

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
September 14, 2009

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 4 Building Permits 7 Residency Applications, 1 letter regarding the Capital Reserve account and 2 Notices of Intent to Cut.

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. noting that there was a change in the agenda in that Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector would not be present this evening. Chair Davis called on Laura Spector, Town Attorney as the first appointment of the evening. Attorney Spector requested a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II(e) and with a Motion from Selectman Marsh Morgan; seconded by Selectman Wheeler, 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. At 7:00 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Next on the agenda was to review the Proposal (the only one received out of 4 banks) from Northway Bank regarding the bond for the Blair Bridge Project. After Ann Marie read the Proposal, the Board agreed that it was a good rate and terms were satisfactory. The Proposal was then signed by the Board due to the fact that only the one bank responded.

Chair Davis proceeded to call on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that a letter was received from NH DOT regarding the cost of repairs to the Bog Pond Bridge. The total cost was \$89,469.45; with a total cost to the Town of approximately \$16,700 which will be paid out of the Capitol Reserve account.

A Memo was received from Police Chief Warn regarding Special Detail Rate and that he adjusted the rate from \$35 (\$30 to the officer and \$5 to the Town) to \$45 (\$37.50 to the officer, \$7.50 to the Town).

A resignation letter was received from Lisa Doner resigning from the Parks and Rec Commission, as she no longer lives in the Town of Campton. The Board agreed to have Ann Marie request a recommendation from Lisa Ash for a replacement for Lisa Doner.

A letter was received from James George, Principal, of Campton Elementary School commending Sergeant Patrick Payer and Fire Chief David Tobine for their fine service and the time they took out of their busy day to take part in a “table top drill” designed to help in the event of an emergency at the school.

Notice was received of a Tenth Annual “Day to Fight Cancer” hosted by Plymouth state University’s Athletic Department with a Walk-a-Thon on October 3, 2009, registration beginning at 11:00 a.m. Walk begins at Noon and ends at 10.00 p.m.

North Country Council forwarded a notice of Public Hearing regarding “Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan”. The closest scheduled hearing to Campton will be held in Plymouth, at 11:00 a.m., at the Town Hall, on September 21, 2009.

Sprint forwarded a letter regarding their services and Ann Marie explained to the Sprint Representative that the Town just signed an agreement with US Cellular. Ann Marie did mention that she is still working with US Cellular to iron out a few more issues pertaining to the categorizing of the various departments’ minutes.

Workshop information was received from UNH regarding Highway Department registration that Ann Marie will pass on to Road Agent, Butch Bain.

A letter was received from Primex pertaining to “Risk management Services Grant Program” and Ann Marie will present this information at the next Loss Safety Committee meeting.

North Country Council is having their annual meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2009, starting at 4:30 p.m. in Bartlett, NH and a RSVP is needed by 9/25/09.

A letter was received pertaining to a NH Municipal Energy Assistance Program, which is made possible through the NH Public Utilities Commission and the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Fund. This program will focus on reducing energy costs at the municipal and community levels.

Ann Marie indicated that the NH Department of Revenue Administration granted an extension to 11/9/09 for the MS-1 to be filed due to the needed time for the Town re-evaluation this year.

Notice was received regarding the Grafton County Economic Development Council Annual Meeting which will be held on September 16, 2009, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Commons, Plymouth State University.

A thank you letter from Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) was received for the Town’s appropriation of \$300.00.

Ann Marie reminded the Board of the meeting scheduled with the Thornton and Ellsworth Board on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 7:15 p.m., at the Thornton Town Office.

Ann Marie indicated that two property owners that were requested to update their application for their Elderly Exemption have not responded despite requests made indicating that their exemption was in jeopardy if they did not reply. Josephine Bellville, NH DRA Monitor, suggested the Board decide the next step. The Board felt a courtesy call be made to the property owners and again reassuring the owners that they may

receive assistance from Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and/or Ann Marie Foote, Town Administrator in filling out the proper form.

A notice was received regarding an Open House at the White Mountain National Forest, 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, scheduled for October 30, 2009, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. with light refreshments and Facility Tours. A Public Open House is then scheduled for 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the same day. Ann Marie will RSVP by October 16, 2009 for anyone interested in attending.

