

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Marsh Morgan and Karl Kelly. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Financial Report for NH Department of Revenue, 1 Petition and Pole License and Pole Location Plan.

Members of the public who were in attendance at this meeting (including those on the agenda) were George Wright, Robert Bain, Gregory Jencks, Tamara Cocchiarella, Matt Petz, Deborah Engelhardt and Jay Conley.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order and called on Kelly Bolger and Craig Keeney for an update on the Blair Bridge Project. Kelly explained to the Board issues concerning Arnold Graton willing to work on a particular Saturday, but Sean James indicated that a two week notice of that schedule was necessary. Kelly stated that a two week notice is difficult because of unknown weather conditions. There were other on-going issues discussed regarding the mason and paperwork issues. Craig informed the Board that the Fee Estimate that was discussed and submitted last week was resubmitted, due to a misunderstanding of the method used for calculating. Both Kelly and Craig felt that a bi-weekly construction meeting would help communication and eliminate problems. After discussion, the Board agreed that a bi-weekly meeting would work more effectively and the bi-weekly construction meeting would commence this week.

Kelly Bolger also indicated that the generator grant is fully approved and he will have a contract in hand tomorrow. The Board unanimously agreed to authorize Chairman Davis to execute the contract in the amount of \$113,362.

Kelly Bolger also informed the Board that the door for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office has arrived and he has made arrangements with Custance Brothers to install the door, panic bar and the screens are being made and will be installed when the door is installed. Kelly indicated that the window cranks he was unable to match.

Kelly was happy to report that the landscaping for the Municipal Buildings is underway. The Board thanked Kelly and Craig for their update.

At 7:15 p.m. Chair Davis then called on the business owners at the Campton Plaza to discuss trees. Deborah Engelhardt, spokeswoman for the business owners explained that thirty years ago you could see the businesses available at the Campton Plaza when you were still on the highway. At present, the trees have made visibility of the businesses non-existent. She expressed that customers have indicated that they could not even find the Information Center. She informed the Board that it was the Campton Plaza business owners' wishes to have a stretch of trees taken down. Deborah pointed out the location of the stretch of trees on the map provided at this evening's meeting). The business

owners would like the Town to support the businesses and to provide the removal of the trees and clean up the debris along the chain link fence area believed to be Town property. She also stated that the State mows their section, but the Town's property has become overgrown. This would not only encourage business by visibility, but present a more attractive area representing the Town and would compliment the landscape and the Campton "Welcome" sign when you get off the highway. Matt Petz, Exit 28 Pizza owner and Tamara Cocchiarella from the Information Center supported Deborah Engelhardt's presentation. The Board expressed that they certainly wanted to support the businesses; however, it was a question of funds and who would be contributing to the costs as funds for this project have not been allocated in the budget. After questions raised by the Board regarding State and possible Federal regulations, it was suggested that Deborah Engelhardt speak with the State and inquire about Federal regulations. The Board requested that Deborah acquire a proposal for the cost of removal of the trees involved and to then meet with the Board again next week. The Board also expressed that they would like to make a site visit of the property in question. Deborah agreed she would get a proposal and speak with the necessary State and Federal officials.

Chair Davis then called on Robert "Butch" Bain, Road Agent. Butch explained the mechanical issues relating to the 1 Ton truck used by the Highway Department. He received an estimate for the cost of the work to be done on the truck from Grappone in the amount of approximately \$8,100.00. After discussion, the Board agreed to have Butch get a couple more estimates for the Board to review.

Chair Davis then called on George Wright. Mr. Wright explained that he just wanted to remind the Board of the Northern Pass Open House which is scheduled for September 17, 2013, from 5:30 to 7:30 p. at the Campton Days Inn and he asked that the Board be represented at this meeting.

