues and again, some repair to the bridge (for emergency purposes) but, again, the road has not been maintained, year round, for five consecutive years. There was disagreement by property owners that the work done on the road was just emergency repair.

Selectman Wheeler did express that there seemed to be a “gray area of interpretation” of the Class VI road; however, what is clear, is that no year round maintenance had been performed.

Butch Bain confirmed that he did do some repairs for run-off issues and fixed some planks on the bridge.

Selectman Davis confirmed that the Town is barred from spending taxpayers’ money on year round maintenance of a Class VI road, and she read the pertinent RSA to the public.

Douglas Sanborn also confirmed that work had been done on the road and expressed his surprise that the State inspects bridges that are located on Class VI roads.

Angela DeLuca presented copies of maps which designate Class V and Class VI roads in the Town of Campton and Eastern Corner Road (in its entirety) is designated on the map as a Class V road. Selectman Morgan acknowledged that the maps are prepared by the State of New Hampshire and at present, have been found to be incorrect. Selectman Morgan gave an example of the road that he lives on has been incorrectly designated on the map as a Class V road when in fact it has been a Class VI road since 1927. He also acknowledged that he has recently spent \$2,000 on his road for maintenance, as his road is a Class VI road despite the fact that the State has it designated as a Class V road. Selectman Morgan also agrees that the portion of the road in question on Eastern Corner Road is a Class VI road.

Angela DeLuca confirmed that the Board acknowledged that the property owners on Eastern Corners Road will need to fix the bridge and maintain the portion of the road in question on their own without Town assistance. Selectman Wheeler again reiterated that the road, while it may have been worked on, and sometimes by individuals not authorized by the Town, the portion of the road still has not been maintained year round for five consecutive years. The property owners inquired about proof as to when the road became a Class VI road. Selectman Davis proceeded to read the RSA pertaining to Class VI roads and the fact that a Class V road can automatically revert back to a Class VI road if there is lack of year round maintenance. There was also discussion about if the assessed values of the property owners reflected the Class VI road classification. Ann Marie explained that the assessment card indicates the properties as being in a seasonal camp area. The Board stood clear on their decision that no work would be done on the bridge and the portion of the road in question and that portion is designated as a Class VI road due to the lack of year round maintenance for 5 consecutive years.

A request was made by the property owners for a document in writing stating the Board’s decision. Chair Davis explained that a letter had previously been sent to all property owners and signed by Ann Marie Foote, Town Administrator, as the authorized individual, which stated the Board’s decision. Chair Davis also indicated that the Minutes of this meeting will be available and are posted on the Town web site. A couple

of individuals left their names (with Ann Marie), who would like copies of the Minutes sent to them as they do not have computer access.

As the property owners on Eastern Corners Road were exiting the meeting, Mrs. Christine E. DeLuca brought to the Board's attention that, after a medical emergency event that involved emergency vehicles approaching her camp site in the past, the emergency personnel had indicated to her that such vehicles would not be able to access the seasonal camp site area again due to the poor conditions of the bridge and road. Because of these emergency concerns, Mrs. DeLuca inquired, "Where are the taxpayers' dollars going?"

At 7:30 p.m., Chair Davis called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that she was getting ready to forward the MS-4 to the State and distributed copies to the Board as she reviewed and compared last year's revenue figures with this year's estimated revenue figures.

Ann Marie also indicated that David Hilliard had called and stated that the Landfill Permit in Bethlehem had been approved for 12 more years.

A Municipal Agreement has been forwarded from the State pertaining to constructing and replacement of safety signs on high-risk rural roads which the State has received a grant for the replacement of signs and delineation. Butch Bain, Road Agent, confirmed that there would not be any cost to the Town, and he felt it was a good idea as there were definite areas in Town that needed to be addressed. The Board agreed and Ann Marie will forward the agreement back to the State after she executes it.

Acknowledgement has also come from the State that FBI Criminal History record checks are available for the licensing of Hawkers, Peddlers and Vendors. Ann Marie will pass this information on to the Police Department.

Notice was received from the NH Department of Environmental Services regarding a workshop that will be scheduled in the fall pertaining to "Stream Crossing Rules". More information may be obtained at <http://www.+2.unh.edu/training/stream-rules.pdt>.

A public hearing notice was received scheduling a hearing that will be held on September 29, 2010, at Plymouth Regional Senior Center, Main Dining Room, 8 Depot St., Plymouth, NH in reference to Plymouth Area Transit Feasibility Study. The meeting times are 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Also, Ann Marie stated that at the last Loss Safety Meeting there was discussion about the Primex grant offer of \$940.00 for safety equipment purchases. Ann Marie suggested the Town Office take advantage of this grant and purchase a new ladder for the Town Office and Butch Bain indicated that the Highway Department could use some vests. Ann Marie will inquire to see if the Police and Fire Department would like to take advantage of any safety equipment to add to this list (up to the \$940.00 allowance for the Town).

Genesis forwarded a letter for a request for funds from the Town in the amount of \$3,912.00. Ann Marie inquired if the Board was going to stand on their decision that no new appropriations for non-profit organizations would be added this year. The Board concurred.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis called on the Board for Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Selectman Morgan requested (by directing his request to the Road Agent) that when the new safety signs are being installed that road name signs be lined up with road at the forks in the road, since previous signage was not properly marked.

Selectman Keeney inquired if the Board was on their full schedule starting with this meeting. It was confirmed that the Selectmen’s Meeting would be held once a week commencing with this meeting. Selectman Keeney also inquired about the Blair Bridge project and felt an e-mail should be sent to activate the project.

Selectman Cheney stated that the Campton Village Precinct had expressed that they would like to have their regular meeting at the Town Office. Ann Marie indicated that the alarm system is an issue and since the Commissioners are not Town employees there would be a code problem. The Board gave an alternative place for the Precinct to meet at the school.

Chair Davis expressed that a thank you letter be forwarded to the “Old Home Day” committee members.

Kelly Bolger commented that he had heard all of the Board members’ positions regarding the Eastern Corner Road discussion except for Selectman Keeney and he would like to know what Selectman Keeney’s position was. Selectman Keeney expressed that he felt the Town had treated the portion of Eastern Corners Road more like a Class V road than a Class VI road. He also stated that while the State quoted an approximate elaborate figure of \$250,000 to repair the bridge, he would like to know what it would cost to make the bridge “passable”. Selectman Davis expressed concern that just making the bridge “passable” would trigger liability issues.

There was also discussion of the property owners considering forming an association of their own, and the possibility of a warrant article going before Town Meeting regarding classification.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Charles Wheeler, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey
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