

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 21, 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 and Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Wheeler was not present due to previous scheduled obligations. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Building Permits, 2 Sign Permits, 1 Abatement and 1 Promissory Note.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector as the first appointment of the evening regarding deeding. Chair Davis called for a Motion to go into Non Public Session. Selectman Cheney made the Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,II©, seconded by Craig Keeney, with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye the Board went into Non Public Session. At 7:20 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Chair Davis then called on Police Chief Chris Warn as the Board's next appointment. Chief Warn requested a Non Public Session regarding a personnel issue. Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,II©, Selectman Morgan seconded the Motion and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:25 p.m. At 7:45 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session and the Minutes were sealed.

Chair Davis then acknowledged Tom Avallone's presence and inquired if he wished to speak. Mr. Avallone indicated that the Easement Agreement was presented to Ann Marie last Friday regarding the Muto property (discussed at last week's meeting) and was interested in knowing whether or not the Town Attorney had a chance to review. Chair Davis indicated that there were some legal issues to be addressed and some concerns in the Easement itself. Chair Davis explained that the Board felt an opinion letter from Town Attorney was in order and probably involving the Attorney for Waterville Estates District, Attorney Conklin and Corey Smith. Tom Avallone inquired as to a time frame. Chair Davis indicated that usually Attorney Spector is prompt in responding and thought that a response might be received this week.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that an Assumption for Professional Services was received from Matthew Moore regarding the Blair Bridge Project regarding his involvement with the next phase of the project. The Board agreed and Kelly Bolger acknowledged that he would be available to go on-site to report sub-contractor performance and on occasion, Selectman Cheney and Selectman Keeney would assist if Kelly was not available. Ann Marie indicated that Matt Moore felt this would keep the budget down if the Board were in agreement. The Board was comfortable with this agreement.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board the e-mail from Attorney Spector regarding the Muto issue together with the copy of the proposed Easement Deed. Discussion was had regarding this issue as previously stated above.

An e-mail was received from the Elm Research in Keene regarding a "Liberty Tree Memorial" whereas an Elm tree (approximately 14-19 ft tall) would be donated to the Town for planting. The Town would be responsible for arranging to have the tree transported from Keene, NH. After discussion on where to plant the tree and how to transport the tree, the Board decided to pass this information on to the Historical Society as Selectman Davis felt that perhaps the planting would be appropriate at the Historical Society building. Ann Marie will pass this information on to Walt Stockwell.

Ann Marie indicated a copy of a memo from Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector was received that was forwarded to Campton Park & Recreation pertaining to a "courtesy reminder" of the current policy regarding remittances to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. Hannah indicated that Carolee Miot did call with an explanation and that she was aware of the policy and apologized.

Ann Marie stated that notice of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Meeting was received for September 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at PSU Facilities Service Building. Ann Marie also noted that it was indicated in the notice that funding was not received for a solid waste technical assistance grant. Also noted was that Plymouth State University decided to withdraw from the District effective December 31, 2009.

Ann Marie indicated that a fax was received regarding "Silver Star Families of America" pertaining to a "Silver Star Banner Day Proclamation" for May 1st. This information will be passed on to the Historical Society and perhaps the Legion (which was suggested by Selectman Cheney).

Ann Marie made a reminder of the Loss Safety Committee Meeting being held at the Town Office, at 2:00 p.m., tomorrow, September 22, 2009.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes and the Non Public Minutes of the previous meeting; Motion was made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman Cheney to approve the Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes as written, and the Minutes and Non Public Session Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair Davis then proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Selectman Morgan requested permission from the Board to call Town Attorney, Laura Spector to get clarification on Attorney Spector's first issue in her e-mail pertaining to the discontinuance of the road regarding the Muto matter. The Board agreed to have Selectman Morgan receive clarification.

Selectman Cheney inquired about the BMSI tax program and what progress has been made. Ann Marie indicated that Tina has done some testing and has come up with some

issues to check which May and Ellie have done and the data is now ready for Tina to run a re-check in these particular areas.

Selectman Craig Keeney indicated that he called Community Guaranty Savings Bank and Meredith Village Savings Bank inquiring as to why they had not responded to our solicitation of a Proposal for the Bond for the Blair Bridge. Apparently Community Guaranty Savings Bank did respond and Selectman Keeney presented a copy of the letter which was forwarded to the Town. Ann Marie indicated that she did not receive this letter and was concerned and would address mail delivery problems with the Postmaster. Selectman Keeney also indicated that Meredith Village Savings Bank did not respond. In the past, the bank requested that Town accounts be transferred to Meredith Village Savings Bank and the Town did not feel that was an option. However, Bob Sargeant (of Meredith Village Savings Bank) did indicate that not all accounts needed to be transferred; perhaps just one such as the Capital Reserve account (according to Selectman Keeney). Chair Davis did indicate that many items needed to be considered before doing this and it was “not that simple”. Also Mary Durgin, Town Treasurer needed to be consulted. Selectman Keeney was concerned that he saw a pattern of missing competitive rates by having to move forward on only one response to requests for Proposals. After discussion, it was suggested that Ann Marie speak with Town Attorney regarding the possibility of being able to fax or e-mail Proposals rather than having sealed delivery to the Board. The Board felt this might encourage more responses.

Selectman Kenney did mention some concerns about sub-contractor issues at the Blair Bridge which he addressed to the Board and Kelly Bolger.

Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector inquired as to whether or not the individual involved in last week’s Non Public Session was given the opportunity to have an open session. Chair Davis indicated that no specific issues were addressed that would warrant someone to be fired. Chair Davis also indicated that the issue involved the reputation of the person and that the person was not an employee of the Town.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Charles Cheney, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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