

MINUTES
November 19, 2007

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Selectmen James McGarr, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler and Craig Keeney. Selectman Sharon Davis was called to go in to work at her full time employment and was unable to attend this meeting. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 4 Residency Applications, 1 Veteran's Exemption, 1 Blind Exemption, 5 abatement refunds, 2 Building Permits, 1 Driveway Permit, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut, 2 Land Use Change Tax forms and 2 Warrants for Collection of Penalties, 2 Supplemental Warrants for Collection of Taxes, 2 Personal Leave/Vacation Time Requests, (1 for Police Chief Warn and the other for Road Agent, Robert Bain). A letter was also signed which was directed to the Registry of Deed clarifying the proper Map/Lot number for a Lien in the amount of \$8,500 which was placed on property owned by Beebe River Development. Review was made of a price quote from Atlantic Broom Service and a price quote for a new computer to be purchased for the Parks and Recreation Department from Kurt Smith and was signed by Selectmen, Craig Keeney and Charles Wheeler. Chairman McGarr signed an Acceptance of Conveyance from Luther W. Haartz to the Town of Campton for Weston Woods Circle. As Chairman, James McGarr also signed an Order for Release of Funds from Escrow Agent Key Bank Nat. Assoc. to E.W. Sleep regarding the payment on the truck lease.

At 6:30 p.m. the agenda for the evening began. Present in the audience were students and parents from the high school who were here this evening to experience "Town government in action" for a Civic assignment project at school.

Ann Marie presented a list of various Non Profit organizations and their requests for the 2008 Budget. The list included specific amounts that were appropriated for the year 2007 and the specific requests made for the year 2008. After discussion with the Board, it was agreed by all present that all new organizations on the list should be invited to come in and meet with the Selectmen to discuss their individual requests. The invitations to come in to meet with the Board will be extended to Lakes Region Community Services, CADY (Communities for Alcohol & Drug-Free Youth), Genesis Behavioral Health and Mid-State Health Center and the American Red Cross.

Next on the agenda was a review of the Intent to Build forms. At the present time, Ann Marie pointed out that our stock is low and it is now necessary to revise the form due to various changes in fees and information. Ann Marie suggested that the fees be put on a separate page since the fees change from time to time and it would be more cost effective. Chairman McGarr indicated that he would like an acknowledgement to be included in the Intent to Build packet for the property owners to sign acknowledging their receipt of the necessary list of information needed to proceed with their building project. It was also suggested by Chairman McGarr that the Zoning Ordinances be placed on the Town web site. After this suggestion, it was the consensus of the Selectmen present that

the Zoning Ordinances should be placed on the Town web site and also the web site address referenced on the acknowledgment in order for property owners to have easy access to the Zoning Ordinances. This will enable property owners to be well versed in proper building regulations and hopefully reduce zoning issues. It was suggested by Selectman, Charles Wheeler, that a sample format be drafted of the Intent to Build for the Selectmen to review again before it is sent to the printer.

