

Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
March 24, 2014

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis, Charles Cheney, Peter Laufenberg and Karl Kelly. The Board signed the manifests, a Purchase Order for a Highway Department brush cutter, an abatement, two Part Time appointments with a name correction on one and an MS 232; a report of appropriations actually voted on and approved at Town Meeting. Change Order #4, Change Order #5 and Amendment #1, all related to the Blair Bridge Project, were signed also.

At 6:40p.m. the Selectmen met in Non-Public session with Town Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan.

At 7:15p.m. Chair Wheeler continued the meeting by calling on George Wright and Gail Beaulieu to speak regarding the planned Northern Pass. Mrs. Beaulieu stated that she is a property owner in Campton and has been informed by the Northern Pass project that she will have 3 electrical towers erected on her property, should the Northern Pass become finalized. Mrs. Beaulieu spoke about a tentatively planned Site Evaluation Committee Information Meeting to be held, on either April 27 or May 4, 2014, at the Plymouth Public Library. The topics at this proposed meeting would include the current status of the Northern Pass Project; a brief overview of the Site Evaluation Committee approval and process; and an update on current municipal initiatives. Mrs. Beaulieu stated that she was hoping that several of the Campton Selectmen might be able to attend this meeting, and possibly participate as panelists. The Selectman discussed the two dates and agreed that if the meeting were to be held on April 27th, it would be more likely that some of the Selectmen might be able to attend this meeting. Present from the public was Tom Mullen, who congratulated Selectman Peter Laufenberg on his recent election to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Mullen spoke to the Selectmen, further; in conjunction with Mrs. Beaulieu's concerns relative to the Northern Pass Project. Mr. Mullen stated that the Northern Pass Site Evaluation Committee has previously referred to the protection of the aesthetics of the State of New Hampshire as being one of their purposes of existence. Mr. Mullen feels that this fact has been ignored, in the SEC's effort to push the Northern Pass project forward to completion. Mr. Mullen told the Selectmen that he would like to draft a letter to the Northern Pass Site Evaluation Committee for their signatures with the intention of refocusing the SEC; with the use of pertinent RSA's as to the importance of the protection of the aesthetics of the State and the communities therein. Mr. Mullen asked if, upon its completion, he could present this letter to the Board of Selectmen for their use and they could take some of it, all of it or none of it. Chair Wheeler stated that the Board of Selectmen would be willing to read this letter upon its completion.

At 7:20p.m. Chair Wheeler asked the Selectmen if the proposed revisions to the Minutes of the last meeting were acceptable. The Selectmen made no further revisions. Chair Wheeler called for a motion to approve the revised minutes from the last meeting; Selectman Cheney made a motion to accept the revised Minutes of the last meeting, Selectman Kelly seconded the motion. The revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie to review the Correspondence. Ann Marie spoke regarding the letter the Town had received from Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association, Accountants and Auditors. The purpose of this letter is to outline the services that Plodzik & Sanderson will be providing, to the Town of Campton, during their audit and their requirements of the Town during this audit. They will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements, of the Town of Campton for the year of 2013. Chair Wheeler and Selectman Davis signed the contract provided.

Next Ann Marie spoke about the letter from Arnold M. Graton Associates. This letter provides a detailed description of the work planned for the month of April. The completion of this planned work is completely dependent upon the weather. Ann Marie stated that the onsite work, had re- started last week, after the Winter Shutdown ended. Chair Wheeler asked when the expected completion date was, Ann Marie stated the end of May, however if the weather was inclement, the middle of June. Selectman Laufenberg asked if there was any construction apparatus still in the river, this would be a concern in the event of ice jams due to spring thaw. Ann Marie stated there were no such items in the river. She stated that there had been a successful onsite meeting last week regarding the fireproofing. Ann Marie stated that the deck boards will be going in soon and that the bills, resulting from this will be going up. Ann Marie stated that the funds for this are in place. Ann Marie stated that Craig Keeney and Kelly Bolger will be at next week's Selectmen's meeting; to bring updates to the Selectmen on a weekly basis, as before the Winter Shutdown.

