

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JUNE 16, 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, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Notice of Intent to Cut, 3 Building Permits, 3 Timber Tax Warrants, 1 Sign Permit, 2 Employees' request for personal leave, 1 Driveway Permit and 1 letter to a property owner regarding an above ground pool.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order. Chair Davis had Ann Marie distribute to the Waterville Estates residents a copy of a letter from Town Attorney, Tim Bates addressing the residents' Insufficiency Notice (presented to the Town at the previous meeting) together with the Board's plan regarding repairs of Town roads in Waterville Estates. Chair Davis then proceeded to address the Waterville Estates residents regarding Town roads in the Estates. Chair Davis stated that Campton may be a small Town, but we do have high values, know right from wrong, deal in good faith, have respect for those we serve; and we recognize bullying tactics when we see them. Chair Davis continued to explain to the residents that serving the Board with an Insufficiency Notice without basis and posting illegal signage promoting harassment of the Town Road Agent was unacceptable behavior on the part of Waterville Estates Association. Chair Davis continued by stating that each and every Board member has visited the Town roads located in Waterville Estates. The Board found no life threatening conditions currently exist as represented. In fact, most roads were found to be in better condition than many of the other Town roads. With that said, Chair Davis stated it is the Board's decision that they will not be abandoning their 2008 paving plans to pave Town roads in Waterville Estates; however there will be a plan for maintenance and certain improvements to be completed in 2008 on certain Waterville Estates roads. Chair Davis explained to the Waterville Estates residents that in the fall, when the Board enters the budgeting process, they will review all Town roads using the CIP as a guide, together with the Road Agent's recommendations to determine what roads will receive major repairs and paving in 2009. Chair Davis also invited the residents to attend the Town Budget Meeting. No further discussion was raised and Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to proceed with correspondence.

Ann Marie indicated that she received a commitment letter from Northway Bank regarding increasing the Tax Anticipation Note to an additional \$800,000.00. Ann Marie stated the Town would only pay interest on the actual money used, not the full amount of the loan. Chair Davis indicated that she is working on getting the SAU due date spread out to another 30 to 60 days which will allow for more time for revenue to accumulate. Chair Davis moved for a motion to increase the Tax Anticipation Note; and Selectman Marsh Morgan made a motion to have the Tax Anticipation Note increased to \$800,000.00, making the total amount \$1,250,000.00; motion was seconded by Selectman Craig Keeney, and voted in the affirmative by all with a roll call vote –

Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Craig Keeney – aye.

Ann Marie indicated a letter was received from Mitchell and Bates pertaining to the filing of appearances of Attorney Laura Spector as the attorney who will be replacing retiring Tim Bates regarding State of NH vs. Clarke vs. Town of Campton, et al and the case of Miller, et al vs. Town of Campton, et al.

Ann Marie stated a notice was received from Pemi River Local Advisory Committee regarding Pemi River watershed resources. The meeting will be held June 19, 2008, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Plymouth State University, Boyd Science Center, Room 001, in Plymouth.

Ann Marie also indicated that an Action Bulletin was received from NH Municipal Association regarding Employers' projected retirement rates that would be increasing pertaining to the Police and Fire Department.

Ann Marie stated that a letter was received from Deachman & Cowie, Attorneys at Law regarding certain property in Beebe River that their client believes to be a health and safety risk. The Board agreed to have Fire Chief Tobine investigate (to hopefully resolve this problem) and get back to the Board with a report.

Ann Marie received a corrected public notice of hearing from the Thornton Town Hall regarding the Neighborfest property that is now going to be held on June 23, 2008, at 6:15 p.m.

Ann Marie indicated that she distributed to the Board the Parks and Recreation Manual and that Lisa Ash (after discussing with Ann Marie) will be making one correction in the Manual and will be providing copies of the corrected Manual to the Board.

At 7:25 p.m. Ann Formalarie, a Waterville resident asked Chair Davis if she could speak for a moment. Ann, along with Tom Avallone, a businessman operating in Campton, wanted to express their regret and apologies to Road Agent, Butch Bain for the manner in which the Waterville Estates road issues were handled by the Association members pertaining to a sign placed on Hodgman Hill Road. A letter of apology was also submitted by Ann addressed to Road Agent, Butch Bain. It was expressed by both Ann and Tom that Waterville Estates residents wanted to work cooperatively with the Town in resolving the road issues.

At 7:30 p.m. Chair Davis proceeded with the discussion of Bump Bridge. It was explained that the Town received an order from the NH DOT to close Bump Bridge. After the Board's discussion with Town residents affected by the closing of the Bump Bridge and Road Agent, Butch Bain, it was the Board's consensus that Dubois and King be contacted to do a study as to determine what exactly needs to be done to the bridge and if anything can be done to "hold the bridge" at the present time. The funds for the study would be acquired from the \$10,000 that was awarded to the Town previously from

Dubois and King. It was acknowledged to the residents affected by the closing of the bridge that while there would not be any quick solution to the matter, the Board was certainly going to work on repairs concerning the alternative route to try to lighten the inconvenience to them. At this point, trimming of trees and erosion issues were addressed, together with placing detour signs. It was also requested by a Town resident to inquire whether or not pedestrian traffic and/or horses could still use the bridge as the closing was definitely going to impact her business. Ann Marie will present the above questions to the State and to Dubois and King.

Chair Davis called for a motion to approve the Minutes of last week's meeting; Selectman Wheeler made a motion to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the Minutes were accepted as presented.

Chair Davis called on the Selectmen for Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Wheeler inquired as to whether or not a meeting had been scheduled with Lisa Ash regarding Parks and Recreation. Ann Marie indicated that Lisa would be able to set up an appointment after the summer programs were completed.

Selectman Marsh Morgan discussed concern about the huge brush piles at the Transfer Station. Ann Marie will be in touch with the Town of Thornton regarding this concern.

Selectman Davis indicated that she would be working on a system for a tracking report for the Board.

There being no further business, there was a motion to adjourn by Selectman Marsh Morgan, seconded by Selectman Keeney, and voted by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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