

Minutes  
Selectmen's Meeting  
April 14, 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 from the Highway Department; for grader blades and York rake teeth and a Lease/Purchase agreement for a Ford F-550. Also signed were four Deputy Warden Appointment Forms; for Paul Steele, Jr, Dean Johnston, David Lavoie and Josh Fitz and an approval for Jay Pafundi to serve as an alternate on the Planning Board.

At 6:45p.m. Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order. Chair Wheeler asked if there were any changes to the agenda, Ann Marie stated there were none. Ann Marie did state that Mark Nieder, of Commerford, Nieder & Perkins, died tragically in an automobile accident on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Nieder was the representative from CNP that would have been working with the Town and Mr. Sam Greene of the State of NH Department of Revenue Administration on the upcoming Revaluation. Ann Marie stated that she will send a sympathy card, to CNP from the Town. Also present from the public was a Plymouth Regional High School student.

Chair Wheeler then called on Craig Keeney for an update on the Blair Bridge Project. Kelly Bolger was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Keeney stated that the work at the Blair Bridge Project was progressing at a good pace. Mr. Keeney stated that they were continuing to work on the flooring. Mr. Keeney stated that they were within 15 feet of making it to the east side. Approximately 100 feet of the roof has been rolled back, and 30 feet of that has been replaced. Mr. Keeney discussed with the Selectmen, the tar paper application process being used, and invited the Selectmen to visit the project site, to see that the outcome of this process meets with their approval. The tar paper applied up to this point is per project specifications and serves as a moisture barrier for the metal roofing. Chair Wheeler stated that he understood if the tar paper as is; was per project specification, no changes could be made. Mr. Keeney stated that if the Selectmen; after viewing the roofing/tar paper arrangement wanted changes made they can request those changes. Mr. Keeney stated that when thoroughly smoothed out the tar paper is barely visible and does not affect the aesthetics of the Bridge. Mr. Keeney stated the sprinkler system was all set. The electrical control panel will now be located on the bridge just inside where there is a suitable space.

Mr. Keeney and Ann Marie discussed with the Selectmen the fact that on Monday night April 7<sup>th</sup> there were several incidences of graffiti damage that took place at multiple locations in Campton. Unfortunately the Blair Bridge was one of the locations involved. Mr. Keeney stated that the crew at the bridge has done the best job possible to remove the graffiti damage and that the remainder of the damage is barely visible. Chair Wheeler thanked Mr. Keeney for the update.

At 6:55p.m. Chair Wheeler continued the meeting by calling on Mr. Nick Brunet and Mr. Chuck Braxton. Mr. Nick Brunet, Managing Member of Woodlot and Grange, LLC made reference to the property

research papers he had provided the Selectmen with at the last meeting. Mr. Brunet asked the Selectmen, if they had a chance to review the research and if so, what further proof Woodlot and Grange LLC would need to provide the Town with to bring them in to agreement that there is a town road access to their property off Chandler Hill Road. Mr. Brunet stated that his research shows that in 1856 a road was laid out that led to a homestead on the property involved. Mr. Brunet believes that this "road" has never been brought before the Town and voted on to be completely and totally discontinued, therefore it must still exist as a Class VI Town road. The Selectmen discussed the Planning Board's position on this issue; they had advised Mr. Brunet to talk with the Garland heirs, one of the abutters, about securing a right of way, but they were not willing to agree to a right of way. Chair Wheeler stated that the burden of proof is on Woodlot and Grange, LLC and perhaps they will need to petition the court on this matter. The Selectmen further discussed with Mr. Brunet the difficulties in the research of this road; as the actual name of this road, should it have ever existed, would have to be found and the fact that there were no map and lot numbers used that far back on Town maps. Mr. Braxton stated that if the Selectmen were to walk back in the area of issue they would see a definitive opening where the road would have been. Mr. Keeney stated the grooming of these trails by snowmobilers through the years, could cause this area to appear as Mr. Braxton stated. Ann Marie stated that Town Clerk Hannah Joyce had done extensive research on discontinued roads previously and never came upon a reference to any such road as described by Mr. Brunet.

Chair Wheeler asked each of the Selectmen for their comments and questions, if any. Selectman Laufenberg stated that it was clear that more evidentiary research would need to be done and that he was not willing to give his approval on this issue, Vice Chair Davis stated-no, Selectman Cheney stated-no, Selectman Kelly stated -no. Selectman Cheney reminded Mr. Brunet the fact that it was clearly stated in Lester Mitchell's deed that this property was land locked and by signing the deed you acknowledge that you were aware of this fact. Selectman Cheney suggested to Mr. Brunet that he research further in to W.B. Avery's deed to Lester Mitchell, possibly there may be more proof found there.

