

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MAY 19, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Chairman Sharon Davis, Selectmen, Charles Wheeler Craig Keeney, and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Charles Cheney is out of town and unable to attend. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Residency Application, 1 authorization letter for Waterville Estates Village District Community Center, 1 Excavation Warrant and 3 Notices of Intent to Cut.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on George Cheney as the first appointment for the evening. Mr. Cheney was concerned about the assessment of his property and particularly wanted to know how "Flood Plain" value was determined. Mr. Cheney also had a question on current use procedures. Ann Marie explained that the dead line to file for current use is April 15th and that Mr. Cheney could apply after the fall property tax bills are sent out. It was suggested by the Board that George Cheney meet with the Assessor to address his questions and concerns on his property and Ann Marie will arrange that appointment. Mr. Cheney thanked the Board for their time.

The Board's next appointment had not arrived yet so Chair Davis proceeded to call on Ann Marie for correspondence.

Ann Marie indicated that the Town of Thornton had sent a notice regarding a Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing scheduled for 6/9/08, at 6:15 p.m. pertaining to 17 single bedroom apartments possibly being built for low-income elderly residents on the Neighborfest property. Chair Davis suggested a letter be drafted expressing the Town of Campton's "blessing" regarding this project.

Ann Marie indicated a check in the amount of \$2,908.20 was received as income from the ambulance, with a Comstar fee of \$495.90.

A letter was received from the NH Department of Transportation indicating that the Campton highway Block Grant Aid figure had been adjusted to reflect a \$3,000 reduction in the amount previously quoted.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board a spreadsheet of the results of the Junk Yard survey as of 5/15/08 which broke down the properties according to the most complaints. Ann Marie also indicated that information was received from Blue Marlin Group in Berlin, NH indicating that the company would remove junk automobiles free of charge. Ann Marie will pass this information on to David Hilliard at the Transfer Station.

Ann Marie again noted that she had sent a letter to Carl Rodriguez pertaining to the drainage issue on Southmayd Street and John March will be coming to a Board meeting to discuss it when he has a plan drawn up.

A notice from North Country Council regarding Solid Waste/Recycling in NH was received indicating that a meeting was scheduled for 6/5/08, at 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Ann Marie will pass this information on to Selectman Charles Cheney.

Ann Marie also indicated a letter from a concerned property owner in Six Flags had been received pertaining to an electrical problem in the trailer park and the dangerous situation it is posing. The Board definitely wants to have a response and follow-up from the property owner of Six Flags Trailer Park.

Ann Marie stated a letter from Attorney Steven M. Latici was received regarding Town of Campton v. Hamblett & Kerrigan, P.A. The expert witness report had been received and legal representation fees are being gathered hopefully to settle this case.

Ann Marie indicated a notice was received from NCC pertaining to their quarterly meeting and a presentation on Historic Preservation Tools is going to be held 5/28/08, at the Franconia Town Hall, Franconia, NH between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ann Marie will pass this notice on to Walt Stockwell.

Ann Marie stated that several notices had been received from Technology Transfer Center pertaining to classes scheduled regarding road management. Butch Bain, Road Agent, indicated that he had reviewed this information and he has already attended all these classes.

Ann Marie indicated that Hannah Joyce, Tax Collector has recorded the Tax Liens and Ann Marie had the list of properties available for reviewing. She stated that a large portion of the liens were on mobile homes.

It was also noted by Ann Marie that the Memorial service at the cemetery for 5/26/08 has been changed to 9:00 a.m., instead of 8:30 a.m.

The Minutes from the Parks and Recreation Commission for 5/12/08 was received.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved to have a motion to approve the previous week's Minutes. Selectman Marsh Morgan made one revision and Selectman Craig Keeney made two revisions. Selectman Marsh Morgan made a motion to approve the Minutes as revised, seconded by Selectman Charles Wheeler; the revised Minutes were approved by all.

At 7:15 the Board's next appointment had arrived and Chair Davis called on Lloyd Willey to discuss Waterville Estates roads. Mr. Willey gave the background on the involvement of the CIP Committee devising a road paving plan and how the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen were in agreement that the plan was a good plan; however, the plan did not get implemented. Chair Davis explained to Mr. Willey that the Board appreciated the CIP plan; and the Board is interested in developing the process, but the request for funding was not received in time to be included in the budget for this year.

