

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MARCH 24, 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, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Charles Wheeler was not present due to a previous commitment. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 2 Residency Applications, 1 Veteran's exemption, 2 Building Permits, 1 Intent to Cut, a Pole License Pre-Approval and 2 appointments for the Conservation Commission.

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting came to order with the first matter on the agenda were Selectmen Appointments and committees. The Board welcomed Selectman Marsh Morgan aboard this evening and Selectman Charles Cheney made a motion to have Selectman Sharon Davis become Chairman, motion seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan, motion was unanimously approved. Chairman Sharon Davis then acknowledged that Selectman Wheeler would like to volunteer to be Vice Chairman. Selectman Marsh Morgan made a motion for Selectman Wheeler to become Vice Chairman, seconded by Selectman Charles Cheney, motion was approved by all.

The following committee appointments were decided:

Human Resources: Selectmen Charles Wheeler and Sharon Davis will remain

Planning Board Representative: Selectman Marsh Morgan

Benefits Committee: Craig Keeney will stay

North Country Council: Selectman Charles Cheney

Parks and Recreation Commission: Selectmen Sharon Davis and Charles Wheeler

Building Committee: Selectmen Davis and Marsh Morgan

Loss Safety Committee: Selectman Craig Keeney

Conservation Commission: Jane Kellogg and Jules Doner

Fire Commissioner: Dan Morel

Zoning Board of Appeal: The Board will appoint

2 part time Police Officers: Fred Porfert and Joseph DeLuca

Chair Davis discussed with the Board the possibility of having the Selectmen's Meeting start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. It was agreed by all that 6:30 p.m. would be more convenient for all. It was also mentioned by Selectman Morgan at this time that consideration be made to move the fiscal year to run from July through June. No decision was made at present.

Chairman Davis also requested that the Selectmen make a courtesy call to the Town Office by 3:00 p.m. (on the day of the Selectmen's Meeting) if they will not be able to attend the Meeting.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie for correspondence. A memo from Town Clerk /Tax Collector, Hannah Joyce was received regarding a 2nd Rabies Clinic. She would like to know if the Board approves so that she can put an ad in the newspaper for the clinic to be held at the Town Office on April 26, 2008. (The Fire Station is not available through the month of April for the clinic to be held there.) The Board was in favor of the clinic going forward.

Ann Marie also presented a letter from Mark Nieder of Commerford, Nieder and Perkins, LLC addressing DRA Monitoring Report issues that have now been corrected for assessing purposes.

The Minutes were also received from Pemi River Local Committee, which Ann Marie will file for future reference.

Ann Marie mentioned that Rita Boyle's septic approval was received pertaining to a lot on Route 175 that Selectman Cheney had inquired about at a previous meeting. Also, Ann Marie received a fax notice from the NH DOT confirming that an Application for a Driveway Permit has been applied for regarding this property.

Ann Marie also stated a Memo has been received from the Planning Board regarding CIP. The Planning Board approved the CIP and it was indicated that the building costs have not been included because of no finalization of costs. The Planning Board will amend the CIP when the costs are finalized. Also, Mitch Manseau indicated that he would be moving to Hebron and no longer wished to be involved with the CIP. Chair Davis would like to acquire the template on the computer from Mitch Manseau and Ann Marie will be in touch with Mitch Manseau regarding this.

Ann Marie provided a copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement that was received for the additional land to be purchased from Pike Industries, Inc. It was decided by the Board that the Agreement be reviewed by Town Attorney, Timothy Bates before signing.

Ann Marie presented a letter from a taxpayer on Millie's Circle pertaining to maintenance of the cistern located on her property and the easement to the Town. Ann Marie has spoken to Attorney Bates regarding this matter and Ann Marie will follow-up on replying to the taxpayer's letter.

Ann Marie stated that a copy of a letter was received from NH Department of Environmental Services addressed to KC Tire Recycling regarding a violation pertaining to Solid Waste Rules.