Ann Marie also indicated that Gary Walker has been working on the chimney and flue at the Town Office and it is almost completed.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis called on Police Chief Chris Warn as the next appointment for the evening. Police Chief Warn requested a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3II©. Selectman Marsh Morgan moved for a Motion to go into Non Public Session, Selectman Wheeler seconded the Motion 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 at 7:20 p.m. At 7:45 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session and the Non Public Session Minutes were sealed.

While Police Chief Warn was still available at the Meeting, Selectman Cheney inquired as to who sets the “standard” for Special Detail Rates. Chief Warn indicated that it was not a state standard, but felt the new rate he designated is satisfactory and below what other Towns have established. Chief Warn indicated that the increase of the Town’s portion would help defray the additional increase in retirement payments that the Town now has to absorb (that the State previously paid) for the Police Department.

Chair Davis then called on Tom Avallone, of Waterville Estates Realty as the next appointment for the evening regarding Taylor/Forest Drive in Waterville Estates. Appearing with Tom Avallone were Claude Dupuis, Project Manager with Cobb Hill Construction and Stan Duda, a Waterville Estates District Commissioner. Mr. Avallone explained that a building permit was acquired from the Town for a single-family dwelling to be located at the end of Forest Drive by the Muto family and Tom Avallone will be building the home for the Mutos. Tom Avallone also appeared before the Planning Board, representing the Muto’s concerning a section of Forest Drive up to the Muto’s property (at the end of Forest Drive – approximately 400’). The Planning Board approved of the 400’ section of road - “driveway” - to serve only 2 dwellings, as per Town regulations. The problem of constructing the road to present road standards might become an issue when other building permits are pulled on the road. Tom Avallone explained that the Mutos have invested a large sum of money to improve approximately 400’ of the road to get to their property. Mr. Avallone also indicated that the Mutos will be going before the Planning Board for a boundary line adjustment due to the fact that the proposed location of the Muto home will be located on what is part of the original Forest Drive roadway owned by the Waterville Estates Village District. Tom Avallone explained that building this stretch of road up to complete road standards would be

extremely costly because of necessary blasting and steep grade. Mr. Avallone explained that Planning Board members Marsh Morgan, Kelly Bolger, Charles Brosseau and also Fire Chief Tobine have presently viewed the site and it is understood by Tom Avallone that the 3 Planning Board members felt a reasonable and fair upgrade to this stretch of road (in its present state) would be widening it to 20' and adding an additional 2" of fine gravel. Tom Avallone explained that the Mutos have, so far, bore the expense of the present construction with the road being 18' wide, a strong base layer and 12" of large gravel and 4" of fine gravel will be placed in the next few weeks. Because of the steep terrain and the limited number of homes that could ever be built on this road it was hoped that the road standards could be somewhat relaxed in this situation. Tom Avallone indicated that the Mutos would also grant an easement for a turn around on their property for "emergency vehicles" rather than a huge circle constructed which would be costly and not pleasing to the eye. The Waterville Estates District Commissioners were in favor of this plan (as confirmed by Stan Duda). After extensive discussion, the Board expressed that they would like to have the written emergency vehicle easement acquired by the Mutos presented to Ann Marie so that she can forward it to Laura Spector, Town Attorney, for her review and opinion and then the Board would be in a better position to make a decision. Selectman Charles Cheney, however, was concerned that any "relaxing" of road standards would create a precedence. Tom Avallone indicated that he would have the easement available within a week. The Board thanked Mr. Avallone, Mr. Dupuis and Mr. Duda for their presentation.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis proceeded to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting; with two revisions made by Selectman Morgan, a Motion was made by Selectman Wheeler, seconded by Selectman Morgan to approve the Minutes as revised and the revised Minutes were approved.

Chair Davis moved the meeting on with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. There being no input from other members of the Board, Chair Davis proceeded to explain that she would like to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,II© regarding a personnel matter. With a Motion from Selectman Davis, 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 at 8:55 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 9:00 p.m. and the Minutes were sealed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned by a Motion from Selectman Charles Wheeler and seconded by Selectman Marsh Morgan at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey  
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