

MINUTES  
April 30, 2007

The Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at the Town Office at 6 p.m. Present were Selectmen James McGarr, Craig Keeney, Charles Cheney and Charles Wheeler. Selectman Sharon Davis was out of Town this week.

The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and signing Intents to Build, residency applications and a current use application.

At 6:30 p.m. the Board met with Mitch Manseau and Lloyd Willey who are members of the Capital Improvement Plan Committee along with Selectman McGarr. Mitch indicated that the committee did not have a lot of meetings as most members did not have a lot of time to do this, but were able to accomplish a lot by emailing each other. Mitch explained that he had started working on the CIP for the Town of Thornton last year, but understood that Campton wished to have their own individual plan. He indicated that this year the committee had concentrated on the vehicles, and Mitch showed a worksheet which indicated that current obligations we have for both lease/purchases, and outright purchase of vehicles. His worksheet indicated the obligations by year, and then added another column which showed how putting a certain amount in Capital Reserve Accounts each year would eventually leave the Town without any debt obligation as there would be enough in the Capital Reserve Accounts to cover the vehicles needed. Mitch indicated that the Town should consider one Capital Reserve Account for all vehicles rather than separate accounts for each vehicle. He also agreed with the Board's observation that this would create a substantial increase in the budget until the existing leases were paid off and the monies accumulated in the Capital Reserve Account. Mitch indicated that a CIP cannot be done in one year, and that some time is needed to get people used to the idea of budgeting this way. He also put together a sheet which showed the current debt structure for all entities of government, including the school. Lloyd Willey then took over explaining the matrix that he had put together showing the Town roads, the number of homes on each road, the number of people serviced by these roads, and a list of which roads should have priority over being worked on first. He indicated that in Waterville Estates that there are now 52 full time residents and that he counted seasonal residences as half. There are 24 miles of actual paved roads in Campton now, and to keep up on their maintenance, 2.5 miles must be worked on each year. Lloyd estimates that with today's prices that would mean that \$250,000.00 a year should be set aside for just paving. Road Agent Butch Bain indicated that the \$175,000.00 that was approved this year, will be used for paving only, and that this line item is not used for any unanticipated road damage. Lloyd indicated that this matrix can be a good tool to be used by the Road Agent when putting his budget together and planning his roadwork for the year. Selectman McGarr indicated that we need to take baby steps with implementing these ideas into the budget. Lloyd also suggested that the Selectmen look at the vacation homes in Campton as a Town industry as these residences do not use a lot of Town services compared to full-time residences. It was agreed by the CIP Committee and the Board of Selectmen to get public input into this process. The CIP will pick a date, and arrange to meet at the Campton Historical Society meeting sometime in May. Ann Marie will place a notice in the newspaper and it will be put on our Town website once she gets the details from Mitch.

Carol Lenahan came in to give the Board an update on the plan for the area by the Campton Dam that the Campton Garden Club has been working with the Forest Service, State of New

Hampshire, and the Town in making this area an attractive area when people come into the Campton Village. Carol agreed, as did the Forest Service, that the benches that the Selectmen had concerns about, was a legitimate one. Due to the low wall by the dam, putting benches there would be a liability. She brought a plan which showed the location of the plantings and bushes that will be put on the land. The area near the road will mostly be grassed, and Skip Evans is going to be pulling out some of the sand that has accumulated on the site. The State of NH has agreed to this being done. The sign indicating Campton Village will also be placed at the site. Duane Johnston is going to truck in 15 tons of loam. May 12<sup>th</sup> is the date that the Club hopes to put in the trees, flowers and scrubs. Carol indicated that they also have permission from the Forest Service and the Mad River Power Company to place a portable pump into the pond to use for watering the plants. The Board commended Carol on all the hard work that she and the other members of the Club have put into this project.

The Board then went into Non Public Session with a motion from Selectman McGarr, seconded by Selectman Wheeler and voted in the affirmative by all for a Tax Matter under RSA 91-A:3,II (c).

