

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen Sharon Davis, Marsh Morgan, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney and Craig Keeney. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Building Permit and 4 Residency Applications.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with the first appointment of the evening being Tom Giles, Assistant District Ranger and Molly Fuller, who is the new District Ranger. Ms. Fuller stated that the new Forest Service facility off of Bog Road is being named Pemigewasset Ranger District. The facility will handle coverage for approximately 800,000 acres and Tom Giles will be representing the Town of Campton for any possible timber cut issues. Selectman Marsh Morgan presented to Ms. Fuller that property owners in the Town of Campton have expressed an interest in, once again, restoring Campton Pond for swimming purposes. Ms. Fuller held to the Forest Service's decision not to allow dredging of the pond as addressed in her letter previously to Steve Hackett and Todd Baldwin. Some of those concerns were the impact on wild life (namely, wood turtles) and the Forest Service not having the manpower to adequately maintain another recreation facility that would create a long-time commitment to the workload. Ms. Fuller stated that she did not see this project going any further unless there was some sort of "public will". When Mr. Baldwin asked Ms. Fuller what sort of "public will" would be necessary, it was not made clear what kind of "public will" she was referring to. Mr. Baldwin also stated that the Forest Service seemed to be the only agency against this project. It appeared clear that the Forest Service was going to hold to their decision and the Board thanked Ms. Fuller and Mr. Giles for coming.

Chair Davis then called on Jeff Andrews as their next appointment for the evening. Mr. Andrews has entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Lots 3A-11A at Beebe River. Mr. Andrews wanted to clarify some issues with the Board in order to finalize his purchase. One issue pertained to Shannon Drive. Mr. Andrews would like permission to maintain the road after placing base gravel and crushed gravel for the finish layer. Mr. Andrews referred to an estimate drawn by Selectman Cheney dated 5/16/07 for this material. Selectman Cheney and the Board expressed that an update on the estimate needed to be established on current quantities and prices. Also, the Board agreed that the Road Agent would have to give his approval and if the road ever became a Town road, it would have to be paved. Mr. Andrews expressed the road would be maintained by him and costs be split between property owners. Selectman Keeney expressed concern about the road being used more heavily due to Mr. Andrews crushing stone business and that the road was not designed for commercial traffic.

Mr. Andrews also expressed concern on all liens on the property in question. The Board agreed to release town liens, but not tax liens on the properties, but would forgive any interest payments that were due on delinquent taxes.

Mr. Andrews addressed some proposals he would like to construct on Lot 8A and the Board stated this was a Planning Board decision; however, Selectman Morgan indicated he didn't feel the proposals would be a problem.

A proposal was presented by Mr. Andrews concerning the resolution to the water supply problem. Lot B-2 was involved pertaining to Mr. Andrews purchasing this lot and past due taxes totaling over \$9,400.00. There were two options being presented. One option being the Town waiving all interest due on delinquent taxes; option 2 being Mr. Andrews signing a 99-year lease with the Water District and in return the Town would waive all delinquent taxes for the years 2004-2007.

Selectman Wheeler expressed to Mr. Andrews that his offers were very attractive, but he was also inquiring about Mr. Andrews crushing stone business and the Board's reluctance due to past agreements presented to the Town that were not kept by the previous owner.

At 8:00 p.m. Chair Davis called on James McGarr, Town Health Officer. Mr. McGarr was requested by the Board to visit a property on Lower Beech Hill Road due to various neighboring property owners' concerns about health issues. After inspection of the property, it was Mr. McGarr's opinion, (as Health Officer) that there were no violations of health issues and no leakage of fluids from 2 vehicles parked in the yard.

At 8:10 p.m. Chair Davis called on Police Chief Warn regarding a personnel issue. Chief Warn requested an Executive Non Public Session. Selectman Cheney made a motion to go into Executive Non Public Session and Selectman Wheeler seconded the Motion and with a roll call vote: Selectman Sharon Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Executive Non Public Session. The Board came out of Executive Non Public Session at 8:20 p.m.

