

MINUTES

July 30, 2007

The Selectmen met for their regularly scheduled meeting at 6 p.m. Present were Selectmen James McGarr, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, and Craig Keeney. Selectman Cheney is on vacation. The Board spent the first half hour reviewing and signing the manifest. They also approved three new residents, signed two Intents to Build, a driveway permit, and two timber tax warrants.

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman McGarr officially opened the meeting to review the bids for the paving work to be done as part of the betterment process for Kati A. Lane, Millie's Circle, and Vivid Lane. Three bids were received. The Board went over each bid, and calculated the total costs. The bids received were as follows: R & D Paving - \$84,114, Pike Industries - \$86,586, GMI - \$75,050. After some discussion with the Road Agent, Selectman Davis made a motion to award the bid to GMI. Selectman Wheeler seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. GMI was awarded the bid.

The Board had some time before their scheduled public hearing at 7 p.m. so decided to review some of their correspondence. Ann Marie advised that a phone call and an email had been received about properties on NH Rte. 175 with trash in the yards, and junk cars. Ann Marie advised that she had noticed some bags in one yard, and had previously written to the gentleman about this. She called him and found that the bags are actually filled with recyclable items that he collects for extra income. The other individual never answered the letter about his property, and the email sent did not identify specific properties. Selectman McGarr suggested that we may want to get the Code Enforcement Officer involved in checking out these properties. Ann Marie will contact the sender of the email, and try to get more specific information as to what properties are involved.

In reference to Mad River Power Associates, Ann Marie spoke to Scott Dickman at the NH Public Utilities, and they determined that the valuation of the hydro electric plant has been lowered significantly because it is considered an obsolete plant. Ann Marie also spoke with Mark Nieder, and he felt that we should go along with the State's value. The Selectmen agreed to go with this figure as well.

At 7 p.m. the public hearing was opened for discussion on the load limits on Eastern Corners Road. Chairman McGarr first read the public notice which stated that the Town of Campton will conduct a public hearing regarding the adoption of an ordinance to place a vehicle weight limit of 3 tons on the section of Eastern Corners Road from the Old Cemetery to the end of the Class VI road. Exemptions for vehicles of greater weight would be allowed by a special permit issued by the Board, and would require a bond to cover any damage done to that section of road. The Selectmen explained that part of the purpose of this meeting was to get input from the residents who use this section of the road, to come up with ordinance that serves its intended purpose, and to listen to any concerns or questions residents may have. The first concern was the amount of the weight limit. A few people pointed out that a loaded pick up truck could exceed this limit, and would it be necessary for them to post a bond. After further discussion, it was decided to

raise the weight limit to 10 tons with a motion from Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and voted in the affirmative by all. A representative from Fountain Forestry had some questions about how long the permit processing would take, and what criteria would be used. The Board indicated that they are still considering some of these options. Selectman Wheeler indicated that each permit would be handled case by case. As to who would consider the condition of the road, before and after use of it, this would fall into the hands of the Road Agent. Normally, it should take about 2 weeks to process the permit. It was determined that further wording for the ordinance would be drafted, and the Board would hold another public hearing on August 27th at 6:30 p.m. to finalize the procedure for this ordinance. It was also determined that the weight limit would start from the westerly end of the bridge to the end of the Town's Class VI road.

The next item on the agenda was the opening for the Request for Qualifications for the Beebe River Feasibility Study. We only received one response, but fortunately the respondent had the qualifications necessary to do the work. Lynn Wheeler is from Woodsville, and has been doing title work for a number of years. She has done some work involving Beebe River, and listed some work she had done with Mitchell & Bates. Ann Marie spoke with Attorney Walter Mitchell, and he indicated that she did excellent work. Selectman McGarr made a motion to hire Lynn Wheeler for the title work at Beebe River, and Selectman Wheeler seconded it, and it was voted in the affirmative by all.

Next on the agenda was Alice Stickney. Mrs. Stickney wanted to speak to the Board about the problem that she has with people finding her home. She indicated that people come up Hogback Road to get to Cox Road which they cannot get through at that end. She indicated that access to her home is Stickney Hill Road, and that before 911 numbers, they did not have this problem. The Board agreed that they did not see any reason why her house should not be considered part of Stickney Hill Road as it made sense that it was their family that the road was named after, and this was the only way to get to the house. The Board also wondered if part of other homes on Cox Road should be considered on Birch Circle as access to those homes had to be through Birch Circle. Ann Marie suggested that she contact Fire Chief Tobine to see if there would be a problem doing this. Selectman Davis suggested that we have a public hearing to rename the section of Cox Road to Stickney by Mrs. Stickney's home. David Stickney also wanted to advise the Board that he was going to take down the berm at the end of the road. Road Agent Butch Bain advised him that he would still need to have plates on his tractor to move it over a Town Road whether it was Class V or Class VI. Mrs. Stickney did not want to pursue the matter further, and advised her son to drop the subject.

