

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 13, 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 signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Building Permit, 4 Residency Applications, 1 Timber Tax Warrant, 2 Warrants for Collection of Taxes, 1 letter to NH State Liquor Commission, 1 Application for Reimbursement – NH DRA regarding forest land, documents from Department of Safety/Bureau of Emergency Communication, 1 letter from DRA regarding form PA-28, 1 Application for Current Use, 1 Pole Permit, and 1 Employee Request for Personal Leave.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis opened the meeting with the first appointment being Kurt Smith (Network Engineer) and Bryan Rezucha (Computer Data Specialist). Their appointment pertained to merging the Vision data to the BMSI tax program for the revaluation. Kurt Smith requested that this be a Non Public Session as he would be discussing some security issues. At 6:45 p.m. Selectman Davis made a motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. At 7:30 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Chair Davis then called on Constance Walters who was present at the meeting pertaining to her letter sent to the Board of Selectmen regarding the condition of Eastern Corners Road (which section is classified as a Class VI road). Another letter was presented to the Board from Roland and Christine DeLucca also expressing concerns about lack of Fire, Police and EMT support on this particular section of Eastern Corners Road. Also mentioned in the DeLucca letter was the “unsafe” condition of the Town Bridge which accesses the camps in the area. Constance Walters also addressed a concern whereas she had called the Police regarding a recent incident with 4-wheel drive vehicles racing up and down the dirt road. Apparently there was a misunderstanding by the Police officer as to a boundary issue, but Police Chief Warn expressed that this problem had been rectified. Constance also expressed concern about emergency vehicles being unable to travel this particular section of road. Police Chief Warn confirmed that a cruiser will get through, and any vehicle in service will make it. Selectman Marsh Morgan reminded Ms. Walters that this particular section of road is classified as a Class VI road and the Town is not obligated to maintain the road. Selectman Keeney did present some discussion about the possibility of changing the road to a classification of “emergency lane or summer cottage road”, but a public hearing would be necessary. Selectman Keeney also indicated that Fire Chief Tobine does have a plan in which Forest Fire Service vehicles would be used if an emergency did exist. After extensive discussion, it was the general consensus of the Board and expressed by Selectman Wheeler, that the Town “can’t do for one, and not for all” as it is not the Town’s responsibility to maintain the section in question. Selectman Keeney did state that the bridge is in a Class V

section; therefore, Selectman Wheeler reassured Ms. Walters that the Town will be re-decking the bridge and the Board would schedule a time frame for the bridge repair. At this point, the Board thanked Constance Walters and Kenneth Walters for coming.

At 7:50 p.m. Chair Davis called on Police Chief Chris Warn to discuss the possibility of merging the Campton Police Department with the Thornton Police Department. Chair Davis explained that she had spoken to Selectman Roy Sabourn regarding exploring the possibility of combining the two Towns, but Mr. Sabourn was not in favor of this merge for a number of reasons; one being, that the Town of Thornton would be placed in limbo without a Chief until such a merge happened, and he felt a feasibility study needed to be done as to the amount of money that could be saved by each Town. Mr. Sabourn expressed to Chair Davis that he felt that if at least \$100,000 per Town could not be saved it would not be worth it. Police Chief Warn went on to state that this would be a huge undertaking on the part of Campton, but he felt it was not unrealistic. Chief Warn felt the saving to the Town would be in the vicinity of \$170,000 with the elimination of equipment and one position. Chief Warn stated that a merge would also open up the door for possible grant monies. Police Chief Warn reminded the Board that there are not many budget lowering objectives out there and a merge would reduce costs. Chief Warn suggested that the Towns of Greenville/Temple be contacted as they have merged and he believed the process took approximately one year. Under the circumstances at present, the general consensus of the Board was that this was a premature idea at the present time, but thanked Police Chief Warn for his willingness to be ready to take on the task if it ever came to be.

At 8:15 p.m. Chair Davis called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector as the next appointment for the evening. Hannah requested that the meeting go into Non Public Session. A motion was then made by Selectman Wheeler to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:311©, the motion was then seconded by Selectman Morgan, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Davis – 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 approximately 9:00 p.m.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated various work shops are available for registration from UNH which she will pass on to Road Agent, Butch Bain. Also, North Country Council will be hosting a presentation regarding NH's workforce housing law and it will be held at Franconia Town Hall, 421 Main St., Franconia on Wednesday, July 29th, between 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

A letter was received from NH Local Government Center regarding the Proposed Article 28 pertaining to a lawsuit against the State since the State will be reducing its State retirement contribution and putting the burden on municipalities.

