

MINUTES

July 10, 2006

The Selectmen met for their bi-weekly summer meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Present were Selectmen Sharon Davis, James McGarr, and Charles Wheeler. Selectman Homer joined them later in the evening around 6:50 p.m. and Selectman Cheney continued to be on vacation. The Board spent the first half hour reviewing and signing the manifest, several Intents to build, an Intent to Cut, and two residency applications. At 6:30 p.m., Gregory Jencks came in for what he thought was his 6:30 p.m. appointment. His appointment was actually for July 24th and not July 10th, but the Board had a few minutes so Acting Chairman Charles Wheeler invited him to speak. He wanted to discuss whether the Board was ready to inspect and approve his road, Cindy's Lane so he could get the deed drawn up for the Town. Selectman Wheeler indicated that both Selectmen Cheney and Homer had previously indicated that they would check out the road, and since both were not here at the present time, did not know if they had actually been able to do this yet. The other Board Members agreed as well that if both Selectmen and the Road Agent, looked at the road, that they would go with their recommendations. Greg then indicated that he had two other matters that he wanted to bring up as well. He indicated that he was not trying to get anyone in trouble, but felt some concern now that the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector was leaving since he felt that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector has snubbed him over the past year. He also indicated that he understood that the Fire Chief had some concerns about some of the driveways in his subdivision. He indicated that these driveways were accessible now, but in the winter, like anywhere else that when it was icy and snowy that it would be difficult for a fire truck to get up the driveway. Chief Tobine actually came in at this time as he was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. He indicated that he was not trying to pick on just Greg's subdivision, but had some concerns about other driveways in Town as well that a fire truck may not be able to reach in the event of ice and snow due to its steepness. At the Board's direction from last meeting with Chief Tobine, Ann Marie had spoken with Town Attorney Tim Bates, and he indicated that he had this issue come up in another Town that he represented. He suggested that when the Compliance Officer goes out on driveway permits, if he has any that are extremely steep, that the Fire Chief be called to go out with him as well, and express his concerns and recommendations. Greg thanked the Board for their time, and they will get back to him on the road once they speak with the other two Selectmen.

Chief Tobine and architect, Michael Piazza then came before the Board. Mike indicated that he has put together the bid specs, and will have the drawings available after noon on July 17th for contractors to review. They can then order a set of drawings from him. He will also, if necessary, include an addendum of any questions that come up from the various contractors, and will fax them to all who request drawings so each contractor will be on the same page when putting their bid together. Ann Marie will put the bid in both the Laconia Citizen and the Record Enterprise. Mike will then meet with any interested bidders on August 3rd, at 4 p.m. He indicated that Thursday is the typical day that these kinds of bids are read. No decision will be reached at this time; just the names and bids

of each contractor will be read off. There is no necessity for the Selectmen to be present on this day. The next Selectmen's meeting on August 7th will be the formal reviewing and acceptance or rejection of the bids based on the final figures. Mike indicated that he has simplified the building from what he previously discussed in order to bring down the costs. The cupola has been removed from the design. Mike and the Board went over the drawings that he had brought along to the meeting. They also discussed whether a performance bond would be required of the contractors. Mike was concerned that this could eliminate some of the local contractors, but also felt that some safeguard needed to be in place. Selectman McGarr suggested that perhaps the Town could take out the performance bond in its name for the project. Ann Marie will check with the Local Government Center. If the Town cannot acquire the performance bond, the contractor will need to do so. Selectman Wheeler inquired about a start date, and Mike indicated that will be part of the bid package. He anticipates the job could be started by early fall. The main thing would be for the building to be weather tight before winter. Selectman Davis asked to be given a clearer picture of where the site is on NH Route 175. Ann Marie commented that it was right next to Robert Manion's house, and Selectman Davis was immediately able to picture where the site was located. The question of whether traffic lights were needed for the trucks to get in and out was asked. Chief Tobine commented that was one of the advantages of this site is that it has a clear view from both north and south of oncoming traffic, and a long distance for the vehicles to see the trucks going out from the station as well.

