

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 10, 2009

The Board of Selectmen met for their bi-weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Wheeler was not present due to a previous commitment. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Building Permits, 2 Residency Applications, 1 Driveway permit, 1 Sign Permit and 1 Employee's Request for Personal Leave.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis opened the meeting and called on Matt Moore, (regarding the Blair Bridge Project) as the first appointment on the agenda. Mr. Moore thanked the Blair Bridge Project Sub Committee for all their help in the final recommendation for the selection of a consultant for the project. Mr. Moore explained, through the scoring process, the Sub Committee recommended the firm of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. as their first choice, and Dubois & King being their second choice. After some discussion, Chair Sharon Davis made a Motion to accept the Blair Bridge Project Sub Committee's recommendation to offer the firm of Hoyle, Tanner and Associates the position of consultants, subject to agreement of fees, and if an agreement is not reach pertaining to fees, DuBois & King would be the next firm in line to be offered the position. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan, and the Motion was unanimously approved.

Matt Moore also explained, luckily, even with vacation issues, he was able to set up a meeting for Thursday, at 2:00 p.m., at the Town Office with Hoyle, Tanner and Associates, the Sub Committee and Matt Moore. Mr. Moore stated that, after speaking with Nancy Mayville, the Town's process (so far) was "unofficially OK" with the State. Mr. Moore stated that the State has available \$315,000 in Municipal Bridge Aid money for the Town. Mr. Moore felt that by November the Town will know what the cost of the entire project will be. Mr. Moore also stated that by December (according to Nancy Mayville) the Town should know about the Federal Historical Bridge funds. Matt Moore did present to Ann Marie a packet of information for our records. It is also believed, after interviewing the four firms, that in the worst case scenario, construction would not begin until the year 2011 because of the permitting process. Ann Marie did state that the borrowing process with the bank should begin on this project, and she will start the process. The Board then thanked Matt Moore for coming and for the fine job that he and the Sub Committee were doing.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that Martha Richards, Grafton County Commissioner inquired as to whether or not the Board would be interested in having the Grafton County Commissioner's Meeting held in Campton, on October 20, 2009, between 9 and 11 a.m. Ann Marie suggested that if the Board agreed, the meeting probably could be held at the Historical Society and the County will have their Department Heads present. The Board felt this was a good opportunity for the Town and Ann Marie will make the arrangements.

Ann Marie also stated that the Thornton Board of Selectmen would like to meet with the Campton Board on September 16th and the Board agreed. Ann Marie will make the necessary arrangements with Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator.

Ann Marie indicated that the road grader was back on the road and progress is being made on Hodgeman Hill Road. The quote from Nortrax, Inc. was received for the grader in the amount of approximately \$5,800.00. Also, Road Agent, Butch Bain indicated to Ann Marie that the big truck is at Liberty for a hood problem. Butch is negotiating with Liberty as he feels this is a warranty problem and believes the hood was not fitted properly at the factory.

Ann Marie stated that a letter was received from property owner, David Peeler, praising the entire Highway Department regarding a ditching project along his property on Lower Beech Hill Road. Mr. Peeler indicated that the crew was prompt, courteous and technically proficient.

A response email was received from Attorney Laura Spector regarding Attorney Meyer's fee agreement letter and her recommendation for Attorney Meyer's involvement, together with Attorney Jeffrey Meyers' response pertaining to KC Tire. The Board unanimously agreed not to involve Attorney Jeffrey Meyers at this particular time, but is happy that the option is available to them if they decide in the future to engage Attorney Meyers.

Ann Marie indicated that North Country Public Safety forwarded a nomination application to nominate (for recognition) a public safety officer. The Board felt that the deadline for the submission of the application was too soon and they needed more time to think about the possible nomination; therefore, they will not be submitting a nomination this year.

Ann Marie indicated that a letter was received from Wayne Charron regarding a request for a tax abatement on a mobile home at Chesley's Mobile Home Park. Ann Marie indicated that she forwarded a letter to Mr. Charron indicating the Board's set policy.

Ann Marie stated that Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector forwarded a memo regarding the Mobile Home Park issue as a follow-up to previous discussion. Hannah drafted a sample letter to possibly be sent to mobile home park owners with a listing of all the owners in the particular park (for updating) and as to whether or not the occupant is the owner or a renter. The Board agreed that this procedure is "worth trying" and consented to Hannah's sample letter and list being forwarded to park owners for completing.

A Technical Information Release was received from the NH Department of Revenue Administration regarding ARRA Special Meetings and Reducing Appropriations to Offset State Revenue Reductions.

A thank you letter was received from Mid State Health Center for the Town's appropriation to their Center.

Ann Marie also indicated that a thank you letter was received from Hoyle, Tanner & Associates regarding their opportunity to be interviewed by the Blair Bridge Sub Committee.

Ann Marie presented a State Driveway Permit Application regarding the Pattee Property for entrance into the Blair State Forest which was prepared by Jane Kellogg of the Conservation Commission. Chair Sharon Davis signed the application, as Chairman for the Board of Selectmen.

A notice for Municipal Law Lecture Series was received for sessions starting in September and ending in October, from 7 to 9 p.m. The closest locations are Meredith and Sugar Hill. Ann Marie will pass this information on to May Brosseau, Planning Board Clerk.

A letter and Certificate of Completion was received regarding Community Development Block Grant Close Out – Beebe River Feasibility Study.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis proceeded with approving the Minutes of the Meeting of July 27, 2009. After one revision made by Selectman Morgan, Selectman Davis made a Motion to approve the revised Minutes, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan and the Minutes were approved as revised.

Chair Davis then proceeded with other business/Selectmen's input. Selectman Keeney suggested that a letter be forwarded to the Old Home Day Committee from the Board of Selectmen commending them on such a fine job. Selectman Davis also wanted the letter to acknowledge all the time and effort expended by all involved in organizing such a successful event.

Selectman Marsh Morgan was questioning the already expended cost pertaining to electricity. Ann Marie indicated that the trailer has electric heat and this is a contributing factor. Also Selectman Morgan questioned the figure on yard work which Ann Marie explained was lawn mowing work and with all the rain that figure rose.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, Selectman Morgan seconded the Motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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