

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
October 25, 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, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectmen, Craig Keeney and Charles Wheeler were not present due to conflicts in their schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Residency Applications and 9 abatements.

A member of the public who attended the meeting who was not on the agenda was 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. Hannah requested a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,11(b), concerning the hiring of a person as a public employee. Chair Davis moved for a Motion and Selectman Cheney made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:311(b). The Motion was seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, and Selectman Cheney, the Board went into Non Public Session. At 6:50 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie regarding a tax matter under RSA 91-A:3,11©. Ann Marie indicated the owner would not be present at this meeting and as long as the owner's name was not mentioned, the Board did not need to go into Non Public Session. She explained that the owner lived at Six Flags and would like to pay the 2007 taxes and costs in the amount of \$354.53, minus the interest. The payment would be made in 2 monthly installments, in the amount of \$177.50, one payment in November and the other in December. Thereafter, the owner would work on the 2008 taxes, and if needed, would discuss a new agreement for the 2008 taxes. Selectman Cheney made a Motion to accept the tax agreement as presented and with a roll call vote: Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, and Selectman Morgan – aye, the tax agreement was unanimously approved. The Board signed the tax agreement and Ann Marie will have the property owner execute it.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes and two sets of Non Public Session Minutes of the previous meeting. After revisions made by Selectman Morgan on one set of Non Public Session Minutes and also some revisions by Selectman Davis on the regular Minutes, a Motion was made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman Cheney to approve the Minutes and the two sets of Non Public Session Minutes as revised, and all the Minutes were approved as revised.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie presented to the Board Police Chief Warn's prosecution comparisons (in response to the Board's request). Chief Warn spelled out in his Memo how many cases have been brought to

court; how many have plead “not guilty” and requested a trial; what the outcomes of the trials were, and how the data compares to the year prior. Chief Warn stated:

The more crucial comparison that does lend itself to numbers and statistics is the focus of each case and the time spent on each to ensure a proper and appropriate disposition. Cases are reviewed twice “in house” and whenever cases may be disposed of by accepted means, they are and overtime is then reduced.

Ann Marie explained that if there were any follow-up questions by the Board, she would pass them on to the Chief. Chair Davis expressed that Chief Warn’s Memo provided good information.

Ann Marie stated that after reviewing the NH DOT Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan application sheet, she didn’t feel qualified to fill out the form. Selectman Cheney took the form to review, and to perhaps fill out. If Selectman Cheney felt that the form should be directed to another Town employee to complete, he will notify Ann Marie, as there is a deadline of December, 2010 for submitting.

Chair Davis indicated that she received notice from North Country Council regarding their Annual Business Meeting scheduled for October 28, 2010 and the Council will be asking for a vote on the adoption of the Annual Budget (provided in the correspondence that Chair Davis received, together with Regional Guidelines for Development of Regional Impacts). Chair Davis pointed out some concerns with the budget and that the Annual Budget did not have any comparisons to last year. Chair Davis then asked Ann Marie to contact North County Council to possibly get copies of last year’s budget. Chair Davis suggested that the Guidelines be reviewed by the Planning Board (since North Country Council is seeking a vote to adopt) and Ann Marie will give the Guidelines to May Brosseau, Planning Board Clerk, for the Planning Board to review.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to discuss the Capital Reserve Funds. Chair Davis suggested that \$100,000.00 be placed in the Municipal Building Fund again. Ann Marie discussed the problems that have arisen between the two towns of Campton and Thornton due to different policies regarding the purchase of equipment. Campton prefers to do lease/purchases for vehicles, and the Town of Thornton prefers to put the money into the Capital Reserves for future purchases. Ann Marie pointed out that Campton can continue their policy of lease purchases in regards to highway vehicles, but because we have an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Towns for the Fire Department, we cannot do the lease purchase unless both Towns agree to it. She suggests that we start putting money back into the Fire Truck/Rescue Truck Capital Reserve which is still in existence. Accordingly, she suggested that \$35,000 be placed in the Fire Truck/Rescue Truck fund as in 2010 the final payment will be made for Engine #3 in the amount of \$35,000. Selectman Morgan expressed concern about having at least 3 months of expense funds available for the Blair Bridge Project. Ann Marie will speak with Matt Moore regarding an estimated figure and also the amount of Matt Moore’s fees that will not be allowed to be taken out of the Federal Grant Funds. It was also suggested that Ann Marie contact

Nancy Mayville, of NH DOT, by e-mail concerning the progress of the contract she is preparing for the Town in regard to the Blair Bridge Project.

Chair Davis then proceeded to Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Chair Davis requested that Ann Marie place on the agenda (for next week – with a full Board present) the continued discussion of what the Board talked about last week in Non Public Session concerning compensation.

Kelly Bolger asked if the information from Police Chief Warn regarding Prosecution information was public information. Chair Davis acknowledged that it was.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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