

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
February 22, 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, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan.

Members of the public attending the meeting who were not on the agenda were Hannah Joyce, Barbara Mullen, Kelly Bolger, Darlene King-Jennings and Paulo Weiser.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Certificate of Acceptance to Tax Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement, 2 Residence Applications, 1 Current Use Application, 1 Veteran's Exemption and 1 Driveway Permit.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle who introduced Bryon Middlekauff as their potential new member of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Middlekauff expressed to the Board that he has lived in the Town of Campton for 22 years and was very much interested in the environment and wanted to give something back to the Town by becoming a Conservation Commission member. Ann Marie pointed out that Mr. Middlekauff had presented to the Town (some time ago) a piece of "Camptonite rock" found in Campton. Mr. Middlekauff has since presented a much larger portion of the rock to the Campton Historical Society for display. Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector, then administered the oath of office to Mr. Middlekauff.

Melissa Greenawalt-Yelle also discussed with the Board the possibility of a new project that the Conservation Commission wanted to initiate; i.e., selling gift cards. After discussion of how income revenue and donation/gift monies are handled concerning the Conservation Commission, Ann Marie suggested that Laura Spector, Town Attorney, be consulted to interrupt the RSA's, and also consult our Town auditors, before the Conservation Commission proceeded with their new project.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Davis then turned the meeting over to Vice Chair, Charles Wheeler to proceed with discussion from the Waterville Chamber of Commerce regarding their future plans/options. Frank Cocchiarella and Danny Desrosiers indicated to the Board that the financial difficulties encountered by the Chamber has caused the Chamber Board to, unfortunately, lay off Chris Bolan. Mr. Cocchiarella also indicated that they discussed the option of selling the Chamber of Commerce/Info. Center Building or the possibility of some bank financing. The problem of possible financing, as he explained, is the restriction on the deed from the Town of Campton. Sharon Davis suggested that the bank may require that the restriction be changed. This particular procedure would need to go before Special Town Meeting. Mr. Cocchiarella explained that they have come before the Board for their thoughts, opinions and ideas, as the Chamber wants to do what is in the best interest of the Town and the community. Mr. Cocchiarella expressed that he

realizes no decisions could be made this evening by the Board, but the intent of meeting was to make the Chamber's discussions and decisions transparent.

Darlene King-Jennings expressed concern that if the property was sold at a "fire sale" the value of commercial land would decrease in the Town of Campton. Darlene also expressed that she felt the rental price that the Chamber is offering to tenants is too low.

Mr. Cocchiarella explained that even if they increase rental prices, it will not alleviate the Chamber's debt problem.

Vice Chair Wheeler pointed out that there appears to be three options: (1) the Chamber to increase fund raising; (2) Get a mortgage from a bank; or (3) Sell building. Vice Chair Wheeler pointed out that, obviously, more conversation needs to take place before any decisions can be made and the Board of Selectmen will also need to further discuss. At 7:45 p.m., Vice Chair Wheeler turned the meeting back over to Chair Davis.

Chair Davis called on Paul Yelle to discuss possible plans at the Campton Historical Building. Mr. Yelle explained that the Historical Society was interested (in the beginning planning stages) of building a shed, with stalls for display purposes and also a storage facility. Mr. Yelle presented a picture of a possible design for the shed built beside the Historical Society Building and asked the Board for their thoughts and comments. The general consensus of the Board was that it was a "great idea" as long as the building constructed stays in line with the architecture of the present Historical Society Building and LCHIP (who funded a lot of monies to repair the building) had no objection.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie confirmed that the Board received the Minutes that Matt Moore prepared from the last meeting with the NH DOT (regarding the Blair Bridge Project) and also Mr. Moore's e-mails to Nancy Mayville at the NH DOT. Selectman Keeney up-dated the Board by stating that Nancy Mayville did get back to Matt Moore and she agreed to approve Hoyle and Tanner's proposal once the proposal was submitted to her from Matt Moore. The Board discussed the next procedures and then agreed that they would now wait to receive word on government funding.

Another letter was received from NH Local Government Center reiterating and clarifying what coverage they would defend and what they would deny on behalf of the Town relating to a claim presented against the Town of Campton by FairPoint Communication and NH Public Utilities Commission.

Ann Marie also discussed a plumbing problem with the toilet at the Campton Town Office and the Board agreed to go forward with the necessary work to hopefully correct the situation.

Also, Ann Marie discussed Warrant Article presentation by the Board at the Annual Town Meeting.

Chair Davis then moved to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Selectmen Marsh Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and the Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Chair Davis proceeded with Other Business/Selectmen's Input. The Board members had nothing to present, so Chair Davis then called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Hannah explained that she was getting many questions presented to her by the public concerning the Warrant Article regarding the transfer of funds to the Conservation Commission from the sale of the Pattee home. After questions presented by Hannah and discussion, the Board explained to Hannah that Laura Spector, Town Attorney, was consulted by the Board and the Conservation Commission, and Attorney Spector reviewed all procedures and documents pertaining to this matter (previous to proceeding forward with the purchase/sale), and this is what should be acknowledged to the public.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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