

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 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, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler and Craig Keeney. Selectman Marsh Morgan was not present due to unexpected icy conditions at his residence. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Residency Applications, several closing documents pertaining to the purchase of remaining Pike Industries property to the Town, 1 Abatement Request, 1 Quit-Claim Deed which had previously been tax deeded to the Town and also Chair Davis signed letters to local builders regarding acquiring general assessment data.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. with the first appointment being Adam St. Cyr, Wireless Business Consultant with U.S. Cellular. Mr. St. Cyr presented a corporate price quote to the Town for four separate accounts, which would include 1400 anytime minutes, unlimited calling from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and unlimited calling to or from any U.S. Cellular customer. The approximate saving to the Town to participate in this corporate contract would be 30%. Selectman Charles Wheeler will acquire the necessary documents for Adam to re-establish the Health Officer's account with U.S. Cellular in order to participate in this corporate price quote. Selectman Wheeler also indicated that a U.S. Cellular phone would be provided to the Health Officer rather than purchasing a new phone. Adam indicated that at the time of signing the contract, the Board will be able to designate Ann Marie as the "primary account holder", and if they wish, add a Board member. The Board was extremely pleased with the savings and thanked Mr. St. Cyr for his presentation.

Chair Davis called on Road Agent, Butch Bain to discuss 2008 year-end budget. Ann Marie indicated that there were two outstanding plow bills that needed to be paid which would leave approximately \$3,000 in the Highway Department's budget. The question presented to the Board was whether or not they wanted to increase the Highway Department Budget to \$11,000, which would accommodate the bridgework being performed on the bridge on Beech Hill Road (Bog Pond); or, increase the Capital Reserve Bridge Fund for the cost of the repairs. After lengthy discussion about anticipated additional repairs to Bump Bridge and Blair Bridge repairs, the Board decided they would like to have calculated one total figure (combining all our bridge repair costs) and then the Board will make a decision about whether or not bonding would be the best route to go, or another avenue, for the financing. Road Agent, Butch Bain will inquire on price quotes for guard rails and paving on the Bump Bridge and pressured treated planks for the Eastern Corner Road Bridge. In regard to the Bump Bridge, Kelly Bolger suggested, and the Board agreed that a final "sign-off" should be acquired from the engineers, Dubois & King, before final payment is made to the contractor.

At 7:20 p.m. Chair Davis asked Ann Marie to review the Correspondence. Ann Marie stated that the Waterville Chamber of Commerce sent a discount card to the Board with a list of the applicable discounts offered by various businesses participating in this

program. Ann Marie also received and read to the Board a delightful thank you note from Mrs. Harrigan's 3rd grade class who recently visited the Town Office. Ann Marie graciously gave the class a short tour of the activities that the Selectmen's Office performs.

A memo was also received from Attorney Laura Spector regarding the ongoing Patrick Miller, et al law suit indicating that the case has been appealed to the Supreme Court.

There being no further correspondence Chair Davis proceeded to move for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. With one correction being noted by Selectman Cheney, Selectman Charles Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised, Selectmen Cheney seconded; the Minutes were approved with the one revision.

Chair Davis proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Ann Marie stated that she would like to remind the Board about making some definite plans regarding the following: Bump Bridge repairs (as previously discussed above); what portion to put in the Capital Reserve Funds; thoughts on the next step on how to proceed regarding the proposed new Town Office Building; and employee wages. It was requested by the Board that a 3% wage increase be projected across the board, for work session purposes only, and not to be construed as a final decision.

Chair Sharon Davis suggested (and the Board agreed) that on Monday, January 5, 2009 the Board would meet to sign the manifest and other applicable documents and then continue with a "work session" rather than a regular Selectmen's Meeting to resolve the above-mentioned matters.

Chair Davis requested that Road Agent, Butch Bain look into the terms and costs regarding a lease/purchase agreement on a road grader. Chair Davis explained that her intent was purely to get a ballpark figure for future reference.

Selectman Wheeler inquired as to whether or not a half-day on December 31, 2008 was listed as an official holiday for Town employees. Ann Marie indicated that while it is not officially listed in the Personnel Manual, it has been the practice in previous years to allow the half-day. Selectman Wheeler suggested that since this has been the practice in the past, that it is included as a half day in the manual.

There being no further business, Chair Davis called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, who indicated she would like to know how the Board would like her to proceed with the centralized depositing system pertaining to the Police Department. Hannah also expressed concern that she had not received any additions or corrections to the suggested categorized listing of itemized revenue receipts from the Police Department. After some discussion, it was the Board's decision, at the present time, to have the Police Department collect their particular revenue and if a deposit is \$50.00 or more, on any given day, from their own department, that the deposit will be made to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector on that day. The Board did have concerns about holding revenue and the possibility of over drafts occurring. Selectman Sharon Davis indicated

that she will speak with Police Chief Warn tomorrow regarding this matter; and in addition, she recommended that the auditors also discuss their suggestions with Chief Warn when they are in the office for their yearly audit.

There being no further business, Chair Davis then moved for a motion to adjourn. Selectman Charles Wheeler made a Motion to adjourn and Selectman Craig Keeney seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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