Mr. Willey continued to explain that there were many taxpayers in Waterville Estates who were concerned about the road conditions in the Estates. Mr. Willey stated that Waterville Estates represents an estimated 19% of the tax base in the Town of Campton and approximately 30% of the paved roads are in Waterville Estates. Mr. Willey expressed that the Town of Campton should look upon Waterville Estates as a tourist industry to the Town. He indicated that the Waterville Estates Association is working on keeping the area attractive and improving the Recreation Center. It was felt that because the taxpayers of Waterville Estates are doing their part to bring monetary value to the Town, and keeping their property attractive, the Town should do their share in keeping the roads in good condition. In turn, this will keep the values of property up, bringing increased tax revenue to the Town. Mr. Willey called upon Waterville Estates property owners to discuss their concerns and personal experiences while traveling on the roads. Some of the property owners that spoke individually were: Eric Wooster, Barbara Lajunesse, and Mike Baumann and there were also additional property owners in the audience all in agreement about the poor road conditions. The roads that seemed to be of most concern were Goose Hollow, Hodgeman Hill, Winter Brook, Parker Road, Pegwood Road and Donovan Farm. The three individuals mentioned above all discussed concerns of safety issues and the worry of emergency vehicles not being able to pass through safely on the roads. There were issues of culvert failures, 8 to 10 inch depth of pot holes and problems involved with meeting the school bus on the road. Other concerns expressed were having to travel on Thornton Roads (a longer distance, going out of their way) in order to avoid the poor road conditions in Campton. Other issues were discussed pertaining to the safety of young inexperienced drivers that have slid off the road and had to have a wrecker called. In summary, Mr. Willey asked, "What is the plan to address these road issues?"

It was Selectman Charles Wheeler's suggestion at this time (which he added was not necessarily the Board's) for a site visit and perhaps the Board revisiting the decision on what particular roads will be paved, (with the exception of Rosy Lane and Southmayd Street). Butch Bain indicated that he was not trying to ignore any part of Town, and has plans for doing some ditch work this year and a decent amount of paving in Waterville Estates next year.

It was confirmed by Chair Davis that the Board will do some research, revisit and reassess the criteria why certain roads are being paved. The Waterville Estates property owners thanked the Board for their time and the Board thanked them for coming in.

At this point, Chair Davis addressed Larry and Rachel Prentice in the audience explaining that they were not on the agenda, but called on them for their interest and input in coming to the meeting. Mr. Prentice explained that Greg Jencks has a subdivision application for Cindy's Lane before the Planning Board, which has been postponed for another month. In the meantime, Larry and Rachael Prentice are concerned about a drainage problem that has been an ongoing issue on his property; and they feel any future excavation going on in the subdivision would accentuate the drainage problem. It was decided at the Planning Board meeting that a site visit be made to the Prentice property by the Planning Board and the Road Agent and that approval of the subdivision be continued until next month.

Mr. Prentice asked if Butch Bain, Road Agent could come to the property to evaluate the ditch drainage (which Butch Bain agreed to do). Mr. Prentice also presented pictures of the drainage issues at the meeting.

Larry and Rachael Prentice's next issue of concern was the fact that Greg Jencks and Charles Brosseau came to the Prentice property (as part of the site visit of the Planning Board), and while on the property, Mrs. Prentice felt that the conduct of Charles Brosseau (as a representative of the Town) was inappropriate behavior directed at her. It was noted by a few neighbors (in the audience), that they witnessed some yelling while they were on their deck. Mr. and Mrs. Prentice asked the Board to consider the resignation of Greg Jencks and Charles Brosseau. Ann Marie indicated to the Board that a Police report had been filed and it was determined that there was no criminal action and the case was closed. Mrs. Prentice indicated that any further communication regarding any issues need to be dealt with through her husband and not her and that Greg Jencks and Charles Brosseau were not welcome on her property.

Selectman Keeney stated that any personal issues between the property owners and with Greg Jencks should be separated. At this point, Larry Prentice made it known that he would like it noted on the record that he has no previous personal issues with Greg Jencks and that the issue at hand is a drainage issue only. Mr. Prentice also indicated that he was not concerned about the subdivision being approved as long as the drainage issues on his property are resolved previous to approval.

The Board stated they would further investigate and address the matters that actually pertain to the Board of Selectmen and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Prentice and the property owners for coming in.

Next on the agenda was Other Business and Selectmen's Input. Selectman Craig Keeney stated that it was obvious that the boards on the Blair Bridge (before the vandalism) went all the way up to the top. Road Agent, Butch Bain indicated that, after speaking with the bridge repair contractor, the contractor indicated the boards did not go all the way up to the top. It was the understanding of the Board of Selectmen that the bridge would be repaired back to its original condition, and would like Butch Bain to get a price quote for the cost of the boards going to the top as it originally was.

There being no further business, a motion from Chair Davis was made to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and voted by all, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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