A notice was received regarding Solid Waste/Recycling Meeting which is scheduled for July 16, 2009, at North Country Council, 107 Glessner Rd., Bethlehem, NH between 1:00 and 2:30 p.m. Also, North Country Council will be holding a public hearing on August 12th, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the draft of the *North Country Council Regional*

Transportation Plan and the Coordinated Public Transit and Human Service Transportation Plan for New Hampshire's North Country. This hearing will be held at the Red Barn at the Rocks Estate, 107 Glessmer Rd., Bethlehem, NH.

The Department of Safety forwarded a notice regarding an amendment to RSA 41:9-b which would allow municipalities to choose either a NH state record check or both a NH state record check and a FBI record check on selected new employees and volunteers.

Ann Marie also indicated a letter was received from a property owner on Wise Road voicing his dismay over high property taxes and the letter was made available for the Board to review.

Ann Marie indicated that Hannah Joyce provided copies of the permits obtained from the State for the Old Home Day celebration.

The Campton Historical Society forwarded their upcoming presentation scheduled for July 20, 2009, at 7:30 – “Baked Beans and Fried Clams: How Food Defines a Region.

Ann Marie indicated that the Town Office boiler and Police Department boiler required some time-consuming work done on them and a bill will be forthcoming

Ann Marie indicated that the ad for accepting proposals for paving on Hodgeman Hill Road has been placed and the proposals must be received by Monday, July 27, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. Regarding the part time seasonal Highway Department position, Selectman Davis suggested that the Board discuss the matter with the Town Attorney regarding “equal opportunity employer” issues to see if the Town has to advertise the position.

Web site statistics for June, 2009 are available.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis proceeded with approving the Minutes of the Meeting of June 29, 2009 together with the Non Public Session Minutes of June 29, 2009. After revisions were discussed by Selectman Morgan and Selectman Davis, Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to approve the revised Minutes of the Meeting of June 29, 2009 and the revised Non Public Session Minutes of June 29, 2009; the Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan and the Minutes were approved as revised.

Chair Davis then proceeded with other business/Selectmen's input. Chair Davis stated that the sale of the Pattee house has now gone to underwriting with a closing being scheduled in the very near future. She explained that a home inspection was completed and the roof needs some repairs. Chair Davis explained that the Conservation Commission agreed to reduce the price of the house by \$1,000 to accommodate the buyers rather than the Town making the repairs. Chair Davis moved for a Motion to reduce the purchase price of the Pattee house by \$1,000, the Motion was then seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan and the Motion was unanimously approved.

Ann Marie mentioned that the security lock on the front door of the Town Office was on the same circuit breaker as the furnace and she would get a price quote to put the lock on a separate breaker. Selectman Keeney felt it best that the circuit breaker remain as it is.

Selectman Keeney indicated that he and Charles Brosseau will be setting up 3 more property owner meetings soon regarding the junk yard issue. It was decided that visiting 3 properties at a time would be the limit.

Selectman Keeney also indicated that the material for the Bump Bridge will be delivered tomorrow and the work will be started on Wednesday.

Selectman Keeney also suggested that the old iron bridge repair go out to bid rather than taking Road Agent, Butch Bain away from the task of road ditching. This will be discussed with Butch and Selectman Keeney indicated he would assist Ann Marie in drafting the specs for the work to be done on the project. Ann Marie will search the records for the last State inspection to enable them to draft a list of the necessary repair work to be performed on the bridge.

Selectman Wheeler stated that he had received a phone call regarding the new used car lot on Route 49. Selectman Morgan stated that the State confirmed it was legal and everything has been reviewed by the Planning Board.

Ann Marie indicated that Mr. Jeff Andrews was interested in purchasing the dilapidated building at Beebe River and willing to clean it up for the taxes owed. Town Attorney, Laura Spector felt this would be a good deal for the Town.

Ann Marie also indicated that Attorney Mike Conklin inquired as to whether or not he could acquire the title work on properties already done (that the Town has paid for) in Beebe River in order to accommodate him with the anticipated purchase by Mr. Andrews. The Board unanimously agreed not to make the title work available to Attorney Conklin.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, Selectman Wheeler seconded the Motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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