Ann Marie then spoke about the form letter Commerford, Nieder & Perkins will be mailing out to owners of apartment buildings and commercial businesses in Campton. The form letter requests pertinent information about the property, in order to complete the process of updating assessed values, accurately. Commerford, Nieder & Perkins is using the income approach to the assessment; if CNP determines that the income information provided is accurate, the assessment process will make allowances for owners with lower revenues. However, if the income information is not accurate or not given, the assessment of said property will be at market value. Selectman Cheney asked Ann Marie about the manner in which CNP certifies the income information. Ann Marie stated that this verification is done through financial statements and Auditors reports. Ann Marie stated that she and Ellie Dewey each have a new computer. A representative from Certified Computers Systems installed Ellie's computer on Monday March 24th. The new computers were needed because these computers had Windows XP, which Microsoft will not support after April 8, 2014 as it will be susceptible to viruses. Ann Marie stated that Avitar is working on extracting data from the Vision Program; the goal is to mesh as much information from Vision to substantially reduce the amount of data that will need to be entered manually at the time of the ReVal. The final goal is to be able to have the spring bills done on Avitar.

Ann Marie spoke regarding the letter the Town received from the Town of Lincoln. This letter serves as the Formal Notice of Submission to the Lincoln Planning Board for the approval of a Telecommunications Tower. Although the Town of Campton is not affected by this proposed tower, the Town of Lincoln is sending this letter as a part of their own procedure to notify other towns of development.

Ann Marie spoke about two emails forwarded to her by Hannah Joyce. The first email, sent by Mary Poesse at North Country Council, contained information regarding the program created by Federal

Legislation known as the Transportation Alternatives Program. The North Country Council wants to inform the Campton community that NHDOT has reported that they are most likely opening a funding round this spring or summer, with project selection anticipated for this fall or winter. North Country Council is working on developing some of the information necessary for this grant opportunity. The purpose of the second email was to inform rural communities, in NH, about the availability of a grant opportunity known as the Rural Community Design Challenge. The grant of \$7k + \$35k is for revitalization, transportation, preservation, agriculture or affordable housing. NCC encourages interested parties to contact NCC with any further questions they may have, regarding information about this potential grant opportunity.

Ann Marie continued correspondence with a letter the Town received from Municibid. Municibid is a company that provides a way for Municipal agencies to sell their surplus items, via online auctions, at no cost the seller. Chair Wheeler and Selectman Cheney asked that Ann Marie forward this information to them.

Ann Marie spoke about an email she received from Geoffrey Sewake, a Regional Planner at North Country Council. Mr. Sewake is looking for a space, hopefully in Campton, to hold a scenic byways workshop. Mr. Sewake states the workshop will be used for the community to identify resources in the area, including Thornton and Waterville Valley. The proposed date for this workshop is April 28th from 4:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. The Selectmen agreed that the community room at the Campton Municipal building could be used, for this workshop, provided the workshop was finished prior to the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:30p.m.

Ann Marie stated that she had an ad put on the Town's website, for the position of Trustee of the Trust Funds. Ann Marie stated that Mrs. Hannrahan was interested in this position.

Ann Marie spoke next about the notice the Town received from NH DOT. This notice states that there may be a change in the process for DOT physical exams. There will be a meeting about this matter at the NH Motor Transport Training Room, 19 Henniker Street in Concord on April 17th. The possible changes for employers and employees will be discussed. Effective May, 21, 2014 only physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physicians or Chiropractors who are federally certified may conduct DOT exams.

Ann Marie then showed the Selectmen the pictures of the pump well house and the plow/sand truck at Beebe River that Pump Systems, Inc. provided her with. Pump Systems has stated that the Town will have to make sure that the right of way to the pump house is plowed and kept clear as needed. The Selectmen discussed the responsibility of plowing; Selectman Davis stated that the Beebe River residents should be responsible for the costs of the plowing. Selectman Cheney stated that residents of Beebe River had spoken to him regarding their uncertainty; about their actual costs for all of these changes to their water and sewage systems.

Ann Marie spoke next about the fax she received from the Department of Labor. This fax restated the fact that the Town had been granted an extension to update the written Safety and Health Program manual. The violations in the Town Clerk/ Tax Collectors Office were described, again, as being "housekeeping" violations that must be corrected by May 1, 2014. This fax was sent in response to the Town's request for a more specific listing of the violations in the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office. The Selectmen expressed their disappointment with this fax and its lack of specificity, Chair Wheeler stated that he will address this issue.

At 7:40p.m. Chair Wheeler asked if there were any other business items. Selectman Peter Laufenberg asked Chair Wheeler if the Town has communicated with the State regarding the condition of Ellsworth Hill Road and Owl Street. Chair Wheeler and Selectman Davis confirmed that the Town has been in contact with the State regarding this matter. Ann Marie indicated that the State had been advising the residents that they should be encouraging the Town to help pay for these road repairs.

Chair Wheeler stated that he will be unable to attend next week's meeting.

At 7:40p.m. Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenna Blair, Recording Secretary