At 7:25p.m. Vice Chair Davis responded to a question from the public. Doreen Tilotson's question was in reference to the previous issue and Class VI roads. Selectman Laufenberg asked if a town can decommission a road; based solely on a certain number of years, to be determined by the town, of being unmaintained. Ann Marie stated that this is not possible as a Town cannot supersede a State RSA.

At 7:30p.m. Chair Wheeler continued the meeting with a review of the Minutes of the last meeting. Vice Chair Davis requested that one correction be made; on page one, fourth paragraph, adding that both Kelly Bolger and Craig Keeney will be attending the Pemi Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting and providing them with an update on the Blair Bridge Project. So noted, the correction will be made as requested. Then Vice Chair Davis requested that one correction be made to the sealed minutes of the last meeting. This correction was for a misspelled first name. So noted, the correction will be made as requested. Chair Wheeler called for a motion to approve the revised Minutes and the revised sealed Minutes of the last meeting. Selectman Cheney made a motion to approve the revised Minutes and the revised sealed Minutes of the last meeting Selectman Kelly seconded the motion. The revised Minutes and the revised sealed Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Wheeler called on Ann Marie for the correspondence. Ann Marie stated that the Town had received a letter from Nancy Decoteau of the Town of Thornton regarding the Post-Closure Monitoring of the Campton-Thornton Landfill. The letter, which included a copy the Monitoring Report, stated that the Town of Thornton is making a renewed effort to comply with the Intergovernmental Agreement they have with Campton and Ellsworth. The monitoring report is mailed to the Town of Thornton but it should be reviewed by all three towns.

Ann Marie spoke regarding a community forum to be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6-9p.m. at the Campton Historical Society's Building. The subject of the forum involves the purchase of 5,435 acres of land previously owned by Yankee Forrest LLC, by the Conservation Fund. The Conservation Fund is a national non-profit conservation organization that plans to continue to manage the land for timber and wildlife and see that it remains open for hiking, hunting fishing, snowmobiling and other recreational uses. Ann Marie stated that she had a phone call from a towns person expressing her concerns that this land purchase would possibly lead to a noticeable increase in traffic volume. The Selectmen agreed that this would not become a problem as this area is already used for hiking, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and other recreational uses.

Ann Marie spoke about the email request the Town received from Lisa Ash, of Campton Parks and Recreation. Ms. Ash would like the Selectmen's approval to use the Community Room at the Town Administrative Building; for a Mother's Day Tea Party on May 10th and a Father/Daughter dance to be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen unanimously approved of this use.

Ann Marie next spoke about the March 31<sup>st</sup> letter that Fire Chief Daniel Defosses received from Robert Farley, NH Deputy Fire Marshall regarding their approval of the sprinkler plans at the Blair Bridge. This letter also states that there may still be in process inspections held at the discretion of local officials. Fire Chief Defosses states that the sprinkler plans are acceptable to him as well.

Ann Marie stated that the Town had received a notice from the State of NH Department of Environmental Services regarding the Deer Run Dam inspection. The notice states that if any Town official would like to be present during this year's inspection, please email them or call them. When the exact date of the inspection is established you will be contacted.

Ann Marie then asked the Selectmen if they had looked over the new pamphlet for the Campton /Thornton Transfer station. The Selectmen unanimously approved the pamphlet.

Ann Marie then asked the Selectmen if they had any questions regarding the first quarter's budget. Selectman Cheney asked Ann Marie about the heating costs that are listed. Ann Marie stated that the Town has had two deliveries of propane so far this winter. Vice Chair Davis stated that she felt the bitter cold temperatures we have had this winter was responsible in large part for these higher expenses. Selectman Laufenberg asked about the Capital Reserve Funds total of \$108,000.00. Ann Marie explained that the \$108,000.00 represents the amount of money to be placed in the Capitol Reserve Funds as voted on at Town Meeting. Ann Marie stated that the Auditors were working closely with, bookkeeper Diane Richards in preparation for the annual audit. Chair Wheeler asked if there were any further budget questions. There were none.

Chair Wheeler asked if there were any other business items. Selectman Kelly asked Selectman Cheney if he would provide him with further information regarding the fire truck that had been allegedly erroneously listed as available for sale for \$194,000.00. Selectman Cheney stated that he would do so.

Selectman Laufenberg stated that safety violations in the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office needed to be re-addressed. Chair Wheeler stated that he and Selectman Kelly will meet this week with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector regarding the safety violations in that office. Chair Wheeler requested that Ann Marie arrange for flowers to be sent to Commerford, Nieder & Perkins, from the Town in memory of Mark Nieder.

At 7:50p.m. Chair Wheeler adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenna Blair, Recording Secretary