

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Cheney is on vacation and Selectman Charles Wheeler had a previous commitment. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Employee Request for Leave, 2 Disabled Exemptions, 3 Residency Applications 1 Intent to Excavate, 1 Building Permit, 1 Property Tax Agreement, 2 Warrants for Collection of Excavation and 1 letter of support to Society for the Protection of NH Forests regarding a pending law suit.

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Sharon Davis called the meeting to order. The Board first met with Kelly Bolger. Mr. Bolger reported to the Board that he had met with Dennis Prescott, General Contractor for the building of the Highway Department garage. Mr. Bolger expressed to Dennis Prescott he was authorized by the Board of Selectmen to draft a punch list for certain structural concerns with the garage. The intent of the Board was to make it easier to deal with the issues by "funneling through one person". It was agreed by the Board that a letter would be drafted to give Kelly Bolger written authorization to proceed with a punch list. Kelly expressed that he would draft a letter to Dennis Prescott addressing what they discussed as issues and what was agreed upon to be fixed. Mr. Bolger stated that the lighting problem was going to be addressed with the manufacturer. Mr. Bolger did feel that the items were fixable. The Board thanked Kelly for being available to the Town for his services.

At 7:10 pm. Chairman Davis called on Ann Marie for the review of 2008 expenditures and income. Ann Marie stated that, for the most part, the departments seem to be right in line with their budget. Some concerns were fuel and electric. She stated that the electric bills are high with the added buildings and there are four individual meters for the highway garage, which adds to the cost of the electric bill. The electric company suggested that thought be given to combining the meters into one, but it would involve different wiring to accomplish the job. Ann Marie also indicated that the Fire Department's expenditures are reflecting the lease for the new fire truck. Ann Marie stated that, Road Agent, Butch Bain was concerned about fuel prices and the rising costs. His other concerns were the added expense of over time for his crew due to the exceptional bad weather this winter. Another added expenditure of the Highway Department was the tremendous amount of stone that had to be applied to Beech Hill Road, Lower Beech Hill Road and Windmill Road. Butch expressed to Ann Marie that even though the stone is more expensive than gravel and sand, stone was the best route to alleviate the problems on these roads. Even with all the above-added expenses, Butch felt comfortable that he would still be able to come in on the bottom line of his budget.

Ann Marie also stated that Welfare is a couple of thousands more for this time of year, but she is now working on a system whereas the client is requested to contribute some of the money (whenever possible) to alleviate part of the burden on the Town.

Ann Marie will be sending out bills this month for the Kati A Lane betterment. She also stated that the first check was received for income from the ambulance service.

The Board gave Ann Marie permission to write a letter to all Department Heads informing them to hold off on making any new large purchases due to the fact that income was low at the present time.

Next on the agenda was correspondence. Ann Marie reminded the Board of the Internal Audit that is going to be held at the Town Office on April 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Davis announced that the Parks and Recreation Department has received approval of a one-half million dollar grant which will be allocated to the Towns of Campton, Plymouth and Rumney. This was provided through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant. Also, Lisa Ash, Parks and Recreation Director, forwarded a letter to the Board of Selectman thanking them and Ann Marie for all their support in making this happen.

Attorney Tim Bates sent a letter regarding KC Tire. A site visit at Beebe River is scheduled for May 1, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. and Attorney Bates is inviting the Board to attend. Selectman Marsh Morgan stated that he would go. Ann Marie will arrange with Attorney Bates to meet Selectman Morgan at the Town Office on that day.

A letter was received from Attorney Latici regarding Town of Campton, et al v. Hamblett & Kerrigan, PA. Attorney Latici has engaged an expert witness to assist in getting the matter resolved.

Ann Marie stated that Notice was received from the State of New Hampshire granting Rita Boyle a state driveway permit.

A letter was received from the Forest Service regarding a new project proposal located on the Pemi Ranger District of the White Mountain National Forest. Ann Marie will pass this letter on to the Conservation Commission.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board a sample form to be used for Proposals, which the NH DOT requires to be followed regarding the Blair Bridge repair.

There being no further correspondence, Chairman Sharon Davis made a motion to approve the Minutes from last week's meeting. After discussion and three revisions made by Selectman Marsh Morgan and Selectman Craig Keeney, motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan to approve the revised Minutes and the revised Minutes were approved by all.

Next on the agenda was Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Craig Keeney inquired as to whether or not the deeds regarding certain roads in Waterville Estates (that were discussed at the previous Meeting) had been recorded. Ann Marie confirmed that they had.

Selectman Morgan stated that a culvert on Town Pound Road, which was replaced by Ray Mardin, the previous Road Agent, needs some work.

Chairman Davis announced that the next Building Committee Meeting will be held at the Town Office on April 30, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Morgan seconded, and voted by all; the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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