The Board met next with Chris Bolan and Darlene King-Jennings in regards to Neighborfest. Chris indicated that the Neighborfest Board is looking at proposing an initial joint Town (Campton and Thornton) focus group for public input on the use of the land. He also indicated that the Neighborfest Board has developed a strong working relationship with Thad Guldbranden from the Center for Rural Partnerships at PSU, and he is willing to be the facilitator of this group. He indicated that in their letter to the Selectmen they had enclosed a list of potential people that they felt could contribute to this focus group. None of these people have been contacted as of this time. Chris also included a copy of the 2003 survey that Neighborfest sent out. He indicated that in order to get this off the ground this time, that we need to have a collaborative effort between the two communities, and that the only restrictions of Neighborfest is to draw the two Towns together. The members of this focus group would not be committee members of Neighborfest, but would be asked to meet sporadically over a three month period to come up with some goals and ideas for the piece of land. This project could start out as ball fields and a picnic area with a building coming sometime down the road in as Darlene commented anywhere from six months to six years. Members of the Neighborfest Board did not think that conveying the property to a private entity was the way to go, and the Board of Selectmen agreed. Selectman Wheeler questioned whether they would send out letters to the people on their list, and Chris indicated that he felt it the way to do it was on one to one basis. Selectman Homer commented that he felt that any plans for the land should be phased in, and that there should be no grandiose plans for the site. Chris and Darlene indicated that they felt that the Board of Selectmen's credibility would help people have faith in Neighborfest again. Selectman Davis indicated that she had done some research on Chapter 35-B of the RSA's Public Recreation and Parks, and felt that

the formation of a joint Parks and Recreation Commission would be the way to go with Commissioners from each Town. Campton at one time had such a commission to run the Town's Park and Recreation programs back in the 1970 thru mid 1980's period. Selectman McGarr commented that this works well with the joint Fire and Transfer Station for both Towns and this was a great way to go. Chris and Darlene would like to have a liaison from each Town's Board of Selectmen. Sharon Davis indicated that she would be willing to do that. Selectman McGarr made a motion that the Board appoint Selectman Davis as their Board's liaison, and Selectman Wheeler seconded it, with Selectman Homer in agreement as well. Chris and Darlene are going to meet with the Thornton Board at their next meeting, and will contact the Campton Board so they could attend as well to start initial discussion with the Thornton Board. Chris will get back with a date and time.

The Selectmen met next with Road Agent Butch Bain. Butch advised the Board that he had been picked for jury duty selection, but when he went up today, he was excused so he does not have any worries about completing his road projects. He also requested that he be able to speak with the Board about an issue that came up last week that he needed to speak with them about in Non Public Session. With a motion from Selectman Wheeler, and seconded by Selectman Davis, and voted in the affirmative by all, the Board went into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3.11 (c) reputations. The Board came out of Non Public Session approximately 15 minutes later, and continued further discussion with the Road Agent. Butch discussed the damage done to the bridge at the Timson's house last week by the Home Depot truck. Ann Marie explained that she had received a call last week from Woody's daughter, Diana, and she indicated that the Home Depot forklift truck had gone thru the bridge, and had left the boxes of the fencing for the Cemetery on the side of the road. Ann Marie spoke with Butch and he and Dave went over to help John Timson with the fencing. Butch indicated that the forklift truck had gone thru the bridge, and if it had stayed within the slats it would have been all right, but he went on the old part of the bridge. It was confirmed that the Town has always maintained this bridge, and Butch spoke to Bob Davis about repairing it as former Road Agent Ray Mardin had always called upon Bob to do this kind of work, and Butch felt comfortable using him as well. Butch also mentioned that the one ton truck needs tires. It has some recaps on it that Dick Giehl had given the Town to get by on until we got a new truck. Since the new truck was voted down at Town Meeting, we will need to replace these tires. Ann Marie had given the Board a purchase order to sign for the tires, and they had already signed it so Butch had approval for up to six tires. Butch also is looking at putting a sander in one of the existing trucks that we got from the State auction a few years ago. The truck did not have the electric controls in them for a sander, and new ones would cost over \$1,800.00. Butch indicated that he had spoken to his old boss in Plymouth, and if the Selectmen did not have a problem, Plymouth had an old truck with some manual controls that he was willing to let Butch take out of it if the Plymouth officials had no problem with doing this. The Selectmen had no problem with this arrangement, and Ann Marie will contact Elizabeth Corrow to see if Plymouth is okay with the idea. Butch also advised the Board that the sweeper is going to need some more brooms again. The crew has been using the sweeper a great deal this season. Butch also advised that he spoke with the Stickneys and their neighbors on Cox Road, and it does

