

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
OCTOBER 27, 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 Cheney, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectmen Wheeler was out of State due to other obligations. The Board spent the first 20 minutes going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Driveway Permit, 2 Residency Applications, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut, 1 Tax Agreement and Chair Davis signed 1 Employment Contract.

At 6:50 p.m. Chair Davis opened the meeting and invited Omer Ahern, Jr. to speak regarding his candidacy for County Commissioner, District 3. Mr. Ahern began by giving his background and accomplishments and indicating he was born in Plymouth, NH, (at present) he is a tree farmer and also an attorney. He has had previous experience as a County Commissioner and his goals for running as a candidate in Grafton County are to reduce property taxes (by controlling spending by the County government); and make County government more efficient. When asked his intentions for the County Farm, by Selectman Davis, Mr. Ahern, Jr. indicated the need to keep the farm in operation (without competing with private farmers) and to operate "workshops" for continued farming knowledge. Mr. Ahern also acknowledged that a new County Jail was needed, but not as costly as the new jail proposed. The Board thanked Mr. Ahern for coming.

Chair Davis acknowledged that the Board's 7:00 p.m. appointment (Jeff Andrews) was not present and inquired to the public at this meeting if they wished to speak even though an appointment was not indicated on the agenda. Mr. Rosario Beninati of 264 Lower Beech Hill Road, Campton introduced himself. Mr. Beninati stated that his concern (along with other property owners on Lower Beech Hill Road that were in attendance) was the road conditions on Lower Beech Hill Road pertaining to drainage problems, etc. He also indicated that concerned property owners would like to see Lower Beech Hill Road paved next year. Chair Davis indicated to Mr. Beninati that the Road Agent, Butch Bain, has a Plan for the sequence of paving the roads in Town; and without having that list in front of her she did not know the status of Lower Beech Hill Road at the present time. The Board concurred. It was the Board's suggestion that Mr. Beninati speak with the Road Agent, first, in order to hopefully resolve the concerns. It was also explained to Mr. Beninati (and the other property owners present) that had an appointment been made to be placed on the agenda, the Board would have made arrangements with the Road Agent to be present at the meeting; then, the Board would have been better prepared to answer the concerned questions. Ann Marie indicated that when the Road Agent comes to speak with the Board regarding his proposed 2009 budget (which will be within the next couple of weeks), the concerned property owners are certainly invited to attend. Mr. Beninati agreed that he would first speak with Road Agent, Butch Bain.

Mr. Howard Campbell, a property owner on Lower Beech Hill Road addressed the concern of a junkyard in existence abutting his property. Mr. Campbell spoke of covenants on his deed pertaining to existing violations of these covenants. Ann Marie

stated that the property in question was on the Town's Junkyard list and it was being investigated, but the Town is not responsible for enforcing deed covenants. Chair Davis confirmed that the Planning Board is working very hard (for the past year) at coming up with guidelines and enforcement to resolve the Junkyard issues and this particular property was definitely being investigated to hopefully resolve these issues. The concerned property owners on Lower Beech Hill also discussed concerns of seepage of fluids from a number of various vehicles on the property and health concerns pertaining to sewage. The Board suggested that the property owners contact the Department of Environmental Services and that Ann Marie would contact the Town Health Officer, James McGarr to make a visit to the property. The property owners thanked the Board for their time.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie for Correspondence. Ann Marie indicated a letter was received from National Multiple Sclerosis Society pertaining to laws relative to obstruction of parking places and parking for persons with walking disabilities. A copy of the laws and resolution are available for review; and Ann Marie will make sure Police Chief Warn receives a copy.

A letter was received from Department of Environmental Services pertaining to the Jencks property off of Bog Road indicating the approval of the Alteration of Terrain permit, subject to certain conditions to which Ann Marie read to the Board.

Notice was received of the next meeting of the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., held in Boyd Hall Room 001 at Plymouth State University. The Minutes from the August and September meeting are available for review and also the Agenda for their October meeting.

E-mail was received from Town Attorney, Laura Spector regarding cleanup of KC Tire. Attorney Spector confirmed that the cleanup had to be performed by State-certified asbestos personnel.

A note was received from Steve Hackett and Todd Baldwin pertaining to their proposal to dredge Campton Pond. They indicated that, basically, the Forest Service blocked their endeavors; and consequently, they have suspended their work on this project, but will think about alternative strategies.

A resolution was received to enter the Primex 5% Multi Year Discount Program. Chair Davis read the Resolution to the Board as follows:

**RESOLVED:** To hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex) to enter into its 5% Multi Year Discount Program and Membership Agreement as of the date of the adoption of this Resolution, and to be contractually bound to all of the terms and conditions of Primex risk management pool membership during the term of the 5% Multi-Year Discount Program. The coverage provided by Primex in each year of Membership shall be as then set forth in the Coverage Documents of Primex.

Chair Davis moved for a Motion, Selectman Cheney made the Motion to accept the Resolution from Primex, seconded by Selectman Morgan; the Resolution was unanimously accepted by all.

Ann Marie indicated that she had the estimated calculation of oil consumption for the Town buildings (estimated at approximately 5,000 gallons total) and that she had contacted Smitty's Oil. The price quote from Smitty's was \$2.99 per gallon with no lock in. Also, Smitty's does not charge an added delivery fee if delivery was not made on the usual delivery date. Ann Marie confirmed that if the Town decided to discontinue their agreement with the SAU and Fred Fuller Oil that any future arrangements would no longer be available to the Town. The Board unanimously agreed to purchase the oil from Smitty's Oil and Ann Marie also confirmed that the Fire Commissioners were in agreement to purchase from Smitty's Oil.

Ann Marie stated that she has invited Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. to come in to speak with the Board as Tri-County has doubled their contribution request (to the Town) to \$4,700 as a non-profit organization.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting; Selectman Marsh Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes with 2 revisions discussed previously; seconded by Selectman Keeney; the revised Minutes were approved by all.

Chair Davis called for Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Marsh Morgan presented to the Board a draft Application for Junkyard License that was prepared by the Planning Board. Selectman Keeney inquired as to the steps to be followed when using the junkyard Application. At this point, discussion centered on procedures to be followed. It was agreed to attach to the Application the State Rules and Regulations and a list of what constitutes a junkyard. If the property owner does not want to apply for the License; or does not qualify for the approval of the License, then it was suggested that the Compliance Officer would then deliver a specific list of items to be cleaned up on the property and a time frame in order to complete this cleanup. This was purely discussion with no solid decisions established at the present time; however the Board would like Compliance Officer, Charles Brosseau to get started by initially visiting the properties. Selectman Keeney volunteered to go with Mr. Brosseau (if Charlie wished to have a second person with him).

Chair Davis wanted to remind everyone that the dedication of the Town Garage to Eddie Pattee was scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 1, 2008. Ann Marie has arranged for refreshments.

Another reminder was the meeting with Nancy Mayville of the Department of Transportation scheduled for November 3, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., at the Town Office.

There being no further business, Chair Davis declared the meeting officially adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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