Chair Davis then continued with the meeting and called for a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes dated August 26, 2013. Selectman Morgan made the Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes as presented and Selectman Wheeler seconded the Motion. The Minutes and Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan forwarded a settlement offer from Attorney Bill Parnell regarding Beebe River and Lee Freeman. The proposal is that the appeal will be withdrawn if the Town agrees to make the road an emergency lane (which Attorney Spector-Morgan points out that this was offered at the very beginning of this matter) and to keep that designation in place until the Town agrees to accept the road. Attorney Spector-Morgan suggests the Town agree with the settlement. After discussion, the Board felt a site visit was necessary to review the road condition before making a decision on the proposed settlement. There was some discussion concerning placing a contingency on the settlement (if the Board decides to settle) pertaining to the betterment issue. At this point, the Board scheduled a site visit for Monday night to look at the condition of the road and then they would continue to Vintinner Road for a site visit

regarding the trees. It was agreed that Monday night's Selectmen's meeting on 9/16/13 would then commence at 7:00 p.m.

Ann Marie inquired as to when the Board would like to schedule the public hearing regarding the existing pole licensing wording on the permits to include the RSA. It was agreed to schedule the public hearing in October, 2013.

Senator Jeanie Forrester sent notice of a forum regarding an update on the latest developments relative to Northern Pass. The forum is scheduled for September 16, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the New Hampton School, McEvoy Theater at 70 Main Street. The speakers will be Senator Forrester, Will Abbott, VP Society for the Protection of NH Forest; Susan Arnold, Appalachian Mountain Club; and Andy Smith, Owner/Broker, Peabody & Smith Realty.

A formality notice was received from Town Clerk/Tax Collector indicating that 603 Brewery, LLC has made application to the Division of Enforcement for a Beverage Manufacturer liquor license.

Notice was received that the annual meeting of the Grafton County Economic Development Council will be held on September 19, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at the Common man Inn & Spa, in Plymouth.

AmeriGas has sent notice that our account previously serviced by Franconia Gas will now be handled by AmeriGas.

Ann Marie stated that Pattie Barker would like to inquire if the Mall at the Transfer Station could remain open until Christmas. The Board did not have a problem with that schedule; however, it would depend on the budget and weather conditions. Ann Marie will inform Pattie Barker that the Board was in agreement so that she could then present the matter to the Thornton Board of Selectmen.

The NH Department of Transportation has scheduled a meeting for NH's Ten-Year Transportation Plan which Councilor Ray Burton is hosting for the Campton area. After discussion, it was decided that Ann Marie will acquire information as to how the Town can add Owl Street and Ellsworth Hill Road to the Ten-Year Plan for much needed road repair.

Ann Marie explained to the Board that Primex has performed an ergonomics survey of the Municipal Building and Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office surveying the work stations, etc. Ann Marie indicated that in the Selectmen's Office a new smaller chair was needed for Ellie Dewey and in the Police Department a new larger chair was needed for Sergeant Payer. The Primex representative indicated that after viewing the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office he voiced safety and health concerns. He specifically mentioned the air conditioner vents were taped with duct tape which restricts air flow and could damage the system. Duct tape in the vault could cause mold problems to Town records if not removed. The basement posed fire safety issues as shelving from the old

vault has been placed down in the basement blocking the electrical box. He also mentioned clutter issues which made it difficult to make work station assessments. The custom file cabinets in the office were empty. The reason given was that they did not have locks on the drawers. It was confirmed that a written report will follow. Attorney Spector-Morgan was contacted regarding the health and safety issues. It was recommended by Attorney Spector-Morgan that the health and safety issues be discussed in public session and then addressed specifying in writing to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and that an inspection would be required by the Fire Department. A letter addressing the issues will be sent to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. The Board authorized Chairman Sharon Davis to sign the letter.

Ann Marie also mentioned that Lisa Ash would like to schedule a children's cooking class in October and also hold a play group in October and November in the Community Room at the Municipal Building. The Board was in agreement, but asked that Ann Marie check with the Town insurance agent regarding the cooking class.

Chair Davis then continued with other Business – Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis called on Selectman Morgan who suggested that Charles Brosseau view the sign that the Country Cow has added to the Days Inn sign that can be seen from I-93.

Chair Davis called on Craig Keeney who indicated that the Snowmobile Club will be proposing a trail that will extend east to west that will bring more business to the community. The Board was very much in favor of the trail.

There being no Other Business – Selectmen Input, Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey,  
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