The Board then continued the meeting by reviewing their correspondence. A letter from the American Red Cross was received requesting funds for 2008 in the amount of \$1,404. As mentioned above, the Selectmen will invite the American Red Cross to a meeting with the Selectmen to discuss. A letter from Attorney Steven Latici, attorney representing the Town pertaining to Beebe River Development, was received inquiring as to how the Selectmen would like him to proceed with the law suit. A letter from USDA Rural Dev. was received indicating there are grants available for municipal buildings; however, Ann Marie pointed out that the maximum grant could not exceed \$50,000. The Board was concerned that one of the stipulations of the grant was that you had to accept the lowest bid. It was agreed by the Board that the letter be directed to the Building Committee for further investigation. An announcement from the Department of Env. Ser. was received pertaining to work sessions being held re: Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. Selectman Charles Wheeler suggested we pass this information on to the Planning Board. A bulletin was received from Grafton County regarding the new Correctional facility. Attorney Timothy Bates, Town Attorney, sent a letter addressing Easement Deeds for private cisterns. Ann Marie will also pass this letter on to the Planning Board due to the fact that there were Planning Board issues to be addressed. At this point Ann Marie mentioned that the Town needs to get a deed from Keith Hemingway regarding Kati A Lane, but she was having difficulty locating Mr. Hemingway. Selectman, Charles Wheeler suggested Ann Marie contact Dennis Manus to learn of his whereabouts. Also received was an invitation to Bob Anderson's retirement party at the NH Dept. of Revenue for Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007; a letter from Time Warner Cable re: increasing their rates; Web statistics for October from B.E. Chappell; and Ann Marie presented individual copies of the 2007 Budget to the Board to review for the upcoming 2008 Budget. Selectman, Charles Wheeler requested that the Board be given the Fire Department's Budget 2 or 3 days before the meeting as he felt it was too much information to cover in one evening at the Budget meeting.

The Board then went on to review the minutes from the previous meeting on November 5, 2007. Chairman McGarr requested a Motion to approve, with a motion from Selectman Charles Wheeler and seconded by Craig Keeney, the minutes were approved by all.

The next item on the agenda was other business. Selectman Craig Keeney stated that the Planning Board discussed junkyards at their most recent meeting. He stated Rumney is adopting the State Regulations. Selectman Keeney indicated that the Planning Board would like the Town to do the same. Selectman Keeney stated he was in favor of this adoption. Selectman McGarr asked Ann Marie to place a call to Attorney Timothy Bates, Town Attorney, to find out what advantage it would be for the Town to adopt the State

Junkyard Regulations. Also, Ann Marie is to inquire as to who is responsible for enforcing the regulations. Selectman Charles Wheeler suggested that the Board get some guidance from Attorney Timothy Bates, Marsh Morgan and Chief of Police, Chris Warn regarding specific information on how to enforce the regulations.

Selectman Keeney also wanted the Board to know that property owner, Jason Russo, did not go before the Zoning Board for a variance on the exceeded height limit of his residence. Selectman Keeney indicated that the Zoning Board does not have authority to give variances on residential property. Mr. Russo is now in the process of removing the cupola in order to abide by the maximum height requirement of 35 feet.

Selectman Keeney also would like speed limit signs placed on Vintinner Road and Southmayd Street and a Class VI road sign or weight limit sign on Eastern Corner Road.

Selectman Charles Cheney stated that he was approached by a property owner on Pond Road indicating that water was coming across the road from his neighbor's driveway and onto his property. The Board felt that this could be a potential freezing problem and Selectman Cheney said he will talk to Road Agent, Robert Bain to remedy this problem.

Selectman McGarr felt that the proposal from Kurt Smith for the purchase of the Parks and Rec. Department computer was too high. Selectman McGarr will further discuss with Lisa Ash her particular needs for the computer and necessary software in order to reduce the cost of the purchase price. Ann Marie advised that she spoke to Lisa Ash earlier in the day and she was concerned about getting a computer that would meet all the needs of the Parks & Rec. Department. The cost above the projected \$1,300 was due to the fact that Microsoft Office was added to the package.

As Chairman of the Board, James McGarr graciously signed individual acknowledgement papers from the high school students in the audience, as requested by one of the parents, in order to confirm that the students attended the Selectmen's Meeting.

There being no further other business Chairman McGarr requested a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II © and RSA 91-A:3, II(b) and was seconded by Charles Wheeler and voted in the affirmative by all with a roll call vote – Selectmen Cheney – aye, Selectmen Keeney - aye.

When the Board came out of Non Public Session, a motion was made by Selectman Wheeler to seal the minutes, and seconded by Selectman McGarr. With a roll call vote: Motion to seal – Selectman Keeney – aye, Selectman Cheney aye. Minutes are sealed.

There being no further business, Selectman McGarr made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and voted by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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