

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 8, 2010

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Town Office. Present were, Selectmen, Charles Wheeler, Craig Keeney, and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Cheney arrived after the Board's 6:45 p.m. appointment began. Selectman Sharon Davis did not attend because of a conflict in schedule. Members of the public attending the meeting who were not on the agenda were Hannah Joyce and Kelly Bolger.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Purchase Order and 1 Abatement.

Vice Chair Charles Wheeler brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called upon Bernard Hitzig as the first appointment of the evening. Mr. Hitzig explained that he was at the meeting this evening because he had a conflict with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector regarding the licensing of his dog. Mr. Hitzig explained that he has been certified as disabled through the State and Federal government and presented to the Board a Federal ID card from the Federal government and his handicapped number from the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Hitzig proceeded to read what was stated on the ID card to the Board and also read several pages of Federal law pertaining to service dogs and the criteria to be met for a "service dog". Mr. Hitzig explained that his dog fits in the category of warning "signal" dog pertaining to his heart issues. Mr. Hitzig also explained, through his reading of the documents to the Board, that a municipality cannot require a certified document from the owner that the dog is a "certified service dog" or ask what the owners' disability is. There was discussion presented by Selectman Wheeler and Selectman Morgan as to how the Town Clerk/Tax Collector would decipher a service dog from a pet with no documentation. It was established by the Board, after discussion with Mr. Hitzig, that he would like his dog to be recognized as a service dog, therefore, eliminating the cost of the licensing fee, and will help alleviate protection/liability issues that may arise. It was then acknowledged by Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector that she has been in contact with the State and the Department of Justice, and if Mr. Hitzig will present exactly what he wants, in writing to her office, she will present this information to the State and Department of Justice to hopefully resolve this issue. Mr. Hitzig agreed to present the information to Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, and he thanked the Board for their time.

Vice Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie regarding preparation for Town Meeting. The Warrant Articles were discussed and acknowledgement of the Heads of Departments that would be called upon if any questions arose pertaining to their particular department.

Warrant Article # 23, pertaining to the Pattee property was discussed and Ann Marie reconfirmed that all proper procedures were followed (by the Department of Revenue and Town Attorney) on the purchase and sale and that the Conservation Commission will also be on hand to answer any questions.

Warrant Article #24, pertaining to the Neighborfest property was discussed at length. Selectman Morgan suggested that the Article be amended to read that the Town would accept the proceeds of the sale, rather than an Assignment of Mortgage. The Board agreed to have Ann Marie contact Laura Spector, Town Attorney, regarding amending the Article. Selectman Morgan stated that if the amendment was approved by the Town Attorney, he would be glad to read the Warrant Article at Town Meeting. Ann Marie will also review the amendment with Selectman Sharon Davis.

Ann Marie also stated that she contacted Town Assessors, Commerford, Nieder, Perkins and it was confirmed that the means of alternative energy mentioned in Warrant Article # 26 (i.e. solar hot water or photovoltaic systems wind powered energy or wood pellet-fired central heating systems) are not being assessed in Town.

The Chamber of Commerce Warrant Article #27 was discussed, and it was confirmed by Selectman Wheeler that Tom Mullen would be available at the Town Meeting for discussion of this Warrant Article. It was also acknowledged by Selectman Wheeler that he had discussed, at length, the Warrant Article with Tom Mullen, and he stated that he presented to Mr. Mullen (as an individual, not as a Selectman), that he would encourage the new group that has been formed and the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the issues further.

Vice Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that an e-mail was received from NH Housing Finance Authority pertaining to new law regarding lead paint, which will take effect April 22, 2010. An informative meeting will be held March 11 and April 9, 2010 at NH Housing, 32 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH.

A notice was also received regarding a meeting of the Waterville Regional Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting to be held March 16, 2010, at the Campton Elementary School, NH RT 175, Campton, between 5:30 and 6:30.

Notice from the U.S. Census Bureau was received stating that the Census operation has begun on March 1 and ends March 29, 2010.

Ann Marie indicated that the Grafton County Conservation District 2009 Annual Report has been received for any interested parties to review.

There being no further correspondence, Vice Chair Wheeler then moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Selectman Keeney indicated that he had a question regarding the Non Public Minutes and the classification under "personnel". After discussion, a Motion was made by Selectman Keeney that the first two paragraphs of the Draft Non Public Session Minutes of March 1, 2010 remain sealed, but the remainder of the Draft Non Public Minutes of March 1, 2010 be inserted in the Public Minutes. Vice Chair Wheeler seconded the Motion and the Motion was unanimously approved. A Motion was then made by Selectman Morgan, seconded by Selectman

Wheeler to approve the Minutes, with the additions being made and approve the revised Non Public Minutes (as the Motion states) were also unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie concerning Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Selectman Keeney expressed concern about the “noise level” that might occur at Town Meeting if an alternative room was not provided for babysitting care. Carolee Miot will be consulted regarding this issue.

Selectman Keeney expressed to Ann Marie that he would like to review Police Chief Warn’s time log for last week. Selectman Keeney explained that the purpose of this review is to assist the Board in evaluating justification of the new duties taken on by Police Chief Warn regarding prosecution duties since these additional duties were agreed upon by the Board on a “trial basis”. The Board agreed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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