

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
May 17, 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 Charles Cheney arrived shortly after the meeting began. Selectman Sharon Davis was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Building Permit, 1 Land Use Penalty, 2 Residency Applications, and 1 Intent to Cut.

Members of the public who attended the meeting who were not on the agenda were Kelly Bolger and Jessica Halm.

Vice Chair Charles Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Butch Bain, Road Agent. Butch explained that Jules Doner, of the Conservation Commission had contacted him regarding a drainage issue causing erosion on the shore of Beebe River on land owned by Wagner Forest (due to vehicles going into the river rather than using the temporary bridge, as mentioned at last week's meeting) and installing some Jersey Barriers to stop the problem of trespassing. Butch explained that he would be glad to do the work, but he needed the approval of the Board first. There was discussion about placing some boulders, (rather than the Jersey Barriers), trespassing issues and work that David Keel of Wagner Forest would do to stop the erosion, once the drainage issue was corrected by the Town. Vice Chair Charles Wheeler explained that the Board had consulted Laura Spector, Town Attorney, regarding this issue and he proceeded to read Attorney Spector's opinion which stated:

The Town may spend money on such a project only if it is in the public interest, which this may be depending on the damage that is being done to the river. However, if the only damage is to the logging company's private property and interests, the Town may not spend money to install the barriers. If the barriers are installed, it should be pursuant to a written agreement between the logging company and the Town, which I am happy to draft for you.

At this point, the Board agreed not to have Butch Bain work on this project at the present time. The Board would like Butch to report back to them after Butch, Jules Doner and David Keel meet to view the site together. Jules Doner confirmed that the Conservation Commission's only concern was to protect the river.

The next item Butch Bain discussed was the International Highway Department truck. Butch explained that extensive work has been done on the truck and still problems have not been resolved. Butch explained that between tow charges, time spent bringing the truck down for repair, not being able to continue on a project without the use of the truck and not being able to utilize his staff efficiently has caused problems concerning cost effectiveness issues. There was discussion about finding another dealer in the area,

possibility of lemon law applying in this case, and Butch inquiring about extended warranties because of all the extensive work performed on the vehicle. Butch will be in touch with the International representative this week and will report back to the Board.

Butch also stated that he received preliminary quotes for paving of the south side of Town Pound Road and Beech Hill Road. All three quotes were more than what was allowed in the budget. Butch suggested eliminating Town Pound Road again. Selectman Charles Cheney suggested that the money saved in the Highway Budget on snow plowing expenses be applied to the paving project. The Board agreed, and felt that the south side of Town Pound Road be paved since it was previously eliminated. It was suggested to Butch that he discuss the preliminary quotes further with the applicable contractors to hopefully negotiate a lower quote. Bids will be solicited in a few weeks.

Vice Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that Laura Spector, Town Attorney replied regarding the Blaisdell Bridge and she distributed to the Board the 3 options that Laura Spector provided: First, the Town could seek to completely discontinue the road; second, the Town could declare the road an “emergency lane”; or third, the Town could declare the road a “road to summer cottages”. Attorney Spector also explained the pros and cons of each option.

An e-mail was received from David Keel, of Wagner Forest addressing the Beebe River erosion and his meeting with Jules Doner of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Keel explained what work he would be willing to perform, after the Town worked on the drainage issue. This e-mail was in relation to what was discussed earlier this evening with Butch Bain and Jules Doner.

A letter was received from Corey Smith at Waterville Estates Village District, directed to Butch Bain and the Board extending a thank you for the use of the compacter/roller. At this point, Butch mentioned that Waterville Estates Village District will be doing their own cold patching for the damage done by the Beaver Dam breach on Winterbrook Rd.

Ann Marie announced that Josephine Belville, of the Department of Revenue Administration will no longer be the Town’s State Monitor and Sam Green will take over the State Monitor position for the Town of Campton.

An e-mail was received from Martha Aguiar expressing support for the upcoming farmer’s market on Friday afternoons and she would like to have the Town select a Friday in June and designate it “Campton Market Day”. The Board was very supportive of this suggestion, and Ann Marie will make the necessary arrangements to designate a Friday in June for “Campton Market Day”.

Anthem Life sent a confirmation that the renewal rates will remain the same this year for life insurance. Also, R.J. Dragon and a representative from Anthem will be meeting with all employees on June 3, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. to answer questions and assist employees in filling out their applications for health insurance.

An Employment Contract with Officer Kevin M. Foss and Campton Police Department was received pertaining to reimbursement to the Town for his training at the Police Academy, if Officer Foss leaves his employment with the Town of Campton before three years expires commencing on the date that Officer Foss has officially completed the full-time academy. Ann Marie will check to see if a contract for Colby Morrison was executed.

A letter was received from NH Department of Environmental Services notifying the Town that Brownfields Coalition Assessment Grants are available through the Department of Environmental Services.

Ann Marie informed the Board that Time Warner Cable forwarded the Town's Franchise Fee in the amount of \$9,492.59. Ann Marie also informed the Board that a \$6,910.91 check was received for ambulance fees for the month of March.

There being no further correspondence, Vice Chair Wheeler then moved for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. After three revisions made to the Minutes by Selectman Wheeler, Selectman Keeney and Selectman Morgan, Selectman Morgan then made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Keeney, and the Minutes were unanimously approved as revised.

Vice Chair Wheeler then called on Selectman Morgan regarding Other Business – Selectmen's Input. Selectman Morgan made a Motion to vote to accept an emergency trailer for emergency management situations that Fire Chief Tobine is in favor of. There will be no cost for the trailer and the trailer will be stored at the Fire Department. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Morgan – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, and Selectman Keeney – aye, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Selectman Keeney mentioned a follow-up for Ann Marie to speak with Mark Richardson at the NH DOT regarding the Blair Bridge Federal grant status so that a decision by the Board can be made on May 24, 2010 as to the next step to follow regarding proceeding with the project.

Also, Selectman Keeney inquired if the Board would have any objection to him contacting Laura Spector, Town Attorney concerning the Blaisdell Bridge – Class VI issue. The Board had no objection. After discussion, Selectman Cheney suggested that Selectman Keeney ask Attorney Spector what records are needed to show that a road is a Class VI and how to defend a Class VI Road classification. Selectman Morgan expressed his concern that a Class VI designation would mean the property owners bear the cost of maintenance expenses, and he felt very strongly that the issue of the Blaisdell Bridge repair be the burden of the property owners, not the Town. There was also discussion by Kelly Bolger that Selectman Wheeler had previously made a suggestion that the property owners form an association to keep up road and bridge repair fees and Mr. Bolger was in favor of this suggestion.

There being no other business, Vice Chair Wheeler made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Morgan, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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