

Selectmen's Meeting
December 19, 2005

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting. Present were Selectmen Charles Cheney, Jon Homer, Charles Wheeler and James McGarr. Selectman Johnson was not feeling well tonight. The Board spent the first half hour going over the weekly bills, and signed the manifest. They also approved five new residents, signed an abatement, and tax agreement.

At 7:30 p.m. they met with members of the Campton Historical Society including Michelle Betts, Mary Durgin, Paul Yelle and Walt Stockwell. Walt spent a few minutes giving the Board a review of what the CHS has accomplished over the past year. A historical marker was placed at the old Town Pound this year, and seven additional sites have been identified as well as seven original school sites, and Walt feels that Campton is being put on the cultural tourism map with these finds. A State historical marker has also been placed at the Blair Covered Bridge. In the building itself, the displays have been expanded, and the old Grange section insulated and vents put in the roof. The floors in the front rooms have been refinished, and a beautiful chandelier in the old Selectmen's room added. Michelle then gave the Board a list of things that the Society would like to accomplish this year. This includes the resurfacing of the parking lot. Former Road Agent Ray Mardin had taken up the old paving which was in terrible condition, but the material left is soft, and needs some kind of work done to keep the parking lot safe from when people come and go from the building for meetings and programs. The Board was not sure whether it would be a good idea to actually pave it with hot top, as it was an easy spot for trucks to turn in and out of, and this would quickly erode the lot again, but they did agree that it does need some work. Michelle thought if perhaps the CHS pays for the material that perhaps the Road Agent could put the material down. The Board indicated that they could not commit to that at this point in time. Another major project that they would like to do since the old Grange area has been fixed up and has some plumbing and electrical work is to restore a kitchen to this area so they could go back to having Grange suppers. The Society estimates that it would cost about \$6,000.00 to do this construction along with purchasing some tables and chairs for people to sit at for the suppers. They are working with the Fire Chief as to what the legal capacity of people would be for this section of the building. Paul Yelle then gave the Board a list of electronic equipment that the CHS is hoping to purchase over time to allow them to capture some of the history of the Town from living residents who remember these times by conducting oral and video interviews with them. Paul also included a overhead projector that would be helpful with visual aids when programs are presented by the Society, a sound system, scanner for making copies of people old pictures and documents that they may not want to part with or release, a tape recorder, and a digital camera. Currently member Scott Pulsifer is bringing a TV and DVD from his home for the Historical Society's programs. Selectman Wheeler commended the Society on the excellent job that they are doing. He indicated that he would recommend that the Town budget \$10,000 again this year as they

Selectmen's Meeting
December 19, 2005

did last year, and that \$10,000 could get a lot done. The Selectmen have a lot of budgeting concerns this year so he felt that they need to hold the line at the same appropriation as last year. The other Board Members agreed.

There was a few minutes before the next appointment with Mike Piazza who had not arrived at this time so the Board decided to start reviewing their correspondence until he arrived. Ann Marie gave each Selectman an email from County Commissioner Gabler in which he stated that he is going to be sending the Towns regular updates on what is going on with the County. Selectman McGarr requested that he be questioned as to why the Sheriff's Department budget is going up so much. A letter was received from Tom Mullen requesting a meeting with the Selectmen about the Owl's Nest assessments. Tom wanted to meet with the Board without the assessor. Selectman Homer commented that assessor would be the one who could better answer his questions since they do the actual work for the Town. There was some debate among the Board Members as to whether they should meet or not meet without the assessor. At this point, Mike Piazza arrived, and the Board agreed that they would continue this discussion later in the meeting.

Mike Piazza pulled out the drawings he had of the proposed new Fire Station. The building proposed is about twice the size of the present building, but Mike emphasized that what he is proposing is what is needed. A lot of the interior would be a painted block. Under the National Fire Code regulations, we are not allowed to have the gear stored along the walls of the bay where the trucks are kept. This is because a firefighter could be injured (and have been in other departments) while trying to get into their turnout gear, and a truck is trying to get out of the bay at the same time. Also showers are included as these are needed for decontamination in case of calls involving hazardous waste or terrorism activities. The way the building is designed the bay area, and a day room for the firefighters is in the same area as well as the bathrooms and showers so after a call the crew does not have to track dirt and mud into the office and meeting room area. They also have a kitchen area, and adequate office space for the Chief and his secretary. Mike indicated that he designed this building to take care of the needs of the department over the next 10 to 20 years so the space would not be inadequate in 5 years, and coming back to voters looking for more money. There is also an area to do maintenance on the trucks. Presently the crew has to put some vehicles outside, an try and maneuver in the bay to change the oil filters or do other normal maintenance routines on the vehicles. There would be an area for the computer, the base radio and an area for a generator. This Station would be the emergency response building in the event of a local or state wide disaster. When ask if he had any idea how much such a building would cost, Mike indicated that he wants to have the whole project put together before he starts working with numbers. He also indicated that the Board needs to take into consideration what is being saved by not having to build a Highway Garage and keeping the old Fire Station

Selectmen's Meeting
December 19, 2005

for that use. Since the site would also be on Precinct water, the trucks could be filled right at the site. The Board asked Chief Tobine what he thought about this building plan, and he indicated that he was very satisfied with what Mike had designed. The next set of plans that Mike showed the Board was the addition to the existing Police Building. He indicated that the plans for this building would include some renovating of the existing building and the addition of a sallyport and detention area for prisoners. The squad area would have a visual view of this detention area. The reception area of the building is set up so there is an area for the officers to meet with people in a sectioned off interview room, and the Sergeant's office can see into the reception area as well if there were any problems. Chief Warn has worked with Mike on the plans as well. The next thing that Mike will be doing is the rendering of the Town Office, and he will ask the department heads to work on their narratives for the plans. He also indicated that he really needs to get some dimensions on the land so he can see how the Town Office and Fire Department Buildings will fit on the piece of land. Selectman Wheeler indicated that he will get in touch with the landowner as soon as possible.

