

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 16, 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 and Craig Keeney. Selectman Wheeler and Selectman McGarr had full time employment obligations. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Forest Fire Report/Bill and 1 Notice of Intent to Cut.

At 6:35 p.m. Vice Chair Sharon Davis called the meeting to order. The Board met first with Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Hannah Joyce regarding the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Proposed 2008 Budget and the Supervisor of the Checklist's Budget. Hannah indicated that she would like to offer to the Town the service of purchasing Hunting and Fishing Licenses. In order to do this, an increase in training costs was included in the Proposed Budget. After discussion, the Board agreed that offering this service would be a good idea. It was also noted from the documentation from Hannah that the Tax Collector/Town Clerk's expenditures for the year 2007 were under budget.

After Hannah reviewed the Supervisor of the Checklist's Proposed Budget with the Board, it was agreed that the purchase of a new lap top computer and printer be tabled. Ann Marie will speak with computer consultant, Kurt Smith, regarding the condition of the old lap top computer. The Board also agreed that the payroll for Supervisor of the Checklist be done monthly and Ann Marie will inform Kathy Tobine.

Hannah also indicated that the Town was short on voting booths according to State Regulations for the number of voters in Town. It was suggested that \$1,000 be allotted for this expenditure. The Board of Selectmen felt one more booth and the annex would be sufficient at this time. Hannah also suggested a Warrant Article for Restoration of Records in the amount of \$5,000, based on figures she provided.

The Town Clerk also presented costs regarding memory card coding for the ballot machine as an expenditure for the 2008 Proposed Budget. The Board of Selectmen also agreed that the Campton School and the Pemi-Baker Regional School District reimburse the Town for printing and coding of their ballots. The Board then thanked Hannah for her presentation.

At 7:05 p.m. the Board proceeded to meet with Lisa Ash, of the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding their Proposed 2008 Budget. Lisa introduced Carolee Miot to the Board of Selectmen. Lisa indicated that she would like to have information about the Commission placed on the Town web site. Lisa would also like to have a survey on the web site to find out what activities the public would like sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Lisa would also like to post activities on the web site in addition to doing mailings and flyers. She felt a lot of the activities would hinge on the approval of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. It was suggested by the Board that Lisa Ash be present at the Town Meeting regarding any questions pertaining

to the P & R Commission and their Proposed Budget. Ann Marie suggested a report be prepared to place in the Town Annual Report. The Board of Selectmen thanked Lisa for her presentation.

The Board next met with Robert Bain, Road Agent, regarding the Highway Department 2008 Proposed Budget. Butch (Robert) Bain indicated that he would have available a list of the roads to be considered for paving before the Town Meeting. Butch also indicated that the expenditures for Lease Backhoe/Trucks figure are considerably higher due to the 2 new leases. The Road Agent also indicated that the cost for weather damage would be offset by FEMA. Butch indicated that payroll was increased to reflect the promised \$.25 per hour increase (after a six-month period) to David Thompson together with the 3% suggested increase by the Board. Also, David Goodwin's increase reflects a position level increase. The Board thanked Butch for his presentation.

At this point, Selectman Davis had to leave to attend the Building Committee meeting, but returned later. Ann Marie then proceeded with correspondence. It was noted by Ann Marie that Jeff Keith, of Lakes Regional Community Services had cancelled his appointment this evening and will be in at a future date.

Ann Marie reviewed John Timson's Cemetery Proposed Budget. John had indicated to Ann Marie that he needed to put a covering on an existing spring and that some trees needed to be taken down that were leaning on some grave sites. He also indicated that the base of the fountain is in need of repair.

Selectmen Keeney indicated that he spoke with Kevin Coburn regarding a price quote for excavation for a well to be drilled at the cemetery and he was also in the process of getting a quote from Michael Dunklee. Selectman Keeney will meet with John Timson in order to devise a plan for the lay out of the excavation work and well.

Ann Marie also presented the revised Campton-Thornton Fire Department 2008 Proposed Budget Worksheet and indicated that the Campton's portion of ambulance revenue is \$59,102.00.

Ann Marie presented to the Board a list of Non-Profit Organizations which have requested contributions from the Town in the past, together with some new organizations. It was agreed by the Board that a token amount be granted to the following organizations: CADY (Communities for Alcohol & Drug-Free Youth), \$500.00; Mid-State Health Center, \$500.00; CASA, \$300.00. The Board also agreed to support the following organizations' specific requests: Humane Society & Animal Control Officer, \$3,500.00; North Country Council, \$3,677.17; Grafton County Senior Citizens, \$3,900.00; Tri-County Community Action, \$2,800.00; Plymouth Regional Clinic, \$1,000.00.

Ann Marie indicated that Lynn Wheeler responded regarding additional title search work pertaining to Beebe River District and Selectman Cheney will provide this information to the Commissioners of the Beebe River District at their meeting on January 17, 2008.

Ann Marie stated that a notice was received from the Campton Historical Society regarding their Pot Luck Supper and movie. Also received was an updated bulletin from the Grafton County Correctional Center.

At 8:15 p.m. the Board met with Corey Smith, representing Waterville Estates and Road Agent, Butch Bain. As requested by the Board, Corey Smith presented invoices substantiating the amount of sand purchased by Waterville Estates. Butch Bain expressed that the amount of sand used in Waterville Estates was in excess in comparison to what was used by the Town. Selectman Cheney felt the amount was not enough to be concerned with. Corey Smith was concerned about public relations and felt that if the Town could do a better job it would be best that the Town maintain the roads. Butch Bain confirmed that he had sufficient man-power and equipment to do the job and agreed to take over the plowing and sanding of all the Town roads in Waterville Estates. Again, Corey Smith reiterated that he hoped good public relations could be maintained with Waterville Estates and the Town. The Board also concurred.

Selectman Cheney questioned Road Agent, Butch Bain as to whether or not he had received any complaints regarding the amount of trips made on Orchard Street. Butch confirmed that he had no complaints.

At this point, Vice Chair Davis went on to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Selectman Keeney made one addition and Selectman Cheney made one change. A motion was then made to approve the revised Minutes by Selectman Davis, seconded by Selectman Cheney, and voted in the affirmative by all.

Vice Chair Davis proceeded with Other Business/ Selectmen's Input. Selectman Craig Keeney inquired if the Fire Department employee health insurance premiums were paid 100% by the Town. Ann Marie indicated that all full time town employees receive 100% health insurance paid by the Town. Selectman Cheney felt we should explore other avenues regarding the 100% contribution in order to cut costs. After discussion by the Board, and the suggestion of Selectman Davis, it was agreed that a study be done to explore all options.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Davis called for a motion to adjourn, Selectman Cheney made a motion, seconded by Selectman Keeney, voted by all, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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