

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2010

The Board of Selectmen started their summer schedule of meeting bi-weekly. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Craig Keeney and Marsh Morgan. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They also signed a dog warrant, the 2010 spring tax warrants for Campton and Waterville Estates, 10 abatements, three Intents to Build, four applications for residency and one veteran's credit.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Sharon Davis officially opened the agenda for the evening. There were no appointments this evening. Present from the public was Kelly Bolger.

The Board went forward with reviewing their correspondence. Ann Marie first distributed copies of the Ground Water Reclassification Application that Nick Sceggell had emailed to her, and that she had forwarded to the Board. Discussion then began about whether the Board wanted to go ahead with this survey of commercial properties in Town for potential hazardous materials and how to manage them so they do not endanger the different water systems and aquifers within the Town of Campton. Nick and the Conservation Commission had made a list of potential businesses that would work with the code enforcement officer to see that they applied proper handling and storage of any chemicals, fuels etc. The Board had requested to review this plan before they made a decision on whether to proceed with it. Selectman Keeney felt that the list was not necessarily everyone who should be on it, and maybe some businesses who should not, and he was still skeptical about going forward as it could turn into something more complicated and involved as to what was initially described to the Board. Selectman Wheeler felt that it was a good idea if it protected the water systems within the Town. Selectman Cheney was concerned about the costs that the Town would incur, and whether we would have enough money to go forward with it this year. Selectman Morgan agreed with Selectman Wheeler that he felt it was a necessary project whether it involved more cost or work for the Selectmen's Office staff. Selectman Davis was concerned about the additional burden put on the Selectmen's office with this project. The Code Enforcement Officer, Charlie Brosseau is willing to take on the task, and would attend training for this through the Department of Environmental Services. Butch Burhoe from the Campton Village Water District was hopefully going to attend as well. Ann Marie suggested that we may want to include someone from Beebe River and Waterville Estates as well. Selectman Cheney indicated that he did this survey with the two businesses in Waterville Valley where he works, and they had not had any problems with it, but he was concerned that the State would want all the properties inventoried the first year, and we would not have enough funds in the line item for the code enforcement officer to do this. The Board decided to hold off from voting on this issue until Ann Marie could get further information from Nick as to whether we would be able just

inventory five businesses this year, five the next, and the last five the following year. This inventory should be done every three years.

The next item the Board discussed was the road status of Eastern Corner Road and the Blaisdell Bridge. Road Agent Butch Bain had taken the measurements that Mr. Churette from the State had provided us, and had set his odometer from the intersection of NH RT 175 which was the first node that Mr. Churette had provided. He found that the Class VI portion of the road started right by the driveway of the DeLuca camp, where a granite marker is placed. The Board then discussed whether they should try and replank the bridge or not. Some Board Members were concerned about liability and felt we should not fix it, and others felt the work should be done without spending a huge amount of money. Selectman Keeney suggested that further research be done, and that the Board be prepared to put in an article on the Town Meeting Warrant next year to reclassify some of these roads which we thought were Class VI, and are questionable or shown as Class V on state maps so the record would be clear once and for all. A lot of the old records refer to names of owners from long ago, and this make it very hard to determine what road they were actually talking about. In the meantime, Ann Marie will call Attorney Laura Spector and get her opinion about whether work should be done on the bridge.

Ann Marie got together with Butch today about putting the paving bids in the newspaper and opening the bids at the next Selectmen's meeting. The roads to be paved are Beech Hill, Loft Circle, and Town Pound Road. Selectman Cheney said that he had been up in the area of Loft Circle on another matter, and was shocked at the condition of this road and its base, and felt it would be a waste of money to pave it. He suggested that the old pavement be grinded up, and the road returned to gravel. Selectman Wheeler said that if we do this, letters should be sent to the property owners. Ann Marie will have Butch call Selectman Cheney tomorrow and discuss it further.

Ann Marie advised the Board that we have received a letter from the Department of Transportation capping the price of fuel next year at the State pumps at \$2.84. Currently we are paying \$2.65 for diesel and \$2.09 for gas. Copies of this letter will be given to Police Chief Warn and Road Agent Bain to have when planning their 2011 budgets.

The next piece of correspondence was a report to Chief Tobine from his firefighter/EMT Daniel Defosses. While performing their annual cistern inspections on May 25<sup>th</sup>, firefighters found that the cistern on Millie's Circle had a bent up frame of a carport right in front of the cistern connections. It appeared that this had been deliberately left here, and Firefighter Defosses was concerned about the safety of the crew when responding to a fire at night, and possibly tripping over this obstruction. The Board requested that Ann Marie notify the Police Department and see if they can find out whom it belongs to and have them move it or else they will have the Highway crew take it away to the Transfer Station and junk it.

Reports were received from the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council in reference to the people in the area they had serviced in 2009, a report from Charter Trust giving the investments they are handling for the George Durgin Trust, and reports from the DRA on

the revaluation. Our assessors CNP will be replying to these reports from Josephine Belville, and felt that some of her remarks were inappropriate, and will address these in their letter. One item which the Selectmen were concerned about as well was the comment that DRA should inspect all the assessments before tax bills go out. The Board, being aware of the short span of time that we have to do this, that this would make it impossible to get tax bills out in a timely manner before the end of the year. CNP has stated that there is no statute requiring this step. Local Government Center sent a copy of their proposed agreement provision for the Property and Liability Insurances for Towns and Schools.

The minutes were reviewed from the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with one correction by Selectman Morgan. With a motion from Selectman Wheeler and seconded by Selectman Morgan, the minutes were approved with the one change unanimously.

Under other business, Ann Marie thanked Selectmen Morgan, Wheeler and Keeney for coming to the employee health insurance meeting last week. Health Officer James McGarr had called about getting the Town Attorney's name and phone number about a problem with a wood heater on Owl Street that was blowing smoke into the neighbor's house. He had visited the owner who had the heater, and had asked him to extend the smoke stack which he agreed to do, but following two subsequent visits, it was not done, and the situation became unpleasant with the owner telling JD to get off his property. Selectman Wheeler had discussed this with the health officer as well. When Ann Marie speaks with Laura tomorrow, she will find out what the status of this situation is.

Selectman Morgan indicated that the pit where Bruce McDonald has been filling in and shoring up the sides had some major problems from the heavy rain over the weekend. He said that the tiers should have been at least mulched and vegetation planted to reinforce the area. He also said that surveyor John March indicated that it has not been done as he designed it, and he will not sign off on it. Selectman Morgan volunteered to go and speak with Mr. McDonald with the other Board Members approval.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. with the next scheduled meeting for June 21, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Administrator