not look like any resolution can be reached that will keep all sides happy. The Board agreed that they will write Mr. Stickney, and advise him that the road will be left the way it is, and he is not to take down the berm. If the neighbors and the Stickneys want to petition a warrant article for next year's Town Meeting to make the road subject to gates and bars, they can seek that option, and the voters can decide. Selectman McGarr mentioned that the Town could also put a five ton limit on this road if they so chose as well.

The Board went on to review their correspondence. We received a letter from Adelpia announcing their new General Manager, Eileen Martin. Campton Village Precinct sent along a water quality report indicating that our water is safe to drink, citing the source, and giving a detailed report of their latest test results. North Country Council sent a letter stating that they have received a grant to help Towns with their Capital Improvement Plans. The Board requested that Ann Marie give a copy of the letter to Planning Board Chairman, Marsh Morgan and invite him to come talk to the Board about the Planning Board's progress on the CIP. Ann Marie indicated that Roger and Susan Blake want to come in and speak with the Board about the denial of their abatement, and their accusation that assessor Mark Nieder never spoke to Roger as he indicated in the 2004 abatement letter. Ann Marie spoke with Mark, and he was able to give information from his conversation with Mr. Blake that would indicate that he had spoken with him. The Board agreed that they would listen to the Blakes concerns, but that they would not pay to have Mark come in for this meeting. If the Blakes wanted him there, they must be willing to pay his fee as the Town contracts him on an as needed basis. Numerous correspondences were received from Attorney Bates in reference to his continued involvement and filings for both Beebe River lawsuits with Spritzes and Chris Clarke. Ann Marie gave Selectman Davis a copy of the Town Attorney's engagement letter that she had inquired about at our last meeting. Selectman Davis requested that the attorney's office update the letter with the new fee schedule. Pemi-Valley Habitat for Humanity sent a letter looking for people to donate land for their organization to build homes for deserving families on.

The minutes from the previous meeting on June 26th were reviewed as well as the Executive minutes that Selectman Davis provided to each Board Member. With a motion from Selectman McGarr, and seconded by Selectman Wheeler, the minutes were approved as written by all.

Under other business, Selectman Wheeler indicated that he would like to have the Board go into Non Public, Executive Session again under RSA 91-A:3, 11 (c) reputation, with a second from Selectman McGarr, and voted in the favor of all. Selectman Wheeler requested that Ann Marie step out of the room for a few minutes. When the Board resumed public session, Selectman Homer made a motion to for the Board to form a HR (Human Resources) Committee, and to appoint Selectmen Sharon Davis and Charles Wheeler as those members, with Ann Marie to be the note taker and witness for any meetings. Selectman McGarr seconded this motion, and all voted it in the affirmative.

Under Selectmen's input, Selectman McGarr indicated that he would like to state that he hopes that Terri Stevens-Carter applies for the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector position as he feels she is doing a good job working in the office now in the part-time position. The other Board Members agreed that they as a Board supported this same opinion. Selectman McGarr mentioned that Bog Road has two ditch lines created by the latest grading work, and would like Ann Marie to bring this to the Road Agent's attention. Ann Marie also mentioned that Bob Pulsifer had spoken to her about some trees that he was concerned about on the dirt end of Bog Road. Ann Marie had told Butch about them. Selectman Davis mentioned that she had read the Town's Audit Report, and had felt comfortable with it until she reached a section about retirement, and it referred to the Town of Thornton. She indicated that she realized that some of these reports have the same scenario for each Town, but would like some kind of confirmation from our auditing firm that these are the correct figures reported for Campton in our report. Selectman Wheeler indicated that he would keep calling Pike this week until he gets some answers about the land. Selectman McGarr also requested that John Timson breakdown his equipment bill a little more, giving type of equipment used, and number of hours. Ann Marie will bring this to his attention.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Town Administrator