

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, James McGarr and Craig Keeney. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Purchase Order for the Highway Department and 1 Employee Request for Leave.

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman James McGarr called the meeting to order. The Board met first with Steve Hackett and Todd Baldwin. Mr. Hackett explained that they wanted to come before the Board regarding, what he felt, was a community project. Todd Baldwin and Steve Hackett would like to restore the Campton Pond to a recreational facility while maintaining a natural habitant. In line with this concept they would like to dredge part of the pond to make it deeper and to define channels; restore the beach; and create and define wetlands. Mr. Hackett explained that Mr. Baldwin is very knowledgeable and experienced in the field of applying for permits and grants, but it would still take 3 or 4 years to be successful, if at all. Mr. Baldwin explained that there were many agencies that had to be approached and could shoot the project down very quickly, but they wanted to first speak with the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to get their opinion of the project. The general consensus of the Board was that it was a great idea. Jane Kellogg, from the Conservation Commission expressed that she was in favor of the concept as there is a balance of promoting the recreation while still maintaining a wildlife habitant. Lisa Doner, of the Conservation Commission felt another good reason for the project was that dredging would work to maintain flood control. It was agreed that a letter would be composed for the Selectmen to sign supporting the Campton Pond project. The Board thanked Mr. Hackett and Mr. Baldwin for their presentation.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman McGarr noted that the Library Trustees were not present so he addressed Marsh Morgan, from the Planning Board as their next appointment. Marsh proceeded to present the Planning Board's 2008 Proposed Budget and noted that there was a surplus of \$4,790.96 remaining from the year 2007. Selectman McGarr made a motion to approve the Proposed 2008 Planning Board Budget, seconded by Selectman Charles Wheeler and voted in the affirmative by all.

At this point, Ann Marie presented the Zoning Board 2008 Proposed Budget. After presentation, Selectmen Charles Wheeler made a motion to approve the Proposed 2008 Zoning Board Budget, seconded by Selectman Davis and voted in the affirmative by all.

Chairman McGarr next moved on to correspondence. Ann Marie stated that a notice was received regarding a meeting at the Lincoln Town Hall concerning the Grafton County Correctional facility. Ann Marie also indicated that a letter from DES was received regarding Mad River Power not being in compliance as no emergency action plan had been submitted, but they are now in compliance.

Ann Marie asked if the Board agreed, as they have in the past, that the Pemi River Local Advisory Committee report not be put into the Annual Town Report. It was confirmed by the Board that the report would not be put in the Annual Town Report.

Chairman McGarr then called the Library Trustees to meet with the Board regarding Campton Public Library Proposed 2008 Budget. Present representing the Library were Trustees Martha Aguiar, Isabel Barach and Diane Morrison. Martha Aguiar presented the budget. After presentation, Ann Marie noted that the actual 2007 expenditure for the librarian's salary was \$20,247.35 rather than \$19,507.50 as indicated on the Proposed Budget. At this point, discussion was had by Selectman Craig Keeney concerning the fact that the SAU and the Board of Selectmen had not received the background check on Librarian Fred Johnson. The Library Trustees indicated that they would check into this matter. Next, Chairman McGarr made a motion to accept the Campton Public Library 2008 Proposed Budget, seconded by Charles Wheeler; the Proposed Budget was unanimously approved.

The Board went on to review the minutes from last week's meeting. Selectman Davis had several additions and changes she presented. Selectmen McGarr made a motion to approve the minutes with these revisions, seconded by Craig Keeney; the revised minutes were approved by all.

Chairman McGarr called for Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Wheeler stated that Mr. Paul Blondin from Mason Road spoke with him commending the condition of Mason Road as being the best it had ever been. It was also Mr. Blondin's suggestion that the Road Agent be appointed rather than be elected. Selectman Davis made a motion for a Warrant Article to make the Road Agent's position an appointed position rather than an elected position. At this point much discussion was had and Chairman McGarr suggested the motion be tabled, but Selectman Keeney felt the matter at hand should be dealt with at the present time. The motion for a Warrant Article to make the position of Road Agent appointed rather than an elected was again put on the floor and seconded by Charles Wheeler, with a roll call vote from Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman McGarr – nay, Selectman Cheney – nay, and Selectman Keeney nay, motion did not carry.

Hannah Joyce will prepare a spreadsheet with averages of pay rates for Supervisors of the Checklist comparing other Town's rates. Ann Marie indicated that Kurt Smith will be in next week to check the existing laptop and put in a switch so the Supervisors of the Checklist can use both the computer and the GSI.

Ann Marie requested the Board set a date for the Budget Hearing. It was decided the Budget Hearing would be set for February 11, 2008, with a snow date of February 13, 2008 at the Campton Historical building. It was also agreed that the Selectmen's meeting would be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 11, 2008, with the public hearing regarding the budget to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman James McGarr inquired about price quotes for health insurance for Town employees. Ann Marie indicated that R.J. Dragon, Town insurance agent, is putting together (what he feels is a favorable package) of price quotes for the Board to review.

There being no further business, there was a motion from Selectman Davis to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and voted by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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