

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were selectmen Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, Marsh Morgan, Karl Kelly and Charles Cheney. Present from the public was Mr. Peter Laufenberg. The Board signed the manifests and 1 tax agreement. Chair Davis signed invoices for Arnold Graton's payment for the continuing renovations on the Blair Bridge. Chair Davis stated that she had spoken with Craig Keeney, he had stated to her that he would not be attending tonight's meeting, as he is out of state on vacation.

At 6:45p.m. Chair Davis called the meeting to order. Chair Davis stated that the Blair Bridge is boarded up at both ends and that Arnold Graton is keeping the snow cleared away from the project area. Chair Davis stated that she had suggested to Craig Keeney and Kelly Bolger that the Blair Bridge updates be removed from future Selectmen's Meeting agenda's until March 31, 2014 as the Blair Bridge project is currently in Winter Shutdown.

At 6:48p.m. Chair Davis continued the meeting with a review of the minutes of the last meeting. Chair Davis asked if the proposed revisions to the minutes were acceptable. The Selectmen made no further revisions. Then Chair Davis called for a motion to approve the revised Minutes of the last meeting; Selectman Wheeler made a motion to approve the revised Minutes, Selectman Kelly seconded the motion. The revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

At 6:50p.m. Chair Davis then called on Waterville Estates Village District Commissioners to speak regarding the information signs that the Waterville Estates Village District is proposing to erect; one sign to be located at exit 28 off of I-93 and one to be located at or as near to the intersections of Rte 49 & Rte 175 as is possible. Waterville Estates Village District Commissioner Lloyd Willey was present as was Corey Smith, General Manager, of the Waterville Estates Village District. The issue that these signs bring about is whether a village district can; legally, have off premise signage similar to that of a Town or City sign, even though the Campton's Zoning Ordinance does not allow off premise signs, unless grandfathered. Mr. Smith stated that according to the statute RSA 674:54; which basically exempts governmental land uses from local zoning ordinances, Waterville Estates Village District can legally erect these signs because it is a municipality. Mr. Smith stated that the Waterville Estates Village District plan is to create signs similar to the Welcome to Campton sign and the Campton Village Precinct sign. Mr. Smith would like to see the Waterville Estates Village District and Campton Ski Area officially designated. Ann Marie suggested to Mr. Smith that he contact Carol Lenahan; to speak with her about the process she went through with the State and Forest Service to have the Campton Village Precinct sign placed at its current location. The process which must be followed was discussed; Selectman Wheeler stated that he was in agreement with the idea for the signs so long as they were tastefully done. Chair Davis agreed. Selectman Morgan asked Mr. Smith about the planned size of the proposed signs. Mr. Smith stated

approximately 4 feet by 8 feet each. Selectman Morgan voiced his concern with the given sign dimensions he states the town is trying to work towards cutting down the size of approved signs, going forward. Selectman Cheney stated that the State Department of Transportation's regulations would have to be met fully, as both of the proposed signs desired locations are on state owned roads. Chair Davis then advised Mr. Smith and Waterville Estates Village District Commissioner Willey to get on the agenda of a Selectmen's Meeting in the near future; to begin the required process for acquiring the approval of selectmen and the planning board with the specifications they will be proposing regarding these signs.

At 7:00p.m. Ann Marie spoke with Mr. Smith and Commissioner Willey regarding the house located at 91 Goose Hollow Road in Waterville Estates. This house went to tax deed in 2013 for unpaid taxes. Mr. Smith stated that Waterville Estates Village District's goal is to get this property repaired and in safe condition, as the longer it sets the greater the problems. Ann Marie stated that she has established February 10th, 2014 as the official date of notification, by his email acknowledgement, for the owner of this property to start the repurchase process. Once the owner of this property notifies the Town of Campton of his intention to repurchase this property, by certified mail, he will have 15 days to pay the Town all taxes due.

The third item on the agenda; for the Waterville Estates Village District Commissioners, was regarding the letter sent to the Planning Board/Selectmen about the condition of Taylor Drive, formerly Forest Road, in Waterville Estates Village District. This letter; is a response to the letter dated November 12, 2009 that Waterville Estates Village District received from the Town of Campton, requesting that they confirm in writing that Waterville Estates Village District will be responsible for upgrading the width and surface of Taylor Drive. This will include the completion of the construction of the town-approved hammerhead; prior to the town approving any further building permits. Taylor Drive will be constructed to district standards, constructing the road to 20 feet in width; with a minimum of 1 foot of bank run gravel and 6 inches of crushed bank run gravel. Initially, the road, which will remain private, will be improved in order to facilitate the development of the Muto property, at a width of 18 feet. Upon the issuance of another building permit on Taylor Drive, the final improvements will be completed as stated. This second permit has been issued and Corey Smith would need to have a letter from the Selectmen expressing its approval of these upgrades. Planning Board members, Charles Brosseau and Marsh Morgan, stated that the Planning Board is in agreement with putting this hammerhead just beyond the driveway for the new house. Mr. Brosseau stated the property owner has stated that he is willing to donate a part of his land to facilitate the completion of this hammerhead to town specifications. Waterville Estates Village District Commissioners will need to get an easement deed drawn up by an attorney, which would be a part of the approval process, for the hammerhead to be put in. Chair Davis noted that all the Selectmen agree, conceptually, with these plans.