Lester and Rita Mitchell came before the Board next. Mr. Mitchell was not pleased that the Selectmen and the Road Agent had not come to meet him on his road, and that he had been waiting seven weeks for them to do so. Selectman McGarr indicated that he did not recall them agreeing to an actual meeting, but did indicate that both he and Selectman Wheeler had checked it out that very night, and found no problems with the cul de sac. Selectman McGarr indicated that he did not understand how the Mitchells' mailbox could have lost a foot of gravel if the gravel behind the mailbox was at the same height, and grass had grown up around the box. Selectman McGarr indicated that he would meet Road Agent Butch Bain at 9 a.m. on Saturday to

go over the road again. He would like to meet with Butch alone for a few minutes, but would invite the Mitchells to come down to the bottom of the driveway about 15 minutes later.

Mr. Mitchell also had some concerns about a mobile home on Bog Road, and a logging operation off Bog Road as well. He wanted to let the Board know that he had found another old Cemetery in Town off of Bog Road under the power lines with the family name of Merrill. He also wanted to express concern about flags not be placed on the graves of veterans in the old Cemeteries, and understood the Town paid for these flags. Ann Marie indicated that the American Legion had requested funds for additional flags, and we had increased the funding to cover the costs. A local resident, Linden King has been placing them on the graves for the past few years as Mr. Berg has had health issues. The Board requested that Mr. King be advised about the old Cemeteries.

After the Mitchells left the Board went back to their correspondence. Chief Warn had put together an ordinance in reference to sexual offenders and their proximity to schools and day care centers etc. The Board instructed Ann Marie to run this by Town Attorney Tim Bates, and if he is okay with it, schedule a public hearing on the 27th of August as well to discuss this. Attorney Latici who is handing the Beebe River Development eminent domain case for the Town and the Beebe River District advised the Board and the Beebe Commissioners that a trial date has been set for the first two weeks in April, and that a Town Official and a Beebe Commissioner are expected to attend the trial.

The Board then reviewed the minutes from the July 16th meeting. Selectman Davis had one minor correction to make and Selectman Wheeler wanted to add a sentence that he had requested Josephine Belville to send the actual calculations that were used for the ratio study. With these corrections, a motion was made by Selectman Davis, and seconded by Selectman Wheeler and voted in the affirmative by all to approve the minutes.

The Board went on to other business. Selectman Davis wanted to discuss the request for proposal for the architectural and engineering services that the Building Committee had put out. They only received one proposal which came from Dennis Mires, the architect we had used last year at Town Meeting for the initial plans. The Committee had met with Dennis last week as his proposal had come in at \$75,000.00. Selectman Davis reminded the Board that we had appropriated \$50,000.00 for this work at Town Meeting. The Committee was able to get the proposal down to \$70,000.00 by reducing architect fees proposed in Task 4 of the proposal. Selectman Davis indicated that we could take the extra money needed from the Capital Reserve for Municipal Buildings Evaluation. She indicated that while the figure was more than we had anticipated, some of the committee members had indicated that the proposal is reasonable for such a project. Selectman Davis also advised that the project would involve planning the infrastructure for the Town Office facility as well as the public safety facility. Selectman Mc Garr made a motion to approve acceptance of Dennis Mires proposal. Selectman Keeney indicated that he was not happy that it was not the \$50,000.00 anticipated, but realized the reality of the price, and seconded the motion, and it was voted in favor by all. Selectman Davis also advised the other Board Members that she will be starting a new job on August 20th. She is going to be the Associate Executive Director for Pemi Baker Home Health and Hospice. The other Board Members congratulated her on the new position.

Selectman Wheeler indicated the Parks & Recreation golf camp was going very well, and that they had 16 to 17 kids attend last week, and had hopes to expand the program to six weeks next summer.

Selectman Keeney advised the Board that he had gotten quotes from both Daniels Well and Contoocook to drill the well for the Town Garage. Daniels price was \$9,470.00 and Contoocook was \$7,800.00. This includes the pump, wiring, installation, casing, drilling up to 500 feet. They will need someone to authorize the work next week. The Board agreed to go with Contoocook, and to authorize Selectman Keeney to sign the contract.

Selectman McGarr questioned Ann Marie about the Town's computer back up practice which Ann Marie responded that backups were done each night. He also wanted to know whether we accepted credit cards, which we do not. He was concerned about some security issues with credit cards that were coming to light in other industries.

Daniel Morel, Campton Fire Commissioner was present at tonight's meeting, wanted to let the Board know that Fire Chief Tobine was interviewing candidates for the two additional positions to man the ambulance, and there are four good candidates under consideration.

Selectman Keeney then indicated that he wanted to make a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, 11 (c) for a matter which, if discussed in public, would affect a person's reputation. This was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and voted in the affirmative by all. The Board was polled with all voting "yes" to seal the minutes.

When the Board came out of Non Public Session, Selectman Wheeler made a motion to seal the minutes, and this was seconded by Selectman McGarr.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Foote
Town Administrator