

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
February 8, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. Selectmen, Charles Wheeler and Charles Cheney were not present due to conflicts in schedule.

A member of the public attending the meeting who was not on the agenda was Road Agent, Butch Bain.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Intent to Cut, 1 Building Permit, 2 Warrants for Collection of Taxes, and 1 Employee's Request for Personal Leave.

At 6:40 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Butch Bain regarding a follow-up on price quotes for the purchase of hose equipment discussed at previous meetings. Butch explained that he had spoken to Selectman Cheney pertaining to a quote from Gates. Selectman Cheney felt (after contact with Gates) that going with Gates would not save the Town very much money and suggested Butch present his new quote to the Board for a decision tonight. After discussion and comparing companies, the Board agreed to the purchase the equipment from Larson. Selectman Keeney expressed to Butch that it would make more sense to purchase the fittings in even numbers, rather than odd, (as indicated in the price quote) and he would like Butch to go that route.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis then called on Mark Nieder, of Commerford, Nieder and Perkins, Town Assessors. Mr. Nieder distributed his firm's proposal for the 2010-2014 five-year cyclical revaluation services to the Town. Mark answered questions from the Board concerning interior inspections and certain mobile homes being grossly over valued. Mark indicated that the mobile home owners in question need to file abatements and he will be glad to review. Mark also indicated that not in all cases do mobile homes decrease in value due to age, and he gave some examples. After discussions on interior inspections, the Board unanimously agreed that after each 25% of the Town (each year, for the next four years) is reviewed, the Assessors will also do the interior inspections of that same 25% portion. This procedure will continue for the Calendar years 2010-2013 to complete 100% of the Town. In 2014, the Assessors will have completed their data collecting of the entire Town, both interior and exterior, and then continue with their completion procedures for evaluation as indicated in the Proposal.

Chair Davis then moved on to ask Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie confirmed that the Board received the e-mail from Matt Moore regarding the Blair Bridge Project and suggestions for preparing for the meeting with Nancy Mayville of the NH DOT. After discussion, Ann Marie will try to make arrangements to have the meeting next week, if possible. Otherwise, it will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2010, as that

is when Nancy Mayville expressed she was available. Ann Marie will inform the Board as soon as she has the meeting scheduled.

A letter was also received from Senator Judd Gregg indicating his support of the Blair Bridge Project and his documentation of contact with the U. S. Department of Transportation, but unfortunately, no decision has been made (as yet) about the funding for the Town.

A letter was received from Primex confirming the fact that Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) individuals have to be covered under Workers Compensation.

Ann Marie also distributed to the Board a document presented by Tom Mullen regarding the "Rationale for Petition Regarding Waterville Valley Region Chamber of Commerce Information Center. Ann Marie also indicated that the assessment value on the Chamber of Commerce Information Center was received and the assessed amount is \$272,600.00. Ann Marie will do some research as to whether or not the Chamber has the proper criteria and documentation to meet State regulations to be on the Attorney General's list of "tax exempt property". This information will determine whether or not the Town can or cannot collect property taxes from the Chamber of Commerce.

Chem Serve Environmental Analysts' monitoring has been received regarding the Campton/Thornton Sanitary Landfill and everything is in compliance.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review the 2010 Budget. Ann Marie explained that the good news was the budget was down; however, the estimated amount of taxes to be raised increased by approximately \$150,000 more than last year due to estimated revenues being down. As Ann Marie reviewed the budget, there were a few changes in expenses, some of which will help the bottom line. There was also discussion about whether or not health insurance premiums could be locked in for 18 months. Ann Marie will check with R.J. Dragon. Also, concerns were expressed about funding for the Blair Bridge Project and the possibly of increasing the Capital Reserve account. It was agreed not to increase the Capital Reserve account at this time. Ann Marie also distributed a list of the Warrant Articles for the Board to individually tally.

Chair Davis then moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. After some revisions made by Selectmen Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan, Selectman Keeney made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Morgan, and the Minutes were unanimously approved as revised.

Chair Davis proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis expressed that Monday was a holiday and she, and Vice Chair Wheeler were unavailable for a Selectmen's Meeting. It was agreed there would be no meeting on Monday, February 15, 2010 and that the next meeting of the Board would be February 22, 2010.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Keeney who expressed concern that the Board has tried to have Department Heads meet on a monthly basis with the Board, but it has not worked out. Selectman Keeney made the suggestion that Ann Marie meet with Department Heads on a monthly basis. Ann Marie suggested she meet with Department Heads on an individual basis, perhaps actually visiting their department every other month. The Board agreed. It was also expressed by Selectmen Keeney that Ann Marie discuss with Department Heads their “long-term goals”.

There was also discussion about the continuance of the Benefits Committee. It was decided that more discussion be had when all five Board members are available.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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