

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Cheney was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Building Permit, 3 Abatements, and three Pole Permits.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with the first appointment of the evening being Jane Kellogg and Melissa Greenwalt-Yelle of the Conservation Commission regarding their Proposed 2009 Budget. Melissa distributed their proposed budget to the Board. After discussion, it was agreed that certain one-time expenses (pertaining to the Pattee property) be removed from their budget and Jane and Melissa will bring in a new revised Proposed 2009 Budget to reflect these changes. There was also concern pertaining to the Warrant Article for the sale of the Pattee home and Ann Marie explained this would be taken care of by the Selectmen's Office.

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Davis called upon Police Chief Warn for the Police Department's 2009 Proposed Budget. Chief Warn distributed his Proposed Budget to the Board. Chief Warn proceeded down the budget explaining that training expenses are up a little (from \$5,000 to \$7,000); and he includes ammunition and range fees in this item. Uniforms are up from \$7,500 to \$9,000 merely due to the fact that uniform price has gone up. Insurance deductible has remained the same at \$1,000, along with Janitorial expenses of \$1,500. Office expenses have increased \$300 due to allowance of some additional computer software needed. Fuel was increased from \$17,500 to \$22,000, Chief Warn explained with the recent rising and falling of fuel prices it is difficult to predict. Chief Warn estimated approximately \$1,200 a month, but he will "keep a closer eye" on this figure. The Additional Salary Accounts increased from \$25,000 to \$32,160.00. Chief Warn indicated that this increase is due to the additional part time shift. Also Ann Marie stated that the longevity amounts of \$1,050 and \$950 should be placed in wages rather than Additional Salary Accounts. Under Cruiser Maintenance Chief Warn stated that they are spending less, but the cost of repairs has increased so the figure was raised from \$5,500 to \$6,500. In addition, telephone service rates have gone up so the proposed budget figure is \$8,000 rather than \$7,500. As far as Dispatch and Other Contracted Services, Chief Warn said he has no control of these rising charges. The Department is charged per call and the spike from \$23,870 to \$36,633 is due to increased radio traffic and calls for service. Also, an additional \$2,500 is for the subscriber fee to the Central NH Special Operations Unit. Chief Warn expressed that while the dispatch service keeps rising and (the Department having no control); he doesn't foresee the Town of Campton ever having their own dispatch service. The Legal fee has been increased from \$24,000 to \$32,000 based on more arrests. This fee also includes a subscriber fee to the Plymouth Court Jurisdictional Association along with Westlaw software subscription and law book updates. Chief Warn also discussed two Warrant Articles pertaining to the purchase of a new police cruiser and an appropriation of \$15,000 to be placed in an account for Police

Details. Also listed on the proposed budget was a revenue estimate of approximately \$7,750.00.

After the presentation, discussion was had and the concern of the Board was that they have to be real careful on percentages of salary increases and felt they needed to discuss this more fully. Chief Warn did express his concern about retaining his staff and the fact that he has already lost two of his Police Officers. Chief Warn also indicated that Officer Daniel Gilman graduated from the academy and Officer Patrick Payer was officially promoted to Corporal.

Next on the agenda was the Cemetery 2009 Proposed Budget that was prepared by John Timson and presented by Ann Marie. The increase of \$2,000 is due to the replacement of fence at Hutt's Cemetery and to sandblast the fountain to remove the green paint. Selectman Marsh Morgan indicated that there were some large trees that needed to be removed out of the cemetery off of Bog Road. Selectman Morgan will visit the cemetery and report back to the Board. Ann Marie indicated that the \$2,500 allotted in the budget for removal of stumps/trees could be used for the cemetery off of Bog Road. As far as labor and equipment, Ann Marie stated they left that figure for the Board to discuss. Selectman Davis suggested researching other towns, and she will check with the NHEC and some businesses for salary percentage increase information. There being no further discussion on the Cemetery Proposed Budget, Chair Davis called on Ann Marie for correspondence.

Ann Marie first discussed a problem with a trailer park property owner removing a trailer from the property without the taxes being paid to the Town. The Board agreed that a letter from the Town Attorney be forwarded to the trailer park owner notifying him that he owed the back taxes as he caused the trailer to be removed from the park.

Ann Marie inquired as to whether or not a property that was taken over by the Town should have insurance placed on it. The Board agreed to acquire the insurance. Also, Ann Marie will contact Mark Laroche to look at the property for an estimate on securing it and placing no trespassing signs.

Ann Marie stated that two thank you notes were received from the Nancy Byerly and Grace Families.

Ann Marie stated that she met with Grace Levermore, of the State of NH Department of Environmental Services and it was determined that the Town does, in fact, own the dam at Alden Brown Pond. The annual registration fee of \$400 includes getting the dam inspected every five years and the state will also inspect if major flooding ever occurs. Any repairs and maintenance will be the responsibility of the Town. There was indication that some trees had to come down and the Town Highway Department will take care of that. The State waived any previous fees due and is just requesting the annual fee of \$400 at present. The Board agreed to pay this annual fee.

The Campton Historical Society provided a letter of their accomplishments with an attached survey for filling out by any interested party.

Ann Marie indicated that the case involving Patrick Miller, et al v Town of Campton, et al has been appealed again; and she has received notice of this and Selectman Marsh Morgan was provided a copy.

A letter was received from Time Warner regarding increased cable fees. Ann Marie indicated she is still working on getting a quote for a new cell phone plan for the Town.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes and the Non Public Session Minutes of the previous meeting. Chair Davis noted there was one revision to be made. A Motion was then made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman Wheeler; to approve the Minutes as revised; the Minutes were approved.

Chair Davis went on to Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Town Deposit and Investment Policy, which was revised due to changes in NH law and to comply with recommendations of Town Auditors. Motion was made by Selectman Wheeler to approve the revised Town Deposit and Investment Policy, seconded by Selectman Morgan and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectmen Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Policy was approved by all.

Selectman Wheeler wanted to commend Road Agent, Butch Bain, on the expedient manner in which a rather large pot hole on Bog Road was fixed within hours of the call placed for repair.

Selectman Keeney stated that Kevin Coburn called him and stated someone went through the iron bridge on Eastern Corner Road and he notified Butch Bain. There was some discussion as to where the Class VI road starts. Selectman Keeney asked Ann Marie to check on that fact. In the meantime, the Board agreed that the bridge was a safety hazard and the Town should fix it.

Selectman Wheeler inquired about the steel girder bridge over the brook on Bog Road that is being constructed. Ann Marie explained that this bridge is being constructed for John Timson (to get to his property) and to the best of her knowledge, all proper requirements have been met before proceeding with construction.

Ann Marie went over the Tracking Report noting several items that had been completed such as Financial Audit, Investment Policy, well at Blair Cemetery, Bump Bridge is in progress; and they met with Nancy Mayville of DOT regarding Blair Bridge. The junkyard visits have not been completed, Conklin & Reynolds needs a follow-up on progress regarding title work on Beebe River (Ann Marie will check) and a review of the Employee Handbook needs to be started.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by a Motion from Selectman Charles Wheeler and seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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