

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectmen Charles Cheney and Charles Wheeler arrived later in the evening due to juggling schedules. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Building Permits, 5 Residency Applications and 1 Sign Permit.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order with the first appointment of the evening being a tax matter. (Selectman Wheeler and Selectman Cheney were not present at this time). Chair Davis moved that a motion be made to go into Non Public Session regarding a tax matter under RSA 91-A:3,11©; motion was made by Selectman Marsh Morgan, seconded by Selectman Craig Keeney and with a roll call vote: Selectman Sharon Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:15 p.m.

Chair Davis then called upon Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Hannah proceeded to pass a sign-up sheet to the Board for scheduling their assistance at the Polls on Election Day. Hannah indicated the Polls would be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 4, 2008. Hannah also presented to the Board (for their signatures) the updated MAAP User Agreement. The board signed the Agreement. Hannah stated she had ongoing tax matters to discuss. Selectman Wheeler made a motion to go into Non Public Session regarding tax matters under RSA 91-A:3,11©; seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan and with a roll call vote: Selectman Sharon Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Charles Cheney – aye and Selectman Craig Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:25 p.m.

Chair Davis noted that Jeff Andrews (who was scheduled on the agenda) was not present and called upon Police Chief Warn. Chief Warn was at the meeting regarding a personnel matter. Selectman Wheeler made a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, 11(b), seconded by Selectman Morgan and with a roll call vote: Selectman Sharon Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Keeney – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye and Selectman Cheney aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. At 7:50 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

At this time Chief Warn did review some budget expenditures stating that their gasoline fuel figure is up. Regarding the Department's overtime, the Chief indicated he has been able to keep in check and full time salary is on target. Chief Warn indicated that activity is up with more felony cases; although, he felt the economy was not the big issue attributing to these particular cases. Chief Warn also indicated that he and Officer Betsy Bolan would be on duty at the Polls on Election Day and indicated there would be no additional detail cost for the second officer's service. At this point, the Board and Hannah thanked Police Chief Warn.

Chair Davis then called upon Ann Marie regarding correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that an e-mail was received from Jessica Halm of the Conservation Commission regarding the Pattee property. There were concerns pertaining to securing the property, some supplies needed in order to make the property secure and reimbursement of costs. Also, Jules Doner would like to do some clean up of the Blanchard shed. The Board agreed that the Conservation Commission should go forward with taking care of all the security issues necessary in their e-mail (and the clean up) and that reimbursement of supplies would be taken out of the Conservation Commission funds at the end of the year. Ann Marie will inform Jessica Halm of the Board's decision.

Ann Marie indicated that Lloyd Willey sent an e-mail to the Board regarding ongoing concerns of some Waterville Estates residents regarding the condition of Town roads in the Estates. It was decided that Road Agent, Butch Bain should give Mr. Willey a phone call to address the ditching problems, safety concerns, etc that were mentioned in Mr. Willey's e-mail. Ann Marie also drafted a letter to Mr. Willey (which she read to the Board) addressing the ditching concerns, the road patching that has already been done; and the fact that beginning November 1st the Board will start hearing presentations of all Department's initial 2009 budgets. When the Road Agent is scheduled to come before the Board, Ann Marie will let Mr. Willey know so interested Waterville Estates residents can come to listen to the presentation. The Board agreed to have Ann Marie forward this letter to Mr. Willey.

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) sent a letter requesting an annual contribution of \$200 from each town to support PRLAC activities due to cuts in state aid. The Board agreed that this funding should come out of Conservation Commission's funds.

Ann Marie indicated that a courtesy letter was sent from Time Warner Cable concerning switched digital technology that would affect approximately 7 customers in Campton.

Ann Marie stated that a Revised Proposal in the amount of \$125,000.00 was received from All-Ways Wrecking pertaining to K.C. Tire clean up.

A Memorandum was received from Mark Nieder, of Commerford, Nieder and Perkins (Town Assessment service) regarding HD Rider NH, Inc. Mr. Nieder indicated that an appointment was not kept by Mr. George Cheney so Mr. Nieder wanted to know if the BOS wanted him to make another appointment. Mr. Nieder also indicated that, after reviewing the land again, his recommendation would be to have the owner put the land that qualifies into current use. It was agreed that Ann Marie would contact HD Riders NH, Inc., through George Cheney, suggesting that the land be put into current use.

As stated at a previous Selectmen's Meeting, Selectman Keeney indicated he was approached by Mr. Inkell concerning raising the criteria of the income level for elderly exemptions. Ann Marie stated that an inquiry was done of surrounding towns and it was concluded that the income level criteria was higher than Campton's. Ann Marie wanted

the Board to keep in mind that if the income level was raised, there would certainly be more exemption requests filed, consequently decreasing the tax revenue. The general consensus of the Board was to deal with a Petition raising the income level when the Petition is received.

A copy of a letter addressed to an individual who is housing a pig on a homeowner's property. Apparently the homeowner would like the pig removed for various reasons discussed in her letter and would like the Town to just be aware of this issue if there are any repercussions. Selectman Morgan did mention that by law as of November 1st, they must have a three sided structure for penning in of farm animals.

Ann Marie also stated that a meeting has been scheduled at the Town Office for Thursday, October 23, 2008, at 12:30 p.m. in order to set the tax rate. All 5 Selectmen will be attending this meeting.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved for a motion for approval of the Minutes from the previous meeting, Motion was made by Selectman Wheeler, seconded by Selectman Morgan; the Minutes were approved as presented.

Next on the agenda was Selectmen's Input/Other Business. Selectman Wheeler stated that on behalf of the following establishments: Gypsy, Blaser's Fireside Tavern, Canoe, Common Man Lincoln, Country Cow, Coyote Grill, Giuseppe's, Gordis, Mad River Tavern, Mike's Meats, Overlook @ Ragged Mountain, Six Burner Bistro, Stinson Mountain Bar & Grill, Sunset Grill, Sunset Room @ Owl's Nest, Tony's Italian Grill, Walter's Basin, Woodstock Station and William Tell; a check was presented to Ann Marie for the Corner Food Pantry, located at the Town Office, in the amount of \$872.00.

Selectman Marsh Morgan indicated that a homeowner on Miclon Road needs to remove items on the road because the plow truck will never get through. Selectman Cheney will speak to the homeowner directly.

Selectman Marsh Morgan also expressed concern that the Town is locked into a heating oil price with SAU and Fred Fuller Oil with a \$4.29 a gallon amount. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was either to try to, again, renegotiate the price or look further for another oil supplier.

Selectman Davis reminded the Board that the Building Committee would be meeting on November 5, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Kelly Bolger was present at this Selectmen's Meeting and reiterated the fact that the proposed new Town Office building was put out for pricing purposes only.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned by a Motion from Selectman Charles Wheeler and seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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