

## MINUTES

November 6, 2006

The Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6 p.m. Present were Selectmen James McGarr, Sharon Davis, Charles Cheney, Jon Homer, and Charles Wheeler. The Board began the meeting by reviewing and signing the manifest. They also signed and reviewed several Intents to Build, an Intent to Cut, and a driveway permit. A land use penalty bill and warrant were signed as well.

At 6:30 p.m. Lester Mitchell came before the Board. He indicated that he had two matters that he wished to discuss tonight. First he wanted to discuss two culverts on Bog Road which needed replacing. He gave the Board a history of the conditions on Bog Road back to the 1930's which pointed out the amount of water that comes down from the hill on that section of road. Selectman Wheeler commented that Ann Marie had advised the Board earlier that she had spoken with Road Agent Butch Bain, and he is scheduled to take care of the culvert in question tomorrow morning. He and his crew had planned on working on it a few weeks ago, but the recent rain and wind storms created so many trees and branches down in the road that they had to take care of that job first.

Mr. Mitchell then wanted to discuss further the history of the Timson Bridge. Accompanying him was Diana and John Leech owners of the property accessed by the bridge, and Bob Pulsifer, a long time resident of the area. Mr. Mitchell gave the Board copies of a New Hampshire Highway Surveyors Account Book from 1891 which had some handwritten notes in it citing that the highway and bridges from Plymouth to Thornton belonging to the Towns that they were located in. It made reference to the Pulsifer property, and also cited the Homan property which is where the Leaches live that is the property inherited by them from Diana's father, Woody Timson. The Board appreciated Mr. Mitchell's additional history of the bridge, but did not see how this changed things. They indicated that they agreed that they would repair the bridge, and they were going to honor that commitment. They also still felt that whether this bridge should be continued to be maintained by the Town when it goes to only one house was still a question that needed to be answered. Selectman Homer indicated that his family has a bridge to their one home which they took ownership to, and have maintained for a number of years. He felt that it actually gave the family more flexibility on what they can do to it. There was some further discussion about whether it was fair or not to continue to maintain this bridge by all parties present. Mr. Leach felt that if the Town no longer continued to maintain or take ownership of the bridge, if he and his wife wanted to further subdivide the property then the Town would come back on them, and want them to make improvements to it. A revised proposal of the work was presented as contractor Bob Davis had discovered that the beams needed to be replaced as well as the stringers and planks. He sent a revised proposal which included using new steel or used steel. The Board felt that used steel works well, and went along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> option to use this. The total now breaks down to include the work to replace the planks and stringers at \$2,725.00, the steel at approximately \$2,200.00 and an additional \$1,000.00 for the labor to install the beams, bringing the total to \$5,925.00. Selectman Homer made a motion to accept this proposal, and Selectman Wheeler seconded it. The Board voted in favor of this with Selectman Davis, abstaining because of her relationship with the contractor, and Selectman

Homer decided because of his situation with his family bridge to abstain as well. The motion passed with Selectmen McGarr, Cheney, and Wheeler voting in favor.

Before the Leaches, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Pulsifer left, Mrs. Leach had one more request. She was concerned about the fencing material for the Cemetery being on her property. She wanted to know if the Town had a shed where they could be placed. Selectman Cheney indicated that Ann Marie will talk to John Timson, Mrs. Leach's brother, about finding a place for the fence pieces.

