

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MARCH 3, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Selectmen, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, James McGarr and Craig Keeney. Selectman Sharon Davis was not present due a conflicting commitment. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Application for Sign Permit, 1 Elderly Exemption, 2 employee's requests for personal leave, and Chairman McGarr signed one State Homeland Security Program application pertaining to a grant for a base station radio to be used by Emergency Management Director.

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman McGarr called the meeting to order. The Board's first appointment had not arrived yet so Chairman McGarr called on Ann Marie for correspondence. Ann Marie stated a letter from North Country Council was received regarding a review of Lincoln – Woodstock Transfer Station and comparing similar facilities in the area. Ann Marie will pass this letter on to David Hilliard at the Campton-Thornton Transfer Station for reply. Ann Marie also received an e-mail from Attorney Timothy Bates re: Miller/Infacelli v. Town of Campton. The Final Pretrial Conference has been scheduled for 9/3/08 and the trial itself is scheduled for some time during the week of 9/15/08.

Ann Marie reviewed a letter from Attorney Steven Latici indicating the case of Beebe River Development and Spritzes Beverages, Inc. v. Beebe River Village District and Town of Campton has effectively ended with the filing of a Voluntary Non-Suit by Attorney Gary Wood (Attorney for Spritzes Beverages and Beebe River Development). Attorney Latici also suggested that an attempt be made to mediate the case of Town of Campton v. Hamblett & Kerrigan. The Board of Selectmen all agreed.

Ann Marie also reviewed a letter from State of NH, DOT regarding the Blair Covered Bridge and Dubois & King's award to the Town of \$10,000.00. The DOT is concerned about following Qualification-based Selection process for contracting engineering services and feels Dubois & King's award may be construed as trying "to gain an advantage by influencing the financial aspects of the project". Ann Marie indicated that Nancy Mayville from the DOT and Robert Durfee, Vice President of Dubois & King, Inc. will be meeting with the Board next week for discussion.

At 6:40 p.m. Chairman McGarr called on their first appointment, Selectman Leonard (Buddy) Clayton, of the Town of Ellsworth. Selectman Clayton asked the Board for assistance with snow removal and pushing back snow in the Town of Ellsworth. Selectman Clayton indicated that with the unusual winter conditions, Ellsworth does not have the equipment to resolve the problem and emergency equipment would have a difficult time maneuvering under the present conditions of the roads. Selectman Clayton agreed to pay an hourly rate for the Town of Campton's assistance. Ann Marie stated she checked with Town Attorney and there would be no problem as long as it is an

emergency basis. After discussion about equipment to be used, it was agreed to have the Town of Campton assist the Town of Ellsworth; and agreed that Selectman Clayton will speak with Road Agent, Butch Bain, to discuss scheduling and hourly rate.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the previous week's Minutes. Motion was made by Selectman McGarr to approve, seconded by Charles Wheeler, the Minutes were approved by all.

Chairman McGarr called on Ann Marie for Other Business. It was decided that Article 2, to be voted on at Town Meeting would be presented by Selectman McGarr and that Article 23, with Amendment, would be presented by Selectman Charles Wheeler.

Selectman Keeney indicated that a Union Representative called him regarding another Library issue at the school. Chairman McGarr again inquired about the background check on Fred Johnson. The Board still has not received this information. After much discussion regarding the Library, no resolution has been made with the ongoing problems.

Selectman Keeney gave an update on the Benefits Committee. At the present time the committee is working on getting quotes for health insurance from local insurance providers, and they hope to have that information by March 19th. Selectman Keeney also indicated that there were many possible options that could be looked at such as individual plan vs. group, increasing the deductible and/or increasing the co-pay.

Chairman McGarr addressed the Internal Control policy of Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Hannah Joyce, which was presented for her department last week. It was agreed by the Board that the policy be revisited at the next Board of Selectman's meeting.

Ann Marie indicated that Road Agent, Butch Bain, will not be putting road limits on the roads at the present time.

Selectman Charles Cheney inquired as to whether or not a river lot owned by Rita Boyle on Route 175 had been approved as a build able lot. It is believed that John March is working on this project.

Chairman McGarr inquired as to what the Board would like to do in memory of Edward Pattee, who passed away recently and was a long-time employee of the Town of Campton. Ideas were discussed; but, presently, no decision has been made.

There being no further business, there was a motion from Chairman McGarr to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Cheney, and voted by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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