At 7:15 Chair Davis called on Ann Marie to review the Correspondence. Ann Marie spoke regarding the letter the Town received from Sally Moulton. Ms. Moulton wrote to the Town requesting an accounting for the money from the Beebe River Legal Fund Capital Reserve; recently returned to the taxpayers in the former Beebe River District in the amount of \$4000.00. She was questioning where the interest funds had gone. Ann Marie advised the Board that the bank had not included the interest when they

closed out the account. Ann Marie spoke with Nancy Mardin, one of the Trustees of the Trust Fund. Mrs. Mardin found out that the bank had neglected to send the interest. The interest has just been received this past week. Ms. Moulton also questioned the payments that had been made from the Beebe River checking account. The Court had ordered the Town to pay any bills, related to the Beebe River District Village, until the funds were exhausted. Ann Marie advised that she will contact Town Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan and asked her if she would draft a letter clarifying this issue for Ms. Moulton. Selectman Cheney inquired if Attorney Spector-Morgan will give an accounting, regarding these funds, to Ms. Moulton. Ann Marie stated that she will provide Attorney Spector-Morgan with a manifest for how these funds were dispersed. Ann Marie then spoke about her efforts to contact Rick Davis in Beebe River regarding the truck the Town has been court-ordered to sell. Mr. Davis has not returned Ann Marie's calls. Chair Davis asked Ann Marie to speak with Attorney Spector-Morgan, regarding this problem so that this fact can be included in her letter to Ms. Moulton.

Ann Marie then read a letter the Town received from Jonathan Kipp, Operations Manager at Primex, a N.H. Public Risk Management Exchange. This letter served as an invitation to attend a workshop, addressing Succession Development, to be held on Tuesday March 18, 2014. The workshop will be held at Primex's Concord address. Discussion topics will include, but not be limited to, why succession development is important and how to put a process in place.

Ann Marie stated that the Town had received a nice thank you note from the family of the late Robert Burhoe Sr. Ann Marie also stated that State Representative Lester Bradley had passed away last week.

Ann Marie then spoke regarding the letter received from Commerford, Nieder & Perkins, LLC. This letter stated the cost, to the Town, for Commerford, Nieder & Perkins to provide the data entry portion of the conversion from Vision software to Avitar assessing software would be approximately \$9,800.00. This bid will include the quality control of all data entry as well as the time that is necessary to make/create any tables that does not convert over from Vision. The bid is approximately \$1,700.00 less than the bid received from Avitar. Ann Marie stated that she was confident in the quality of work from Commerford, Nieder & Perkins. Chair Davis stated that the Selectmen were in agreement with this conclusion.

Ann Marie stated that the Town had received a letter from Linda Kennedy, Manager at the State of N.H. Department of Revenue Administration. The letter was sent to inform the Town of Campton that the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration had determined a median ratio for the land, buildings and manufactured housing in this municipality for the 2013 Tax Year to be 115.4%. This ratio means that property in Campton is currently 15.4% above market value. The Reval being done this year will bring this ratio back down to 100%.

Ann Marie then stated that she had received a phone call last week; from Pam Valley at the N.H. Municipal Association regarding the Limited Access Policy to LGC Legal Services Attorneys, previously adopted by the Campton Board of Selectmen. The purpose of this call was to ask the Town to send a letter to Judy Silva, Deputy Director for Legal, Advocacy and Communications Services at the N.H. Municipal Association confirming that the Limited Access Policy, as expressed in the letter dated October 15, 2012 was still in effect. Ann Marie stated that she would send a letter to Ms. Silva at the

N.H. Municipal Association confirming that the Campton Board of Selectmen agree to this policy's continuation.

At 7:25p.m. Chair Davis inquired if there were any other business issues to be discussed. Selectman Cheney asked if the electrical repairs needed, at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office building, had been completed. The building inspection done by the State Department of Labor had revealed that there were two safety issues that needed to be addressed. There were too many power strips in use and an exit light needed to be installed at the rear exit of the building. Selectman Wheeler stated that Dunstan Electric Co. has completed the installation of 4 wall outlets and installed a light at the rear exit door of the building.

Selectman Morgan spoke regarding a fire that had taken place on Rte 3. Selectman Morgan stated that, fire trucks responding from surrounding towns were unable to access water from 3 separate fire hydrants. These 3 hydrants, located on Rte. 49, were dry. Chair Davis asked Ann Marie to speak to Fire Chief Daniel DesFosses about this matter and advise; Chief DesFosses he should make the Campton Precinct Commissioners aware of this situation immediately.

Chair Davis continued the meeting speaking about which Warrant Article she would read at Town meeting. Chair Davis will read the breakdown of General Municipal Operation; for the ensuing year which is Warrant Article 5 in the Town Warrant. Selectman Wheeler stated that he would give the breakdown of the Advertising and Regional expenses; for the ensuing year which is Warrant Article 19 in the Town Warrant.

At 7:27p.m. Chair Davis stated that neither she nor Selectman Wheeler would be available to attend the next Selectmen's meeting. Chair Davis called for a motion to cancel the Selectmen's meeting of March 3, 2014. Selectman Wheeler made a motion to cancel the Selectmen's meeting of March 3, 2014. Selectman Kelly seconded the motion. The Selectmen's meeting of March 3, 2014 was cancelled unanimously. Chair Davis asked if there were any more questions or any other business items to be discussed, there being none she adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenna Blair, Recording Secretary