The Board then reviewed their correspondence. Town Attorney Bates had sent a letter advising the Board that Court has scheduled a hearing at the Merrimack County Court in Concord for mediation in the State v. Clarke, et als v. Town of Campton, et als. A member of the Board of Selectmen will be required to go with authorization from the other Board Members to enter or not enter into an agreement with the other parties. Attorney Bates will call and discuss this case when the date gets closer. Attorney Bates has filed the paperwork for the Stipulation Regarding Temporary Injunction in the Knowles v. Town of Campton case, and in light of this, the hearing on November 29<sup>th</sup> will not be necessary. Attorney Latici, who has taken over the Beebe River lawsuits, has filled in behalf of the Town and Beebe River Village a writ of summons against Hamblett & Kerrigan, and he has also filed his appearance as the attorney on record for the Spritzes Beverage suit. Ann Marie gave the Board copies of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District minutes. They will be having a public hearing on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to discuss the District's 2007 operating budget, and the changing of the population assessment portion of the dues. This formula will be increased as some grant monies that helped fund the budget are no longer available. The NH Electric Cooperative had made a donation to the NH Food Bank, and our own Town run pantry will receive \$200.00 in goods as a result of this donation. The White Mountain National Forest is beginning the environmental analysis process for the proposed Whitetail Vegetation Management Project. The Board requested that this information be forwarded to the Conservation Commission.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. With a motion from Selectman Wheeler, and seconded by Selectman Homer, the minutes were voted in the affirmative by all.

The Board went on to other business and Selectmen's input. Selectman Sharon Davis shared two letters that had been brought to her attention by the Campton School Board. The Library Trustees had sent a letter to school Librarian Shelley Thompson expressing concern about missing items from the Library and some administrative issues in the Library. Selectman Davis indicated that since the Town insures the items in the Town Library that this should have been brought to the Town's attention. Mark Halloran, Superintendent of the Schools sent a letter to the Trustees advising them that the appropriate person for them to notify would be the principal, Mr. George, since he is the school Librarian's supervisor. He also indicated in his letter that if there are policy issues that the Trustees would like to discuss that the School Board or a member of the Board, and a member of the Board of Selectmen could meet to discuss this. Selectman McGarr questioned why teachers, who teach at the school, even though not residents, were being charged to use books. The Board decided that they will invite the Trustees in to discuss these matters. Ann Marie will send a letter.

Selectman Davis had one more matter she wished to bring up. She indicated that the Town of Campton had an active Parks & Recreation Commission back in the 1980's, and she would like to see if there are people interested in bringing this group back together to work on setting up a Parks & Recreation program in Campton again. The Commission was made up of three residents. A notice will be placed in the newspaper and on the website to see if we get a response.

Selectman McGarr indicated that while he was at a State sponsored Health Officers meeting last week, he got into a discussion with some other health officers about junkyards. He indicated that after talking with them, he felt that the Board should send a letter to the two property owners on NH Route 175 who were in violation with many items on their property which constitute a junkyard. One property was also right next to a brook which made it even more of a problem. The Board agreed to send certified letters to the two individuals, citing the RSA on junkyards.

Selectman McGarr also inquired as a general question as to whether we had a policy about Town vehicles and whether someone other than another employee should be riding along with the employee.. Selectman Davis cited the use of Town assets property which the Board just approved a few weeks ago.

Selectman Wheeler just wanted the other Board Members to know that he would not be here next week.

Selectman Homer wanted to know if Darlene King Jennings had been contacted about filing a Planning Board application for her plans on her property. Ann Marie explained that she had spoken to Darlene, and she had acquired a driveway permit for the road last year. Road Agent Butch Bain had spoken to Dean Johnston of Dirt Designs, and Butch indicated that the culvert had been put in properly. Darlene also thought that Kevin French, her surveyor had already made initial contract with the Planning Board about her future plans. Apparently he had not, and Darlene is scheduled to come in for an inquiry at the next Planning Board meeting. Selectman Homer suggested that with the heavy rains of late that some erosion controls should put in place due to the amount of sediment that washed unto King Road and below into the brook. Ann Marie will ask Butch to speak with Dean again.

Selectman McGarr also wanted to mention that he had attended the first Capital Improvements Plan meeting last week. He indicated that a lot of this plan will be based on the plan that Mr. Manseau did for the Town of Thornton. Impact fees were not included in his plan, and he has never done one with these fees. Selectman McGarr will keep the Board updated on the progress of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote  
Town Administrator