

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 22, 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, Sharon Davis, Craig Keeney, and Marsh Morgan. Selectman Cheney was not present due to a conflict in schedule. Members of the public attending the meeting who were not on the agenda were Kelly Bolger and Tyler Tuchon.

The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Current Use Application, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut, 1 Tax Abatement, 2 Residency Applications, 2 Appointments to the Police Department, (part-time officers), 2 Appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 2 Appointments to Planning Board, and 1 Appointment to the Conservation Commission.

Chair Davis brought the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and noting one change on the agenda, that Jeff Andrews would not be present this evening. Also, since Mr. Michael Mahoney was available at 6:45 he was called on as the first appointment and Police Chief Chris Warn agreed to follow.

Mr. Michael Mahoney explained that he was recently elected to the Waterville Estates Association Board and just wanted to introduce himself to the Selectmen so they could "match the face with the name". He also commended the Board of Selectmen on what a great job they are doing for the Town of Campton, and thanked them for the paving on Hodgeman Hill Road.

Chair Davis then called on Police Chief Warn as the next appointment. Chief Warn explained that he had a number of items to discuss this evening. One being, at the Board's request, he drafted an ordinance regarding motor vehicle limitations on Blair Covered Bridge for the Board to review. The limitations included only one vehicle at a time to pass upon the span of the bridge and not to exceed the weight limit. The ordinance spelled out fines involved for violations of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500 for the first offense, and not less than \$250 for a subsequent offense. Chief Warn did draft in the ordinance that the fines would be placed in an account to be solely used for repairing the Blair and Bump Bridge. After discussion by the Board, it was agreed that Ann Marie would contact Laura Spector, Town Attorney regarding the ordinance itself, funds received from fines, and then she will schedule the Public Hearing. The Board also agreed that the ordinance include the Bump Bridge, and Ann Marie would discuss with Road Agent, Butch Bain the signs for both bridges.

Police Chief Warn also stated that he wanted to follow-up on his Memo to the Board regarding his prosecution status and statistics. Chief Warn explained that it was difficult to analyze the whole picture of cost versus the benefits to the Town in just two months time and proceeded with his explanation. Selectman Keeney and Selectman Morgan

explained that it was necessary to keep an on-going track of the time spent by Chief Warn and his staff pertaining to the prosecution duties in order for the Board to make an intelligent decision as to whether or not to continue with the prosecution duties. It was agreed that Chief Warn will provide the Board with this information in the fall in order for the Board to analyze.

Police Chief Warn also wanted to follow-up on his Memo to the Board validating Officer Payer's fine service to the Town, and the fact that he would like the Board to consider the process of merit/longevity raises. Chief Warn further explained the reasons why he has become so pro-active in this regard. Chair Davis did acknowledge to Chief Warn that the process would be something for the Board to think about.

Police Chief Warn also expressed his concern, after hearing and discussing with employees about their concerns regarding bi-weekly pay checks for Town employees. Chief Warn felt the morale of the employees would drop and create a burden to certain Officers getting "Patrol Wages". Selectman Keeney indicated that this decision still had to be approved by the State Department of Labor before the Town could even follow through on bi-weekly pay periods.

Chief Warn informed the Board that he felt, because of the state of the economy, he found more of the public is "day tripping". This creates more activity going through Campton, creating more arrests, some being thief and drug problems; however, the Chief expressed that the Officers are doing a fine job.

Chair Davis then called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting, after one revision, Selectman Morgan made a Motion to approve the Minutes as revised, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and the revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. A Notice was received regarding the Annual Meeting of the Campton Village District for their Budget Meeting and Bond Hearing to be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 24, 2010, at the Multi-purpose Room of the Campton Elementary School, at 2220 Rt. 175, Campton, NH.

Ann Marie presented a letter to be signed by the Board addressed to the School Board suggesting the School Board consider "holding the line" on teachers' salaries, which the Selectmen signed.

A letter was received from Comcast announcing the commencement of the renewal process of cable communications with the Town of Campton. Ann Marie suggested a joint meeting with the Town of Thornton regarding this process as she felt it would be more effective. The Board agreed to this procedure as time gets closer to the actual renewal date.

Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector also provided a copy of an application to the DES by Pike Industries regarding an Air Permit.

Ann Marie indicated that an e-mail was forwarded to North Country Council confirming the Board's support of the Scenic Byways Project and also confirmed that Bryon Middlekoff, a new member of the Conservation Commission, has agreed to be the contact person for the Town regarding this project.

A Memo was received from Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector informing the Board that the matter regarding the service animal issue has been resolved and the animal will be licensed just as any other dog in town. She also thanked the Board for their assistance.

Ann Marie informed the Board that she had her first Department Head meeting with Road Agent, Butch Bain. Ann Marie wanted to inform the Board that Laura Spector stated that Butch had a successful meeting with the PUC regarding Fairpoint Communications and the PUC is now dropping any action to fine the Town.

Butch also discussed the possibility of getting some prisoners from Grafton County again to help with spring cleanup. Butch indicated that the prisoners are low risk/security and no sex offenders are included. The Board approved, with the exception of Selectman Wheeler.

Butch informed Ann Marie that his crew had started working on some light grading on Hodgeman but it was starting to give, so he pulled the crew out. Butch also informed Ann Marie that no complaints have been received due to impassable roads relating to the mud season.

Butch will move the jersey barriers over to the site when the Eastern Corners Bridge work commences.

Butch also indicated that in the past few weeks 7 cones and 2 barricades have been stolen and that they were marked, "Town of Campton".

Butch also stated that he will be calling different paving companies to hopefully get more responses for paving bids this year.

Butch is also working on getting signage for Blair Bridge and hopefully incorporating the information to eliminate several signs. Ann Marie will inform Butch about the total of four signs needed regarding the Blair Bridge and the Bump Bridge pertaining to the ordinance discussed earlier this evening with Police Chief Warn. Butch is also updating some road information that the State DOT forwarded to the Town.

Ann Marie also provided the Board, upon Selectman Keeney's request, a spreadsheet with the total pay and benefits for 2009 for each individual Town employee. Selectman Davis suggested this information be provided to employees on a yearly basis.

Chair Davis then proceeded with Selectmen's Input and Other Business and called on Selectman Keeney. Selectman Keeney stated that he spoke with Butch Bain and Butch inquired about the possibility of holding on to a Police cruiser (rather than sending to auction) to be used by the Town employees to assist in transporting issues. Selectman Keeney suggested waiting until the Ford Expedition was ready for auction before further discussion.

Selectman Morgan discussed some Planning Board issues which involved some work not being completed by Bruce McDonald. The Board suggested that Mr. McDonald be invited to the next Selectmen's Meeting to discuss, and Ann Marie will arrange it.

Chair Davis mentioned that part of the metal roof on the Blair Bridge was uplifting and needed repair. Selectman Wheeler suggested that Ann Marie speak with Ted Hammond about possibly repairing the section of roof.

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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