An e-mail was received from the Lincoln Town Hall regarding the bond vote for the new jail. Ann Marie indicated that she forwarded this e-mail to the Board of Selectmen.

Also received was a letter from NH Department of Revenue Administration confirming the calculation of the sales-assessment ratio in the Town of Campton to be 75.3.

Ann Marie indicated a notice that the Primex Annual Conference will be held May 21-22, 2008 at the Inns & Spa at Mill Falls, Meredith, NH. If anyone is interested in attending she will register them. Ann Marie also received information on Local Government Work Shops to be held in Concord (which is the closet location to Campton). Again, Ann Marie will register anyone who is interested in attending.

A Mutual Aid brochure was received from Public Works to which Road Agent, Butch Bain will inquire for more information to further discuss with the Board. If this program is instituted, it will allow the Town of Campton to participate in aiding other local participating towns in the area with emergency road maintenance.

Ann Marie also mentioned that a thank you note was received from CASA thanking the Board and the Town for their \$300.00 support contribution.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis called for a motion to approve the previous meeting's Minutes. Selectman Charles Cheney made a motion to approve, seconded by Selectman Keeney; the Minutes were approved by all. Chair Davis did mention that the Blair Bridge boards that were noted missing on the bridge were actually calculated at 24 feet of boards. At the time of the previous meeting the actual footage had not been determined.

At 7:00 p.m. the Board met with their first appointment, Lester Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell had several issues of road maintenance (some pertaining to road grading), which he addressed to Road Agent, Butch Bain and the Board. It was communicated to Mr. Mitchell by the Road Agent and Chair Davis that the Town is in a better position this year with new hirers that are experienced in road grading and also other employees will be participating in road grading training.

Lester Mitchell had another issue to discuss with the Board pertaining to moving some tombstones that are located on David Dearborn's property. Mr. Mitchell would like the Town to donate a lot in the cemetery for placement of these stones. The question was raised as to cost, to which is unknown at this time. Also, it was suggested by the Board that Attorney Tim Bates be contacted to inquire about issues that may arise with this project. Ann Marie will call Attorney Bates.

At 7:15 p.m. the Board of Selectmen met with Susan Johnston concerning discussion on ideas for setting up a program to check on elderly/people living alone. A brochure was presented which was drafted by Ann Marie Keeney and Susan Johnston for assistance in notifying the public of this program. Susan was interested in getting the approval from the Board of Selectmen and encouraged the Board for any suggestions they might have in getting this program off the ground. The Board felt the program would be beneficial, and suggested the next step would be to speak with the Fire Chief and Police Chief. The Board thanked Susan Johnston for coming and she reassured the Board that she wanted to first come to them before pursuing this program further.

There being no further appointments, Chair Davis called on Other Business. Butch Bain, Road Agent, indicated that the York rake needed new teeth and that the cost for same was \$650.00. Butch also indicated that they were running out of room for tool items and requested to be able to purchase a toolbox from Home Depot in the amount of \$800.00. The Board felt this was a reasonable price for the toolbox. At this point, Selectman Cheney requested the Road Agent calculate an hourly rate for the grader, which was used by Selectman Cheney in Waterville for 16 hours and the Town of Campton needs to be reimbursed.

Selectman Craig Keeney reported that the Benefits' Committee was making progress and that it looked like MVP would be the best insurance company to go with for health insurance, but they still need to confirm that the benefits are the same as what we have presently in effect. The committee still has to meet with R.J. Dragon to go over his presentation before a final decision can be reached.

It was suggested by Selectman Craig Keeney that Police Chief Chris Warn and Fire Chief David Tobine come in on a regular basis to keep the Board up-to date and informed. It was agreed by the Board that one month the Fire Chief would come in and the next month the Police Chief. This procedure would start in April with the Fire Chief first and in May the Police Chief. Selectman Marsh Morgan felt that an inspection of the Fire and Police equipment would also be a good idea.

Selectman Marsh Morgan also thanked the Board for honoring him in the Campton Annual Report and explained how it was a very pleasant and unexpected surprise.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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