

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
APRIL 28, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Selectmen Charles Wheeler, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Cheney is on vacation and Selectman Davis had other employment obligations. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Abatement, 2 Building Permits, Purchase and Sale Agreement between Pike Industries and the Town and a letter from Northway Bank regarding borrowing \$450,000 for tax anticipation notes (TANS).

At 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Charles Wheeler called the meeting to order. Vice Chair Wheeler called on Fire Chief, David Tobine as their first appointment of the evening for his update on the Fire Department. Chief Tobine indicated that the ambulance service has been working out well reporting 140 call to date. The billing company has billed out approximately \$49,000 for the first quarter and he is very happy with their service. Also, they have established a good rapport with the hospital and the transition has gone quite smoothly with very few complaints. Chief Tobine indicated there were two people on call every night and the staff on the weekend is on call at \$20.00 a day. The Chief indicated there were issues with one truck that he is aware of (money is in the budget) but he has not taken care of yet as he doesn't want to take it out of service right now. He is a little short staffed in the Department because of classes being taken, but this is a temporary situation. Selectman Keeney asked if the Chief felt that South Station would need to be manned in the near future. Chief Tobine felt that was not necessary as he didn't feel the area would be growing that fast in the near future. Chief Tobine stated he was pleased to have a truck at that station and the Department's goal was to serve the community as best they can with the resources they have available. Chief Tobine inquired as to whether or not mowing arrangements had been set up for South Station and Ann Marie confirmed they had. Also, Chief Tobine indicated he would like to have some plumbing work done to the bay area at the station and the Board agreed to have Stuart Pitt look at the job and do the work. Chief Tobine also mentioned that he had gone to the auction to look for a replacement vehicle for towing, but felt the prices were too steep. Chief Tobine was concerned about how often he will be scheduled to come in for updating to the Board as he has some conflicts on certain Monday nights. The Board assured the Chief they would work with him on his scheduling issues. At 7:25 p.m. the Board thanked Chief Tobine for coming and Vice Chair Wheeler moved on to correspondence.

Ann Marie indicated a copy of a letter from Mitchell and Bates, which was addressed to Attorney Conklin, was received. The letter was regarding setting up a closing and purchasing title insurance for the Pike Industries property that the Town is purchasing.

Ann Marie also distributed an e-mail to the Board from Selectman Cheney regarding road paving and his concerns about taking money out of the Capital Reserves to pave Rosy

Lane, as the fund was set up for major work to be done to a road. Also, Selectman Cheney was concerned about Southmayd Street being paved, as there are drainage issues to be addressed first. It was the consensus of the Board to have Butch come in next week to discuss the breakdown of how the \$175,000 (set in the budget for paving) was going to be distributed. The Board also agreed that Butch should investigate the water drainage problem on Southmayd near the furniture store and in front of the real estate office; and decide what needs to be done to correct it before paving is considered.

Selectman Marsh Morgan indicated that the Planning Board was concerned about the water problem in front of the real estate office on Southmayd (some time ago) and the Planning Board had contacted the owner regarding installation of a swale, but the swale was never installed. Ann Marie will have May Brosseau, Planning Board Clerk, do some research on this issue and Ann Marie will draft a letter to the property owner to address the problem before paving can be done.

Ann Marie continued with correspondence indicating a letter was received from Attorney Latici regarding Town of Campton, Beebe River Village District v. Hamblett & Kerrigan, which was addressed to Attorney Mark Puffer (who was hired as an expert witness). Attorney Latici indicated an opinion on the case should be rendered soon; and he will be in touch with the Board on presenting a settlement demand figure.

Ann Marie indicated a lease quote was received from Lyndonville regarding the copy machine for the Town Clerk's office. The quote was for a 4-year lease, at \$30.75 per month with a buy out. The Board wanted Ann Marie to inquire if the lease included maintenance of the machine, or would the Town have to pay for a maintenance contract in addition to the lease amount.

Ann Marie reminded the Board of the meeting at the Fire Station at 9:00 a.m., on 4/29/08 regarding the painting of the bridges on Route 49 over the Pemigewasset River and US Route 3 over West Branch Brook.

At 7:30 p.m. Chair Wheeler called on Conservation Commission members, Jane Kellogg and Jessica Halm. Jessica indicated that the NH Rivers Management Protection Program (RMPP) coordinator and DES has contacted them regarding the availability of signs that could be purchased and placed at road bridge entrances designating the name of the river and the fact that the river is a NH Protected River. Jessica explained the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program's purpose is to protect our state's significant river resources for the benefit of present and future generations through a unique combination of state and local resource management and protection. The RMPP is administered by the NH Department of Environmental Services and is staffed by a rivers coordinator. Further information about the NH RMPP can be obtained on the DES website at www.des.nh.gov/rivers.

The purpose of Jane Kellogg and Jessica Halm's meeting with the Board was to get permission to purchase the 4 signs which would be placed at both entrances of the Blair Bridge and bridge on Route 49. The Board agreed it is nice to see a sign designation

when crossing over a bridge and the added public awareness tool for the protection of the river by the State of NH would create respect and less abuse with debris, etc. Selectman Morgan suggested the Conservation Commission contact the Historical Society for their approval of the signs by Blair Bridge.. Selectman Wheeler confirmed with Jane and Jessica that the NH RMPP is not to be confused with the Shoreline Protection Act. The RMPP is a program of its own and has nothing to do with the Shoreline Protection Act. The Board also agreed that \$86.00 would be taken out of the Town Budget for the cost of the 4 signs and the other \$86.00 would be provided from the Conservation Commission. Jessica will confirm with the DES that the installation of the signs will be provided by the State. Jane Kellogg and Jessica Halm thanked the Board for their support and time.

The Board's 8:00 p.m. appointment was not present so Vice Chair Charles Wheeler called for a motion to approve the previous meeting's Minutes. Selectman Marsh Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Selectman Keeney, motion carried.

Chairman Wheeler went on to Other Business and Selectmen's Input. Selectman Keeney stated that the Benefit's Committee met with R.J. Dragon on Friday and he had excellent quotes for saving on insurance coverage for the Town employees. Selectman Keeney stated the Committee is moving forward and should be on track for the June 1st deadline.

Selectman Marsh Morgan indicated that the Planning Board was inquiring as to what is being done by the Board on the junkyard issue? Vice Chair, Charles Wheeler explained that the Board felt that under the law, there was no need to adopt, but that the Board would take a soft approach. The first soft, step approach being, Selectman Craig Keeney and Charles Brosseau, Code Enforcement Office will approach certain property owners (as a courtesy visit to hopefully initiate the start of the cleaning up); and letting the owners know that eventually the issues of junkyards will be enforced.

Selectman Morgan wanted confirmation of the Thursday morning site visit with Attorney Tim Bates at Beebe River Development regarding KC Tire. Ann Marie will confirm with Attorney Bates and then contact Selectman Morgan as to whether they will meet first at the Town Office and then proceed to the site at Beebe River.

Selectman Wheeler inquired about how the population census was arrived at as it was felt that the Town of Campton has more than 3,000 permanent residents. Ann Marie explained the Selectmen's Office answers questions for the "census takers" representing the National Census Bureau quite regularly. The representatives also visit each home to get (as accurate as possible) a head count of persons living in the home year-round. Questionnaires are also sent out by the Bureau. Ann Marie believed that, judging by the number of census takers visiting the office, an updated census will be published by the National Census Bureau in the near future.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Wheeler mad a motion to adjourn, Selectman Marsh Morgan seconded, and voted by all; the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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