

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2008

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

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with the first appointment of the evening being the Library Trustees. Martha Aguiar and Diane Morrison were present to discuss the 2009 Proposed Library Budget. Martha distributed their budget to the Board. The budget reflected a 3% wage increase for the Librarian and the Assistant. Martha stated the 3% was arrived at by using last year's percentage. The budget also reflects allowance for the purchase of a new computer. Under Special Programs Martha indicated that they have passes at the library (available to residents) for Shaker Village and the Currier Museum. Maratha also indicated that the Library has a web page now. The Board was pleased with the bottom line figure of \$39,912.22; but Selectman Wheeler explained that the Selectman have not set a percentage figure on wages as yet. However, it will be a guideline for the Library Trustees to follow, if they wish. Martha and Diane thanked the Board.

Chair Davis proceeded with Correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that Town Attorney, Laura Spector has been working diligently on fire easements to maintain cisterns and now they are all in place. Fire Chief Tobine will be meeting with Road Agent, Butch Bain, to identify where all the cisterns are located.

Mark Laroche presented a price quote in the amount of \$1,336.00 for material and labor to secure a home that is owned by the Town. Ann Marie indicated that there was still some personal property left at the house and the Town gave the previous owners until December 3, 2008 to remove the items.

The NH DOT sent a notice regarding Highway Block Grant Aid to the Town and the estimated figure for 2009 is \$106,715.06.

The Campton-Thorton Sanitary Landfill Monitoring Report was received and Selectman Cheney is reviewing the contents. Also, a letter was received from Pemi Youth Center, a non-profit organization that is requesting any available funds from the Town to help support the Youth Center. The youth population they serve includes about 9% from Campton. At the present time, the Board tabled this matter to be reconsidered in the budget process.

Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector informed the Board (by memo) that taxes due on 3 properties in town, which were being seized by the U.S. Treasury, have not been paid. Laura Spector, Town Attorney, indicated that the Town can use the Order of

Forfeiture to transfer the property to the government. The government is supposed to pay some of the taxes based on the order; however, some taxes will have to be abated.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis proceeded with their next appointment, Butch Bain, Road Agent, to discuss the 2009 Proposed Highway Budget. Butch indicated that he did not allow for a percentage wage increase, except that he would like to promote David Thompson to Heavy Equipment Operator raising his hourly rate from \$15.45 to \$16.45. Butch explained obviously the fuel figure had to be adjusted from last year's Proposed Budget and he increased the Equipment Maintenance/Repair, as the grader is old and the loader needs new tires. The bottom line figure on the Proposed Budget was \$665,200.75, approximately \$3,000 less than the 2008 Proposed Budget.

Butch met previously with Selectman Davis regarding road paving and it was determined that the "worst of the worst" roads that needed paving were Hodgeman Hill, King Road and Town Pound. Selectman Marsh Morgan again indicated that he felt Town Pound Road could get by with some patching, without the necessity of paving the entire road. It was determined that the next worst roads on the list for paving would be Loft Circle, Mardin Drive, Hemlock Rd. and Winterbrook Rd. (lower). It was explained that the Town would do as much as they could, within the budget, and depending on the price of tar, maybe some of the roads (next in line) could be completed. The Board felt the paved road inventory plan was a good plan and Chair Davis then opened up questions from property owners in the audience. One question presented to Butch was how much money has been spent on patching. Butch stated that he would have to research that with Ann Marie. Butch did acknowledge some problems on Hodgeman Hill Rd near Pegwood and stated some ditching will be performed this week. One residence of Waterville Estates indicated she had slid off the road recently and received no help from a private contractor (hired by the Town to maintain the road) who passed her while she was in the ditch. She wanted to know what the Town policy was in rendering assistance to residents from Town hired private road contractors while on duty. Butch Bain apologized for this occurrence and was not sure of the contractor's reason for not stopping. Butch stated he would discuss this matter with the contractor.

Tom Avallone, a business owner in Town, acknowledged that the Road Agent was trying very hard to take care of a very difficult part of Town roads (Waterville Estates). Also, Greg Jencks, a Campton resident, wanted to express that Butch Bain was doing an excellent job at repairs and paving of the roads and felt the roads were in better shape this year than from previous years. Kelly Bolger also stated that last winter certainly was not easy and Butch Bain did a great job.

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

Chair Davis went on to Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis reminded the Board of the meeting on Saturday, December 6, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to noon with the

pricing contractors for the Town Office Building. Kelly Bolger indicated that all three contractors will be present for this meeting.

Ann Marie also reminded the Board of the SAU Budget Hearing scheduled for December 4, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Plymouth Regional High School, Bobcat Café.

Ann Marie stated that snow shoveling at the Town Office has previously been done by Butch Bain and David Goodwin; however plowing has taken up their time and that is no longer an option. Ann Marie requested that Mark Laroche be hired to complete the snow- shoveling task this coming winter. The Board approved Ann Marie's request.

There being no further business, Chair Davis then moved for a motion to adjourn. Selectman Charles Wheeler moved to adjourn and Selectman Marsh Morgan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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