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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 25, 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, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg. Selectman Cheney was not present due to being out of Town. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 8 Building Permits, 1 Driveway Permit, 1 Sign Permit, and one Promissory Note for Beebe River Road Betterment.

Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and inquired if there were any changes to the Agenda. Ann Marie stated that Jeff Andrews would not be in this evening as she was able to discuss the issue over on the telephone with him. Ann Marie also indicated that Senator Jeanie Forrester will be a little late for her appointment this evening. Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence.

Ann Marie informed the Board that she received an estimate from Mike's Window Cleaning in New Hampton, NH to do the Municipal Building windows inside and outside in the amount of \$310.00. Chair Wheeler stated that they had the windows done where he worked and he would get back to her on this.

Ann Marie stated that she distributed to the Board a packet of information from NH Municipal Association (NHMA) pertaining to the 2015-2016 Legislative Policy Conference which is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2014, in Concord. The information includes Floor Proposals and Legislative Principles to be addressed. The NHMA is requesting that a voting delegate be appointed by the Board to attend the 2015-2016 Legislative Policy Conference. The deadline for sending the name of the voting delegate is Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Ann Marie asked that the Board review the packet presented and then discuss it at the next meeting on September 8, 2014.

Attorney Spector Morgan sent a copy of a letter she forwarded to Attorney McNicholas regarding the "so called" Homan Road, Campton, NH which was a follow up to what was previously discussed and agreed upon by the Board.

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid sent an invitation to an Open House scheduled for September 13, 2014, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., at the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association, 62 Communications Drive, Laconia, NH. All elected officials and general public are invited to attend.

A letter was received from the Department of Environmental Services (addressed to Selectman Sharon Davis) confirming that the USDA Forest Service – White Mountain National Forest submitted an Application for Reconstruction of a Campton Dam. Ann Marie will contact the Department of Environmental Services as it was unclear as to the location of the dam.

The North Country Public Safety Foundation forwarded an Official Nomination form for nominating an outstanding member in Campton at the annual awards dinner in each of the three categories: Fire Service, Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services. Ann Marie read the Guidelines to the Board and informed the Board that the nomination packet must be submitted by September 2, 2014 to be considered for the 2014 awards.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Wheeler welcomed Senator Jeanie Forrester to the meeting. Senator Forrester informed the Board that the NH State Senate is busy with discussions on wind turbine energy, health care, Medicare and infrastructure. Senator Forrester informed the Board that she was running in the next election for Senate again and her goals for accomplishment will focus on underground cables for the Northern Pass Project. She also stated that she would not support the Northern Pass Project unless underground cables are used. She also wants to focus on rebuilding the "Rain Day" account; a State Physical Emergency Plan and establishing a drug and alcohol treatment program funded by a percentage of the sales received from alcohol. Senator Forrester inquired if the Board had any questions. Some questions and concerns by Board members were:

- Whether there were written guidelines for participation regarding the drug and alcohol program. Senator Forrester expressed the guidelines are presently being drafted by working with the Bureau of Alcohol and Drugs.
- Expressed frustration with the 4 ½ cents gas tax increase. Senator Forrester expressed that the rural roads have been neglected and are getting worse. She informed the Board that 4 ½ cents is a minimal price to pay considering the immense cost of paving just one mile of road, and the increase will benefit paving the rural roads.
- Northern Pass Project concerns once the scope process is concluded. Senator Forrester stated that the litigation will be enormous regarding easements necessary for rights of way, especially involving National Forest land. She also stated that the burden of arriving at costs figures for underground wiring has been placed on the Public Services of New Hampshire.

There being no further questions to present to Senator Forrester, Chair Wheeler, on behalf of the Board, thanked her for coming to the meeting this evening.

At 7:20 p.m. Chair Wheeler called on Jacqueline Dack, owner of property on Stickney Road. Ms. Dack informed the Board that she has been unable to get a driveway permit in order to build on her property on Stickney Road. The road has not been brought up to specifications by the sub divider as specified by a recorded engineer's plan. Ms. Dack proceeded to read the specific requirements stated on the plan and signed by the Campton Planning Board on July 14, 1992. Chair Wheeler explained to Ms. Dack that this issue would more likely be a civil matter with her and the sub divider. However, he suggested to first of all contact the sub divider (preferably by certified letter) to hopefully resolve the issue. Chair Wheeler further informed Ms. Dack that the Board will refer this matter to the Town Attorney and if the Town needs to become involved, the Town will certainly follow the proper procedure to assist her. Chair Wheeler also mentioned that the Town Assessor could recalculate the assessed value (for tax purposes) classifying the property as a non-buildable lot. Ms. Dack thanked the Board for their time and agreed to, once again, try to contact the sub divider.

At 7:25 p.m. Chair Wheeler called on Ann Marie who requested a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c) regarding tax matters. Selectman Davis made the Motion to go into Non Public Session. The

Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:25 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Wheeler continued the Meeting by calling for a Motion to approve both the Minutes and Non Public Minutes of 8/11/2014. Ann Marie requested a revision to the regular Minutes as she actually did receive the deposits from the Town Clerk Tax Collector for the month of July. Ann Marie explained that the bookkeeper was unable to post the July deposits until the beginning of August so Ann Marie was under the impression that they were not received, as stated in the draft Minutes dated 8/11/14. Selectman Davis made the Motion to approve the Minutes as revised and approved the Non Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and the Minutes were unanimously approved as revised and the Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved, as written.

Chair Wheeler then inquired if there was any further business and called on Ann Marie. Ann Marie stated that Butch Bain, Road Agent asked for permission to start earlier to advertise for the plowing bids and he also inquired if the term of the plowing contract be 2 years instead of 3 years. After discussion, the Board agreed that the 3 year period remain the same; however would like revision of language in plowing contracts to reflect the possible dismissing of any contractor, if their performance was not satisfactory. This would be at the recommendation of the Road Agent and then the final decision be made by the Board. Ann Marie will speak with Attorney Spector-Morgan regarding the contract and the specific language.

Ann Marie also stated that she and the Police Chief were notified that the grant for the Police vests have been approved. One half the grant is scheduled for this year and one half is scheduled for next year.

Chair Wheeler then called on Selectman Laufenberg who stated that Kelly Bolger called him regarding the Emergency Management grant terms being changed. Selectman Davis informed the Board that she also spoke with Kelly Bolger and this matter was taken care of, as the Town was not going to accept anything less than what the terms of the grant offered when the Town applied for the grant, despite the fact that rules were changed and that director changes were made. This is the grant for the Emergency Operation Center in the Municipal Building.

Selectman Laufenberg inquired as to why the Town waives interest on delinquent property taxes if a tax agreement is agreed upon by the property owner and the Board. Selectman Laufenberg felt this procedure was unfair to property owners who actually do pay their taxes on time. Chair Wheeler and Board members explained that from past experience it is better to keep property on the tax roll and keeping the flow of money for taxes coming in rather than the Town possessing properties as it can sometimes become a costly expense to the Town.

Chair Wheeler called on Selectman Kelly who inquired about false alarms and penalties issued for such by the Police Department. The Board requested that the Town Administrator discuss this with the Chief.

Chair Wheeler then informed the Board that the recent meeting with the Thornton/Ellsworth Board of Selectmen and the Fire Department is going well and they will be reviewing plans in September. Ann Marie inquired regarding the CIP versus the lease purchase and Chair Wheeler confirmed this will be discussed at future meetings with the two Boards and the Fire Department.

There being no further business, Chair Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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