

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MAY 4, 2009

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Campton Historical Building immediately following a training session regarding NH Electioneering Law and Right to Know Law Changes which was a mandatory obligation for all Town Employees to attend (including those employees who are elected). Present at the Selectmen's Meeting were, Selectmen Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Cheney was not present due to other employment obligations. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Sign Permit, 1 Purchase Order, 1 Elderly Exemption, 2 Building Permits and 3 Residency Applications.

At 5:20 p.m. Chair Davis opened the meeting by calling on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie presented a notice sponsored by the local Chambers of Commerce to the Board regarding "Communities & Consequences" scheduled for May 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Plymouth State University Boyd Science Building in Plymouth. Chris Bolan, Executive Director of the WatervilleValley Chamber of Commerce is urging the Board to attend as the session addresses the issue of the loss of New Hampshire's young people who are facing the consequences of demographic imbalance happening in New Hampshire.

A notice, together with a registration form, was also received regarding the NH Health Officers' Association Conference to be held on May 19, 2009, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., at the Local Government Center, 25 Triangle Park Drive, Concord, New Hampshire. This notice will be passed on to Health Officer, James D. McGarr.

Another notice was received concerning the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days now scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the following locations:

Plymouth Recycling Center	August 15 th
Littleton Transfer Station	August 30 th
Bethlehem Highway Garage	July 18th

Selectman Wheeler suggested this notice be placed on our website.

Notice was received from NH DOT regarding a meeting that was scheduled on April 16, 2009, to which Road Agent Butch Bain attended, pertaining to "Salt Procurement" (information and suggestions for acquiring highway salt at an economical price).

A letter was received from State of NH Department of Resources and Economic Development regarding NH Cities and Towns at risk for Asian Longhorned Beetle infestation. Ann Marie will pass this letter on to Waterville Estates Property Manager as Selectman Marsh Morgan indicated that the beetle could be easily transported in firewood; therefore, brought in by out of state residents to their second homes in NH.

Ann Marie indicated that she has the agreement letter signed by Robert Welsh agreeing to maintain the Beebe River Road which Selectman Cheney emphasized the importance of. Ann Marie explained that the discrepancy she found was that one agreement is signed by Robert Welsh, and the Board of Selectmen, but not recorded in the Registry, and another agreement Ann Marie has is not signed by Robert Welsh, but signed by the Board of Selectmen and this agreement is recorded at the Registry. The Board agreed both of these documents should be kept together “to keep on notice” for any future issues.

Ann Marie distributed a metal roof color chart for the Board to review for possible colors for the covered bridge roofs. The Board decided on redwood. Selectman Keeney wanted to know if the roof had a standing seam.

The State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration forwarded a letter regarding the 2008 Total Equalized Valuation and how it was calculated including Utility Valuation & Railroad Monies Reimbursement and not including Utility Valuation & Railroad Monies Reimbursement.

A letter was received from Casella Waste Management indicating disposal rate prices will increase by .169% which represents the annual Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region.

Ann Marie also indicated a letter was received from CLD Consulting Engineers, Inc. who expressed a desire to assist the Town with their expertise regarding the Bridge Design process for the Blair Bridge.

Ann Marie acknowledged that the Town received a very touching thank you note from the family of Clarence Pulsifer. Ann Marie also indicated an appreciative note was received from the Ryder Road Property Owners Association (Directors and Members) acknowledging to the Highway Department their appreciation for all their hard work in keeping the roads “passable” and also recognizing what a hard job it is. Ann Marie will pass the note on to Road Agent Butch Bain.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved for a motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Charles Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous Meeting, Motion was seconded by Craig Keeney, and with a roll call vote the Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Chair Davis proceeded with Other Business/ Selectmen’s input. Selectman Keeney indicated that he did get the pump installed for the fountain at the Blair Cemetery and he is now attempting to acquire some metal for a cover for the fountain. He also acknowledged that he covered the old spring at the Blair Cemetery with metal plates for safety precautions.

Ann Marie stated that a speaker is needed for the Memorial Day Ceremony on Tuesday, May 25, 2009. The Board will discuss at the next meeting who the speaker might be.

Ann Marie informed the Board that on Thursday and Friday she will be attending a GFOA Conference and will be out of the office on both days.

Ann Marie mentioned, in light of the training of “Right to Know Law”, that possibly the Board should think about granting her authorization to approve emergency purchase orders when the necessity arises rather than having to call an emergency meeting. Chair Davis suggested that Ann Marie present a proposal to the Board for review at the next meeting.

There being no further business, Chair Davis moved for a Motion to adjourn, Selectman Marsh Morgan made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Wheeler, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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