

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis, Charles Cheney, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 6 Building Permits, 2 abatements, 1 Application for Reimbursement regarding State Forest Land, 1 Pole Petition, 1 Warrant for Collection of Land Use Change Taxes, 1 Timber Tax Warrant, 2 Driveway Permits and 1 Tax Agreement.

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and called on Ann Marie regarding bank proposals for the Beebe River betterment. Ann Marie stated she received 3 proposals:

- Community Guaranty Savings Bank – interest rate of 2.65%
- Meredith Village Savings Bank – interest rate of 3.25%
- Northway Bank – interest rate of 2.26%

Ann Marie indicated that Bank of New Hampshire was asked to send a proposal but they did not respond. A Motion was then made by Chair Wheeler to approve the proposal presented by Northway Bank with an interest rate of 2.26%. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Davis and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Motion was unanimously approved.

At 6:50 p.m. Chair Wheeler called on Town Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan who requested the Board temporarily adjourn to an attorney/client privilege discussion regarding a road issue.

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Wheeler called the Selectmen's Meeting back into session and a Motion was made by Chair Wheeler to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,11(b) regarding the hiring of a public employee. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Davis and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:05 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:22 p.m. A Motion was made and approved (in Non Public Session) that the Non Public Minutes be sealed.

Chair Wheeler continued the Meeting by calling for a Motion to approve both the Minutes and the two sets of Non Public Minutes of 7/28/2014. Selectman Davis made the Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes (two sets) as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and the Minutes and Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved, as written.

Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that she contacted American Air Systems, Inc. regarding a problem with the thermostat in the Selectmen's Office. She said she tried calling the company who installed the system on several occasions and they never called back. The Thornton Town Office use American Air Systems, Inc. (AAS) and recommended the company. The gentlemen that came out said a new thermostat was needed and he ordered the part. Upon coming back to the Selectmen's Office for the installation Ann Marie informed him that the cooling system seemed to be working and it was decided not to install the new thermostat as it would cost \$500.00. However, AAS stressed the importance of a maintenance contract to keep the system running efficiently. AAS provided a maintenance proposal for an annual heat inspection in the fall and an annual a/c inspection in the spring (each being \$600.00) for a total cost per year of \$1,200.00. The call for coming out for the thermostat was \$100.00. Ann Marie expressed the peace of mind of having someone to call when there is a problem is important. The Board concurred a preventative maintenance agreement is necessary and unanimously approved the proposal for annual preventative maintenance in the amount of \$1,200.00.

Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) sent a letter confirming that Campton is a member of the GCEDC and sent an invitation to attend the annual meeting scheduled on September 18th, at 8:00 a.m. at the Common Man Inn & Spa, Plymouth and breakfast will be provided at no cost. The GCEDC is inquiring if the Town would designate a representative. Selectman Peter Laufenberg (after inquiring what was involved as a representative) agreed to be the Campton's representative for the Town as he is familiar with GCEDC through his full time employment.

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association sent their Strategic Plan for March, 2014 – February 2017 and is available for anyone interested to review.

North Country Scenic Byways Council (NCSBC) sent a letter that Campton is part of the River Heritage Trail for scenic byways. With that in mind, NCSBC's advisory role over the byways is regulated by the State and it is required that every town that has a direct interest must either agree to participate (with or without a designated representative or decline to participate and affirmatively reject membership in the group. After discussion, the Board agreed to decline participation and affirmatively reject membership in the group.

Ann Marie distributed the 2014 expense budget from January through July. There was discussion concerning property liability insurance for the Blair Bridge and concern of the Police Department wages going over budget. Ann Marie explained that the figures provided reflect January through July, not just a 6-month period and the Police Department Budget was right in line. Ann Marie did mention a concern about the Electricity Budget, specifically the Blair Bridge's new account. Ann Marie mentioned that Craig Keeney would be willing to shut off half the lighting on the bridge and adjust the sensor lighting to shorter hours if the Board was in agreement. After discussion, it was agreed; however, the Board expressed that adjustments might have to be made again for the winter months.

Ann Marie announced that the 67th New England States Government Finance Officers' Association Annual Conference is being held in Providence, Rhode Island, at the Omni Hotel from September 11-14, 2014, and she has been awarded a scholarship to attend which pays for registration and the hotel room accommodations. She explained that she never went before because she felt it was too expensive to attend so she is very excited that she won the expenses paid to the conference.

Ann Marie had no further correspondence so Chair Wheeler inquired if there was any Other Business – Selectmen's Input. Chair Wheeler called on Ann Marie who indicated that the Fire Department is donating an AED for the Municipal Building. The Board was pleased to know that.

There being no further business, Chair Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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