The Board met next with Jane Kellogg and three other members of the Conservation Commission, Jessica Halm, Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle, and James Blake. The purpose of meeting with the Board was twofold tonight to discuss the guidelines that the Commission is working on for the use of the Land Use Change money, and the proposed 2006 Conservation Commission budget. Jane explained that the Board has met and worked on these guidelines, and have sought the input of others, including Digit Taylor who works with assisting Conservation groups on their projects. They now are seeking to get input from the Selectmen. Jane explained that what they hope to do is obtain conservation easements from people so that the owner can continue to live, log or farm their land, and keep it that way for future years rather than developing the land. The monies from the fund could be used to help the property owner with the legal paperwork and surveys necessary to put the easement in place. The Commission would be responsible for overseeing that these properties keep in compliance with that conservation easement. Jane indicated that Digit had spoken with Susan Slack from the Local Government Center, and her opinion was that the easement had to be Town owned for the funds to be able to use for this. Some easements are taken by State or Forest service agencies which she did not think would qualify for these funds. The Town of Campton's attorney would have to be consulted about his opinion on this question. The other issue was whether some of this money could be used to maintain the Blair Woodlands Forest area. This turned the discussion to the parking lot, and whether it was going to be plowed out this winter. After some discussion, it was decided that since the parking lot still needs some work to give it a safer egress that it would be better to leave it unplowed for another winter. Jane also advised that the Commission feels that it is now ready to take on managing easements, and that it may make more sense for the Commission to be looking for easements rather

Selectmen's Meeting
December 19, 2005

than actually purchasing any land at this time. Digit Taylor will be coming to the next Conservation Commission Meeting on January 18th, and Jane hoped that some of the Selectmen could attend this meeting. She will remind them again as the date gets closer. The proposed 2006 budget was looked at and shows a slight increase from \$625 to \$875 adding monies back into the line item for the Blair Woodlands Forest. The Board had no problem with this increase. The Selectmen advised Jane to get some more input from Digit Taylor about the guidelines for the Land Use money, and suggested that before the guidelines are finalized that they be reviewed by the Town Attorney, Timothy Bates.

The Board then continued their discussion about whether to meet with Tom Mullen without our assessor present. Selectman McGarr indicated that Tom has a right to meet with the Board as does any other taxpayer. The Board decided that they will listen to what Tom has to say, and if they cannot answer all his questions, they can then schedule a meeting including Mark Nieder, the assessing official. The Board agreed that the meeting should be part of the Selectmen's Meeting night. Ann Marie will send a letter to Tom. Ann Marie then went on to other correspondence. Attorney Tim Bates had sent a letter to May with a copy to the Board about his advice on the Zoning Amendments. He had suggested that these could be put under the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations rather than Zoning if they preferred. Ann Marie indicated that the Planning Board had met and decided that they would go this way. The Selectmen wanted to discuss this further with Planning Chairman, Marsh Morgan, and he will be asked to come in before the public hearing on January 10th. Ann Marie advised the Board that she had received an email from Tim Bates that he had been contacted by Wiggin & Nourie, Sheilah Kaulford's present firm, and they will wait to see what happens when the District gets the reimbursement. Chief Warn advised the Board that he had received a call last Friday from Attorney Cowie expressing his client, Robert Welsh's concerns about the roads not being plowed and how the Police would get to someone in the event of an emergency. Chief Warn explained that the PD has a 4 wheel drive vehicle, and if they needed to get somewhere, he would call to have someone plow to the spot he needed to get to. He then received a letter this week from Attorney Cowie which did not copy to the Selectmen so he thought that they should have a copy which he gave to Ann Marie. Ann Marie advised that she had received a call from Road Agent Dick Giehl, and he would like the Board to send a letter out in reference to a sub contractor who was not following the plowing policy. The Board decided to discuss this with Dick first, and will set up a meeting with him on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. Also there was a problem with a property owner plowing snow on Bog Road. Selectman Cheney had gone up there, and saw the problem. It was determined whose property it was, and a letter will be sent advising him of the Town's policy not to do this.

The Board then reviewed their minutes from the December 12th meeting. With a motion from Selectman Wheeler, and seconded by Selectman McGarr, the

Selectmen's Meeting
December 19, 2005

minutes were approved as written. Voted in favor by all.

Chief Warn then indicated that he needed to discuss a personnel matter in Non Public Session with the Board. Selectman McGarr made a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, 11 (b), and Selectman Wheeler seconded. voted in favor by all.

When the Board came out of Non Public Session, they continued with Selectmen's output. Selectman McGarr mentioned to Chief Warn that the new Police addition does not have an area for animal control. Chief Warn indicated he will mention that to Mike Piazza. Selectman McGarr suggested that the Board think about setting up a Park and Recreation program again. Selectman Cheney indicated that he thought that Nancy Benedix may be interested in doing this again. Ann Marie will contact her. The Board also discussed the fact that the Neighborfest sign in front of King Realty should be taken down now. Selectman McGarr also mentioned that the Board should think about setting up a Capital Improvement Plan. Ann Marie indicated that several years ago the Board had the department heads put some information together, and also thought that the Planning Board is suppose to be involved in the plan as well. She will check into it further.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Administrative Assistant