

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
March 1, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Craig Keeney, Sharon Davis and Marsh Morgan. A member of the public attending the meeting who was not on the agenda was Kelly Bolger.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Purchase Order and 1 letter to NH State Liquor Commission regarding Waterville Estates Community Center.

It was noted by Chair Davis that there was an addition to the agenda this evening. Tom Mullen was added regarding the Petition and Warrant Article #27 pertaining to the Waterville Region Chamber of Commerce Info Center.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91:A:3II(a). Selectman Morgan 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 7:15 p.m. the Board came out of Non Public Session.

Chair Davis made a Motion to seal the Non Public Minutes, the Motion was 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 Non Public Session Minutes were sealed.

Chair Davis then called on Tom Mullen as their next appointment for the evening. Mr. Mullen explained that he was present this evening to see if he could persuade the Board to “change their tally” regarding the Petition and Warrant Article #27 regarding the Waterville Region Chamber of Commerce Info Center. Chair Davis proceeded to explain the tally procedure. She explained that there is no option, it is a yes or no vote and there is no discussion and this was a new procedure the Board is trying out. With that being said, Mr. Mullen explained that he would like to change the reason why he was here this evening, and that now being to “try to change the Board’s vote” at Town Meeting pertaining to Warrant Article #27. Mr. Mullen expressed that the Petition was designed to take the Selectmen off the “hot seat”. Mr. Mullen also reiterated that the Chamber is competing to rent commercial property and would like the Chamber of Commerce building being “placed back into the hands of people who will promote the area”. Tom Mullen, again stated that the deed restrictions need to be enforced, an assessed value arrived at for the property (which has been done) and property taxes be charged and he would like the Board to, “be on the same page”. Chair Davis explained that NH Department of Revenue Administration makes the decision (not the Town) as to whether or not the criteria of the organization meets the non-profit qualifications and is exempt or not exempt from paying taxes. Mr. Mullen also stated that a new group has been formed

called the Alliance for Responsible Growth. The group is interested in promoting the area as a prime place to visit and live, and they may be interested in leasing the building. Mr. Mullen also added that Tom Avallone would be willing to bow out of his lease if that happened. Selectman Cheney expressed that that was totally unfair to be taking one tenant out and replacing it with another, and he felt this issue was entirely an attack on one individual.... suggesting personality differences. Mr. Mullen quickly explained that it was not a personality clash, but Selectman Cheney expressed that he was not convinced of that.

The consensus of the Board was that perhaps more discussion needed to take place between Mr. Mullen and the Chamber of Commerce before anything could be resolved and it appeared that the Board's tally votes remained the same. Mr. Mullen did request that a member of the Board be selected to interface with himself, the Chamber of Commerce and the tenants.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie confirmed that the Board received copies of Laura Spector, Town Attorney's e-mail regarding the Pattee property. Attorney Spector reconfirmed that the procedural steps that were followed in the purchase and sale of this property were correct.

A letter was received from the Public Utilities Commission indicating they have schedule a conference for March 18, 2010, at the Commission office, 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, in Concord, at 1:30 p.m. regarding their claim with the Town of Campton. Ann Marie stated that Road Agent, Butch Bain and part of his staff will be attending this conference with Attorney Spector.

A letter was received from NH Department of Revenue (DRA) regarding the Town Assessors' contract suggesting a few changes. Mark Nieder, of Commerford, Nieder, Perkins, Town Assessors, will address these changes with DRA.

Also, a letter was received from DRA indicating the value of Mad River Power property value has been lowered and the Town will be issuing an abatement.

Ann Marie indicated, as a follow-up, that she spoke with Laura Spector regarding the Conservation Commission selling gift cards and it was suggested that any gift cards purchased be categorized as a "donation" and then that money could be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund.

Ann Marie confirmed that the Board received the copy of the e-mail from Darlene King-Jennings pertaining to her input and possible suggestions to the Chamber of Commerce issues and Neighborfest. Chair Davis acknowledged that she spoke with Darlene and explained that she felt her suggestions were good, but there still remains an immediate need to address this "cash issue".

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis then moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting; Motion was made by Selectman Morgan, seconded

by Selectman Wheeler to approve the Minutes as presented, and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie concerning Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Ann Marie indicated that a gentleman from DES, who is working on a ground water contamination project, has volunteered to perform the flow tests for the fire hydrants for the Campton Village Precinct and to provide the information to Fire Chief David Tobine.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Charles Wheeler, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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