

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Charles Cheney, Sharon Davis, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed a letter to NH Department of Security & Emergency Management, 1 Financial Report for 2013, 1 Land Use Change Tax, 1 Current Use Change Tax Collector's Warrant, 1 Extension Request to DRA, 1 Tax Agreement, 4 Building Permits, and 1 Notice of Intent to Cut.

Chair Wheeler confirmed with Ann Marie that the agenda this evening has been revised to reflect that she will be requesting a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3 ll(c) regarding various tax agreements.

At 6:45 Chair Wheeler called on Selectman Davis regarding discussion on the Emergency Operation Center Grant. Selectman Davis expressed concern and emphasized that the grant be approved under the rules under which it was submitted on and that the Town receive the funds applied for and not a lesser amount. To follow-up on this concern, a letter was drafted and signed this evening by the Board in order to request a meeting with Director Perry Plummer of NH Department of Safety, Homeland Security & Emergency Management to discuss the guidelines that were in existence at the time the grant application was filed and the proposal to establish new guidelines. Selectman Laufenberg suggested that Joseph Kenney, Executive Councilor be contacted regarding this issue.

Chair Wheeler continued the Meeting by calling for a Motion to approve the Minutes of 8/25/14. Selectman Davis had some revisions and Selectman Laufenberg had a revision. A Motion was made to approve the revised Minutes, the Motion was seconded, and the Minutes were unanimously approved as revised. Chair Wheeler called for Motion to approve the Non Public Minutes. The Motion was made to approve the Non Public Minutes as written, the Motion was seconded and the Non Public Minutes were approved as written.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Wheeler made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, ll(b) regarding a personnel issue. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Davis and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session. The Board came out of Non Public at 7:05 p.m. A Motion was made in Non Public Session to seal the Non Public Session Minutes.

Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie who requested that the Board go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, ll(c) regarding Tax Agreements. A Motion was made to go into Non Public Session by Selectman Davis. The Motion was seconded by

Selectman Laufenberg, 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 7:10 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:15 p.m.

Chair Wheeler continued the Meeting by calling on Craig Keeney regarding the Blair Bridge repairs. It was confirmed that the estimate for damages to the bridge, after a recent accident occurred, is in the amount of \$16,800.00. Ann Marie confirmed that the Town insurance (Primex) will pay the damages and then seek reimbursement from the other party's insurance, along with reimbursement of the Town's deductible. Selectman Davis inquired if the Town insurance will pay compensation to Craig Keeney and Kelly Bolger for their time involved with the accident on the bridge. Ann Marie confirmed with Craig Keeney that the amount wouldn't go over \$500.00. Ann Marie will contact the insurance company with the \$500.00 figure to find out if they will pay the compensation. Craig stated that Arnold Graton will work with the Town concerning the repairs. Craig also confirmed that he has turned off half the lights on the bridge and discussed the possibility of switching bulbs to more energy efficient bulbs. Craig stated this would require a little bit of rewiring, but he would like the Board to view the bridge to make decisions about issues discussed this evening pertaining to lighting and the painting of a knee brace. Ann Marie indicated that just by shutting off half the lights the electrical bill has dropped from \$220.00 a month to approximately \$156.00 a month. Craig stressed that if the lights are not changed the Town is looking at approximately \$400.00 a month in operational costs. Craig expressed concern that the Town was never informed of what the operating costs of the bridge would be and felt this figure should have been presented to the Town by Hoyle & Tanner. Craig acknowledged that if they go with LED lights, NH Electric Cooperative will cover 50% of the costs and suggested the Town discuss this issue with Hoyle & Tanner for the possibility of the other 50%. Selectman Kelly expressed concern about making sure the cameras and security system will still work properly with the light reduction/change of bulbs.

Ann Marie stated that an e-mail was received from Arnold Graton (together with a copy of an invoice from NH Electric Cooperative) concerning the temporary meter placed at the bridge by NH Electric Cooperative. There is no usage charge, but there is a minimum \$27.00 charge per month for the temporary meter. After discussion, the Board agreed that Arnold Graton needs to turn off the temporary service (as there is a permanent meter now installed at the bridge) and the charges for this temporary meter are Arnold Graton's responsibility.

Craig also mentioned that there are some loose boards on the bridge and that it would be a good idea to have Mr. Graton identify the boards; however this matter would be handled as a warranty issue.

Selectman Davis expressed concern about traffic on the bridge and abuse of the weight limit. Selectman Davis inquired about the statistics on the radar equipment and inquired if an evaluation of the stats could be made by the Police Department and discussed with the Board. Selectman Davis suggested Police presence during busy hours on the bridge

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., but felt after an evaluation, it might be determined that this time period be revised. Chair Wheeler will discuss Police presence with Chief Warn.

There being no further discussion regarding the Blair Bridge, Chair Wheeler called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that an e-mail was received from Attorney Spector-Morgan regarding the Stickney subdivision and the conveyance of a lot to the Dacks who addressed the Selectmen at the Selectmen's Meeting on August 25, 2014. Ann Marie read the recommendations made to the Board by Attorney Spector-Morgan concerning the conveyance, possible penalty and responsibility of the Stickney Family to construct the road. After discussion, the Board agreed to have Ann Marie draft a letter to the Stickney Family regarding the road construction. Selectman Laufenberg suggested inquiry be made about the recommendations made by Attorney Spector-Morgan as to what other procedures would be triggered (if the Board moved forward with the recommended action presented by her). Ann Marie will discuss this issue with Attorney Spector-Morgan.

Ann Marie stated that Butch Bain, Road Agent dropped off a check that he received for scrap metal in the amount of \$293.00. Ann Marie stated that the Highway Department staff assisted with setting up the Community Room for the election on September 9, 2014.

Ann Marie confirmed that an Application for Wetland Permit was received for the Campton Dam/Pond which was applied for by the White Mountain National Forest.

Ann Marie stated that North Country Council is still sending the Town information and that an invitation was forwarded to attend an Open House on September 30, 2014 (the closest one being at the Rumney Town Office) which will be held between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. to go over their report.

Ann Marie informed the Board that Attorney Spector-Morgan reported to her that there is a problem with the bond for the Beebe River Village District roads. The issue is that a 7 day notice is required by the Supervisors of the Checklist. However, the previous Supervisors of the Checklist only gave a 2 day notice; therefore, Attorney Spector-Morgan cannot certify that all the proper processes were taken. Ann Marie explained that there are 3 options to correct the problem. The best of the three is to have a special town meeting called for the purpose of ratifying the procedurally defective action by town vote. Ann Marie then proceeded to review a time schedule she devised in order to legalize the procedural defect and stated that to get every step accomplished in the proper time frame (with requirements met by the Supervisors of the Checklist) a special town meeting could be scheduled. Ann Marie will send the proposed schedule to the Town Attorney's office to verify the proper amount of time for the notice. A Motion was then made by Chair Wheeler to hold a special town meeting in order to rectify the procedural defect. 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 to have a special town meeting.

Ann Marie then suggested that the Board members have coverage at the election on Tuesday, September 8, 2014. A time frame was then agreed upon for each Selectman to be present throughout the day of the election.

Chair Wheeler then requested a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3 II(c) regarding a reputation issue. A Motion was then made by Selectman Davis to go into Non Public Session. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Laufenberg and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 8:10 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:15 p.m. and a Motion was made in Non Public Session to seal the Non Public Session Minutes.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Wheeler inquired if any member of the Board had any Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. It was confirmed there was no further business.

Chair Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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