When the Board reconvened back into public session, they met with Road Agent Butch Bain. Butch wanted to remove the road ban the next day, May 1<sup>st</sup> if the Board had no objections to this. The Board agreed that the roads were sufficiently dried out to remove the ban at this time. Butch also wanted to mention a conversation that he had with Jeremy Hiltz of Hiltz Construction about lowering the bond on the roadwork in Loft Circle. Butch has viewed the site, and more work has been completed on the road. Mr. Hiltz would like to see it reduced from \$70,000.00 to \$50,836.00. The Board was surprised that he wanted to reduce it by such a small amount rather than just wait until the project was complete as it would not affect the cost of the bond by much. The Board, however, agreed to reduce it to \$51,000.00. Butch was asked about the condition of Town Pound Road which someone had commented about not being in very good shape. Butch indicated that they are trying to treat everyone equal, and are cleaning up the damage from the storm as best they can. He wanted permission from the Board to rent the chipper again for a week so they could get more tree debris out of the roadways. The Board agreed to this. There was some discussion that FEMA may not cover this wind damage as they seem to be focusing on Towns that experienced flooding. Butch also indicated that Mrs. DeLuca from the Class VI section of Eastern Corner Road was complaining about the road. Last spring, Butch and the crew had spent a whole week working on the road, and then some of the people living up there, were going up and down the road with four wheelers, which dug up the road again. Butch indicated that the riders told him that they have permission from the Town to do this. Selectman Cheney indicated that snowmobiles were given the right to use it, but not the four wheelers. Butch is going to talk with Fish and Game. Selectman Keeney indicated that Randy Mardin has mentioned that the hill between the Cemetery and the railroad beds was in rough shape. Selectman Keeney mentioned that he recently learned at the Selectmen's workshop that if a Class VI road has been worked on within the last five years, that it does have to be maintained up to a bare minimum.

Chairman McGarr inquired as to whether the person was here for the Fair Hearing Decision on a Welfare Matter. Ann Marie indicated that she was not, but had sent a letter by fax, and would like to discuss the matter with the Board. Selectman Wheeler made a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), and this was seconded by Selectman McGarr, and voted in the affirmative by all.

When the Board came out of Non Public Session, they continued the meeting with a review of their correspondence. Ann Marie advised the Board that she had received an email from Jerry Zoller of NH DOT, and the bridge painting on NH Rte 49 and US Route 3 has been postponed. The State is diverting those funds for road repairs from the April 16<sup>th</sup> storm. Patrick Miller sent an email indicating that Brian Hilliard has agreed to co-chair the Building Committee along with Cliff Barber, and they are hoping to meet on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Selectman McGarr requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Patrick Miller for all his hard work as Chairman of the Committee. Ann Marie also received an email from Selectman Sharon Davis asking that she be authorized to sign the lease with William Scotsman for the modular unit to be connected to the Town Office in order to keep this project moving. Selectman Wheeler made a motion to authorize this, and Selectman Cheney seconded it. Selectmen McGarr made an amendment that, in the event that she is out of Town when the lease comes in, that the Chairman be allowed to sign it. This motion was amended and voted in the affirmative by all. A letter from Senator Gregg offering to help with any FEMA related issues was read, and Selectman McGarr took the letter to contact Senator Gregg about the information we are hearing that no money will be available for wind damage.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Some minor revisions were made, and with a motion from Selectman Wheeler and seconded by Selectman Cheney, the minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Under other business, Chairman McGarr recognized Lisa Donner. Ms. Donner has recently moved to Campton into her parents home who have been long time residents of Campton. Lisa was recently appointed to the Campton Conservation Commission, and works at Plymouth State University where she has an extensive background in environmental, geological, and land preservation studies. She also indicated that she is helping with the LCHIP grant for the Conservation Committee. Selectman McGarr mentioned that the Parks & Recreation Commission is reorganizing, and may be interested in her grant writing skills as well.

The Board then discussed school security with Police Chief Christopher Warn. He indicated that in August they are going to be doing some live mock training in conjunction with the Central New Hampshire Operations aka SWAT Team. He indicated that the School Board has been great in working with the PD with what needs to be done to make the school secure. He also indicated that as recent events indicate, rural communities are not immune from school violence, and mass killings, and that we need to be prepared and not have blinders on about such matters.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote  
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