The Board then decided to go back into Non Public Session with Police Chief Warn under RSA 91-A:3, 11© as a continuance of further discussion regarding the Executive Non Public Session. With a Motion from Selectman Marsh Morgan; seconded by Selectman Wheeler, with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye the Board went into Non Public Session. At 8:30 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

At this point, Chair Davis called on Mr. James McGarr. Mr. McGarr expressed to the Board a need to go into a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, 11©. Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to go into Non Public Session; seconded by Selectman Keeney, with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. At 8:45 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session and the Non Public Session Minutes were sealed.

At this point, Police Chief Warn also indicated another Non Public Session was necessary under RSA 91-A:3, 11©; with a Motion from Selectman Wheeler; seconded by Selectman Keeney, with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler –aye, Selectman Cheney –aye and Selectman Keeney – aye the Board went into Non Public Session. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 9:00 p.m.

Chair Davis indicated the Board would skip the Budget Review and Investment Policy this evening and would discuss next week.

Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting; Motion was made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman Wheeler; the Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie for correspondence. Ann Marie distributed the figures set for the new tax rate and indicated she would be running the warrants tomorrow. The new tax rate is as follows:

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| Town          | \$ 5.15        |
| School        | \$ 10.99       |
| County        | \$ 1.76        |
| State Ed. Tax | <u>\$ 2.63</u> |
| Total         | \$ 20.53       |

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| Waterville Estates | \$ 15.45 |
| Campton Village    | \$ 0.49  |
| Beebe River        | \$ 4.24  |

Ann Marie read a draft letter prepared for the Board to sign addressed to Fred Fuller Oil. The Board decided not to forward the letter; and instead, Selectman Wheeler will call Mr. Fuller to reiterate the Board's decision not to purchase fuel oil from Fred Fuller Oil in the amount of \$4.29 a gallon.

Ann Marie indicated an invitation was received from Northway Bank regarding their Open House scheduled for 11/5/08, between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m., at the downtown Plymouth office.

Ann Marie was happy to announce that Laurie Coffin of Noseworthy Real Estate sent a thank you letter to her regarding her assistance with the purchase of the Pattee property for the Town.

A copy of a letter from Attorney Spector was received concerning K.C. Tire cleanup. It is the opinion of the attorneys involved that the state should also contribute significant funds toward the cost of remediation in this matter.

A copy of a letter addressed to Attorney Gray-Rice was received regarding the Town of Campton vs. Hamblett & Kerrigan confirming the fact that approximately \$20,000 in attorneys' fees are trying to be recovered in this case.

Ann Marie indicated that Lincoln Family Health Center returned the Board's questionnaire pertaining to their non-profit organization and their contribution request. Ann Marie will further discuss next week.

Ann Marie also stated that an Annual Dam Registration Fee notice was received regarding Alden Brown Pond. Ann Marie indicated it was the contention of the State Land Agent (who looked at the deed in the Town Office) that the Town owns the dam; hence, the fee notice. The Board agreed that the Town Attorney become involved in this matter and Ann Marie will forward the documents to Attorney Spector.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis continued with Other Business/ Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis inquired if each Board member was aware of their particular scheduled time to work at the voting polls. Also, Selectman Morgan indicated that at the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector's meeting regarding ballot clerk procedures, Hannah stated that she scheduled the Selectmen to walk the line to direct individual to the necessary area to do same day registering. This will allow the voting line to move more quickly.

Chair Davis reminded the Board that a Building Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Town Office. Chair Davis also indicated that a meeting of the Trustees of the Trust Funds was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., at the Town Office.

Selectman Cheney stated that he was approached by a property owner who was upset that their tax bill was received and on the outside of the envelope, in red ink, were the words, "Past Due". Chair Davis indicated that the Board would get an explanation from Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

There being no further business, a Motion was made by Selectman Morgan to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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