

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2009

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 spent the first 15 minutes going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 1 Purchase Order for the Highway Department, 3 Pole Permits and 1 letter regarding Unemployment Compensation Insurance.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Roy Sabourn as the Board's first appointment for the evening. Mr. Sabourn introduced Mr. Peter Fiore as his client and being the property owner of 52 acres of land off Quimby Road. Mr. Sabourn explained that Mr. Fiore would like to build a 24 X 28 seasonal cottage with generator on this particular property. Mr. Sabourn distributed to the Board a map which depicts the property in question. Mr. Sabourn explained that this project will entail some extensive work to be done concerning Wetlands permits, septic design approval and working with abutters to which Mr. Sabourn will be assisting Mr. Fiore. Mr. Sabourn explained that they have already approached the Planning Board and a Building Permit approval is required from the Town. Mr. Sabourn and Mr. Fiore would like to know, (in advance) before the extensive work and money is laid out, whether or not the Town will support this project. The Board's consensus was that they did not have a problem with Mr. Fiore's project, but felt it necessary to refer this matter to Laura Spector, Town Attorney as there are issues concerning a discontinued road and possible liability issues for the Town. It was decided that when Attorney Reynolds completes her research work for Mr. Fiore, she notify Ann Marie and both Attorney Spector and Attorney Reynolds could work together at accomplishing the necessary tasks. Mr. Sabourn thanked the Board for their time.

At 7:20 p.m. Chair Davis then called on Bob Durfee of Dubois & King, Inc. and Stan Graton regarding the Bump Bridge. Bob Durfee was pleased to announce that the bridgework has been completed and the bridge was opened before Christmas. Mr. Durfee distributed to the Board an extensive report on the repair work completed and indicated that a copy of this report has been submitted to the NH DOT for their files. Mr. Durfee stated that the only thing left to do is to notify the Army Corps and NH DES. Mr. Durfee gave Ann Marie the proper forms to complete the paper work. It was also recommended by Mr. Durfee that the Town still keep in effect the 3-ton load limit. The Board made a point of thanking Mr. Graton for his patience in receiving compensation for this project and indicated what an excellent job both gentlemen had performed. Ann Marie informed Mr. Durfee and Mr. Graton that a Warranty Article was being drafted to bond additional bridgework in Town. Mr. Durfee offered any assistance with the Warranty Article (if necessary) and also indicated that there is possible Federal funding available and the NH DOT offers assistance in applying. Mr. Durfee indicated that Mr. David Powelson, telephone 271-2731 at the DOT would be the contact person for Ann Marie.

Chair Davis then called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Hannah explained that a letter needed to be picked for the order of names on the ballot and Selectman Marsh Morgan picked from Hannah's bag of letters the letter "R" which will designate the letter to start the listing of names on the ballot.

At 7:35 p.m. Hannah Joyce requested a Non Public Session and Chair Davis moved for a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,11b, the Motion was made by Selectman Wheeler, seconded by Selectman Morgan and with a roll call vote – Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session.

The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:10 p.m. At this point, Chair Davis made a Motion to amend the Personnel Policy to read that 35 hours will constitute full time employment with all benefits, effective immediately. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and with a roll call vote – Selectman Davis – yes, Selectman Morgan – yes, Selectman Wheeler – yes, Selectman Cheney – no and Selectman Keeney yes, the Motion carried.

Chair Davis asked Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated a Memo was received from the US Department of Transportation regarding Federal funding of National Historic Covered Bridges with enclosed information on applying. Mr. Durfee referred to this funding previously at this meeting.

An e-mail was received from Jessica Halm pertaining to another Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act session being held on February 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest Conference Center in Woodstock, NH. Ann Marie will pass this e-mail on to Charles Brosseau, Compliance Officer.

An invitation was received from North Country Resource Conservation and Development Area Council to attend their dinner meeting scheduled for February 17, 2009, starting at 5:00 pm., at the Common Man Inn, Plymouth, NH. The tickets are \$25.00 p/p for the dinner, or just the program and dessert and coffee would be \$5.00 p/p.

A letter was received from Attorney Thomas Cowie who is working with Town Attorney, Laura Spector on resolving the issue of the demolished mobile home in Six Flags Mobile Home Park located at 154 Sunset Circle that has outstanding taxes due. A Motion was made by Selectman Davis to approve the settlement to the Town in the amount of \$500.00 and releasing Six Flags Mobile Home Park (and their heirs or legal representatives) and Janis Worden of any further outstanding tax obligations. Charles Cheney seconded the Motion and with a roll call vote Selectman Davis – yes, Selectman Morgan – yes, Selectman Wheeler – yes, Selectman Cheney – yes and Selectman Keeney – no, the \$500.00 settlement was approved.

Ann Marie also indicated that a Warrant Article was presented to increase the elderly exemption net income of single to \$29,000 and the combined net income of a married

couple to \$37,000. Ann Marie proceeded to read the RSA to the Board pertaining to this Warrant Article and the Board approved of the Article being presented at Town Meeting.

Ann Marie stated a note was received from the individuals doing the work on the railroad redecking and thanking the Town and the Road Agent for allowing them to utilize the Town Garage while completing their project.

Ann Marie indicated she distributed to the Board (in their boxes) the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Minutes for their review.

Chair Davis recognized Lisa Ash as the Board's next scheduled appointment on the agenda to finalize the 2009 Parks & Recreation Budget. Lisa explained that she was able to "tailor" the budget in order to bring it down \$3,000 for a bottom line figure of \$38,171. Lisa explained that she felt Carolee Miot would understand and be patient with her salary until the economy turns around. The Board was pleased with the revised figures and thanked Lisa Ash for coming and Lisa responded by thanking the Board for all their support.

At 8:20 p.m. Chair Davis called on Police Chief Chris Warn as the next appointment for the evening. Chief Warn requested a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, ll(b). Chair Davis made a motion to go into Non Public Session, seconded by Selectman Wheeler and 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 8:55 p.m. Chair Davis called on Ann Marie for one further correspondence announcement. Ann Marie was happy to announce that Michelle Toepel had forwarded a certified letter to her with a \$6,000 check representing her responsibility to fulfill her contract obligations with the Town.

Chair Davis proceeded to move for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented and Selectman Marsh Morgan seconded the Motion, the Minutes were approved as written.

Chair Davis inquired as to Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Ann Marie indicated that after the February 9, 2009 Selectman's Meeting the Bond hearing and Budget hearing would follow at the Historical Society building. Ann Marie distributed the updated Budget for 2009 (with the most current figures she had at present). However, she felt the figures that were presently unavailable would not greatly affect the bottom line. She also indicated that in estimating the calculated tax rate for the Town portion, it would increase from \$5.15 to approximately \$5.78 per thousand with the figures at hand.

Under other business, Chair Davis called on Selectman Craig Keeney. Selectman Keeney indicated that Yorkshire Timber inquired as to whether or not the Town would be interested in the iron bridge off Eastern Corners Road. The Board felt it was worthwhile to pursue, but would like to inquire of the State what is required concerning safety issues.

There being no further business, Chair Davis then moved for a Motion to adjourn. Selectman Charles Wheeler made a Motion to adjourn and seconded by Selectman Keeney. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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