

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2008

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Town Office Meeting Room. Present were Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, James McGarr and Craig Keeney. Selectman Charles Cheney arrived later due to a personal engagement. The Board spent the first half hour going over the manifest and reviewing the bills. They signed 3 Residency Applications.

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman James McGarr called the meeting to order. Chairman McGarr noted that CASA representative, Marjorie Waters had not yet arrived and Robert Bain, Road Agent had arrived early. The Board then went forward with Road Agent's winter plowing issues in Waterville Estates. Robert Bain expressed a concern that an abundant amount of sand was being used in Waterville Estates and there is also the issue of regulating whose sand pile is being used for whose roads. It was agreed by the Board that the next six inch snowstorm in Waterville Estates would be plowed and sanded by the Town of Campton highway crew to see how much sand is actually used. The Board also wanted to receive copies of invoices from Waterville Estates pertaining to the actual amount of sand purchased by them from Pike Industries.

At 7:05 p.m. the Board met with Trustees of the Trust Funds regarding their proposed 2008 Budget. Present representing the Trust Funds were Martha Aguiar and Nancy Mardin. Martha Aguiar explained that this was the first time the Trustees have asked for a budget. A budget was a suggestion to the Trustees at a Seminar they attended through the State of New Hampshire. After reviewing the Trustee's budget the Board suggested that a used file cabinet be purchased and that it was not necessary that the cabinet be fire proof but have locking capability. Ann Marie will speak with Robert Bain regarding obtaining a file cabinet.

The Library Trustees cancelled their meeting with the Board this evening regarding their 2008 Proposed Budget.

At 7:15 p.m. Chairman McGarr acknowledged Corey Smith (representative from Waterville Estates) in the audience. Chairman McGarr indicated to Mr. Smith that Robert Bain was at the meeting earlier this evening and it was decided the Town would plow and sand the roads in Waterville Estates the next six inch snowstorm. Mr. Smith's concern was that if the next snowstorm was not on a weekend it would not accurately gage the quantity of sand necessary to maintain the roads safely. Corey Smith explained that on the weekends and holidays there is a lot more traffic. In order to resolve the issues, Chairman McGarr requested Mr. Smith to provide invoices regarding the amounts of sand purchased; and Mr. Smith agreed that he would provide the slips in order to hopefully dispel any issues that the Board of Selectmen are concerned with.

At 7:45 p.m. Marjorie Waters and Linda Dunn, Plymouth Regional Supervisor of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) met with the Board regarding their non-profit

organization and funds requested from the Town. The organization is requesting \$500 from the Town for their support. Chairman McGarr asked about statistics for individual Towns in the area that the organization had supported. Linda Dunn indicated that due to confidentiality the statistics were calculated by County rather than Town. Selectman Sharon Davis indicated that the Board of Selectmen has to justify to the taxpayers what percentage is served. Selectman Davis also asked what other sources of income the organization had. Marjorie Waters indicated that one-third came from Federal, one-third from State and the other one-third was arrived at from the public and private sector such as their Christmas cards, Community Reception and Loon Festival. The Board also questioned where the \$500 was distributed. Marjorie Waters explained that the funds went into the general fund, but if the Board wanted to target where the funds were distributed, that could be arranged. The Board thanked Ms. Waters and Ms. Dunn for coming to the meeting.

Next on the agenda was correspondence. Ann Marie presented a letter from the office of Dr. Janelle L. Bard, Chiropractor regarding funds requested for support of Lincoln Family Health Center. Ann Marie indicated that she would draft a spreadsheet regarding all the non-profit organizations with their requests and previous contributions by the Town in order to accommodate the Selectmen in their decision-making. Copies of expenditures of the Fire Department were distributed to the Board. Ann Marie reminded the Board of the meeting at the Fire Department scheduled for Wednesday, 1/9/08, at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Budget for the Fire Department and Campton/Thornton Solid Waste.

Ann Marie also mentioned that Mrs. Whitehouse was in the Selectmen's Office discussing the light near the intersection of the Sunset Grill and Ellsworth Hill Road. Her concern was that the light shines into traffic and is blinding. Selectman Charles Wheeler indicated that he would speak with the property owner of the Sunset Grill regarding the light.

Ann Marie indicated that Department Heads were inquiring as to what percentage to use for salary increases on their budget. It was agreed that a 3% increase would be followed for salaried employees and hourly employees.

Ann Marie indicated that she worked with John Timson on his budget for Blair Cemetery, but John is willing to come in to discuss with the Board if they felt it was necessary. Drilling a well at the Blair Cemetery for a proper water supply was also discussed. Craig Keeney indicated that he felt Kevin Coburn and Mike Dunklee would be good local contractors to contact regarding excavation for the well and Craig would contact both for a price quote. Ann Marie indicated a figure would be needed to draft a Warrant Article for Town Meeting.

Ann Marie distributed copies of expenditures for 2007 for the Board to review and indicated there were certain areas where increases for 2008 would be necessary (welfare and heating in particular). Heating costs need to be increased due to price and the extra buildings.

There being no further correspondence, the Board went on to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting. Craig Keeney made one correction in the Minutes. A motion was then made by Selectman Sharon Davis to approve the revised Minutes, seconded by Charles Cheney, and voted in the affirmative by all.

Chairman McGarr went on to Other Business and Selectmen's Input. Selectman Charles Cheney suggested an island be created at the intersection of Vintinner Road and Route 49. Selectman Cheney expressed that he felt the Highway Department could construct the island and Ann Marie will speak to Road Agent, Robert Bain and at some point, the property owner would have to be notified.

Selectman Sharon Davis pointed out that there were several items in the "State Legislative Bulletin" that she is following. Some of the New Bills pertained to the possibility of decreasing the Town's property tax revenue by certain low income exemptions; games of chance which might affect our Chamber of Commerce; handicapped issues and certain Planning Board policies.

Ann Marie indicated that the DES came to the office to review Beebe River title search documents and she will contact them by phone regarding their discovery since she was unable to speak with them prior to their leaving the office.

Selectman Wheeler, Selectman Keeney and Selectman Cheney indicated that they would be at the Polls to sign and count on Tuesday, 1/8/08.

There being no further business, Selectman Davis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charles Wheeler, voted by all, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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