

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 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 1 Building Permit and 5 Tax Agreements.

Members of the public who attended this meeting, (who were not on the agenda) but were not present for the entire meeting were: Jim Aguiar, Sally Moulton, Tim Harvey, Trudy Cote, Ian Halm, Daniel Defosses and Kelly Bolger.

At 6:45 Chair Wheeler opened the meeting and called on Attorney Walter Mitchell, Town Attorney pertaining to the situation with the recent Special Town Meeting held on October 6, 2014. Attorney Mitchell explained that State Statues require that notice has to be published within one week of posting. (Posting was done 2 days early). With this in mind, his office has to certify, under Internal Revenue Code, to the lender, on the behalf of the Town, that all requirements have been met. Selectman Davis explained that the posting was done two days early, the notice was placed on the internet Town web site within one week, the notice was placed in the newspaper, and the registered voters in Beebe River were sent individual letters. The Town did double duty, beyond what was required to inform the public. At the Special Town Meeting the voters voted unanimously on the 2 Warrant Articles presented to correct the procedural defect in order to move forward with the Bond to pave Beebe River Road. Selectman Davis inquired to Attorney Mitchell, under the circumstances, "Who is at risk?" Attorney Mitchell replied, "No one". Attorney Mitchell sympathized with the situation and agreed to contact Northway Bank to see if they would "accept the risk". Attorney Mitchell explained that Northway Bank is more accessible to contact, however, if he has to further discuss with the bond Attorney, it will take a little longer. In the meantime, the Board agreed to move forward, due to time restraints, to initiate the process of scheduling another Special Town Meeting, if it is needed. This is only if Attorney Mitchell is not successful at resolving the issue with the bank. Selectman Davis presented to Attorney Mitchell a Checklist (with dates) in preparation for possibly another Special Town Meeting to legalize procedural defects. Attorney Mitchell will review to make sure that all dates and timeframes meet the requirements, and he will contact Ann Marie tomorrow to verify whether or not the dates comply. The verified Checklist for Special Town Meeting to Legalize Procedural Defects will alleviate any errors. In the meantime, Attorney Mitchell, will notify Ann Marie when he has any news from the bank. The Board then thanked Attorney Mitchell for coming to the meeting this evening, and will look forward to an update as soon as possible.

The audience inquired if Beebe River Road will continue to be plowed if the paving does not take place this year. It was confirmed that the road will be plowed.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Wheeler called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector regarding properties up for deeding. Mrs. Joyce presented an annual agreement with the Town and her office pertaining to the deeding process. The Board signed the agreement this evening. She then proceeded to review the list of properties (that was presented to the Board previously) that were up for deeding. After reviewing the entire list, property per property, the Board agreed to deed 13 properties. Mrs. Joyce explained that there are very few properties that have Tax Agreements that are current. She explained the problems, and after reviewing the list with the Board, it was decided, at present, to waive properties with Tax Agreements that were in non-compliance. However, it was agreed that a plan of action will be devised and implemented to all non-compliant Tax Agreement property owners. Once the plan of action is devised, a letter regarding non-compliance will be forwarded to property owners specifically stating the demands of the Town and the consequences if not complied with. Mrs. Joyce will formulate all options for an action plan and a letter of non-compliance for the Board to review.

Mrs. Joyce also discussed an inter pleader form that may have to be filed regarding the Goose Hollow property that was auctioned off by the Town. Ann Marie will further research this issue.

Mrs. Joyce then requested a Non Public Session. Chair Wheeler called for a Motion. Selectmen Cheney made the Motion 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 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 8:15 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public at 8:18 p.m.

Chair Wheeler then continued the regular meeting and called on Robert “Butch” Bain, Road Agent, who requested that the Board go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3,11(b) regarding the hiring of a public employee. 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 8:19 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

Chair Wheeler continued the regular meeting and called on Butch Bain who updated the Board on the issues of the Bump Bridge after his inspection of same. Butch informed the Board that a “stringer” needed replacing and suggested that a price quote be requested. The Board agreed to get a quote from Stan Graton and Butch Bain will meet with Mr. Graton at the site.

Chair Wheeler called on Butch Bain who discussed issues with medical cards from the sub-contractors. Ann Marie indicated that she has received, at present, 3 medical cards. The Board concurred that medical cards were necessary and agreed a letter needed to be

sent to sub-contractors who have not complied, giving them a deadline date of November 3, 2014, or they will not be able to plow for the Town.

Chair Wheeler continued with Minutes of the previous meeting. Chair Wheeler called for a Motion to approve the Minutes. A Motion was made by Selectman Davis to approve the Minutes of October 6, 2014 (Selectmen's Meeting and 2 Public Hearings) as written. 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 Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Chair Wheeler then called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie stated that the University Of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension will be holding a “Forest Law for Municipal Officials” on Thursday, November 6, 2014, at the Community Building, 308 Route 4, Enfield, NH and also in Chesterfield, NH. Any interested party can contact Ann Marie.

The Campton Historical Society sent an invitation to the Halloween History Walk at Blair Cemetery, Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., rain date is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children of New Hampshire (CASA) sent a thank you note for the Town's contribution of \$500.00.

Ann Marie stated that even though the Town is not a member of North Country Council, Inc. a Public Notice regarding a Regional Plan Public Hearing on November 19, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the Council's office at Rocks Estate, Bethlehem, NH was forwarded to the Town. Selectman Laufenberg inquired as to why the Town is not a member. It was confirmed that our Town didn't seem to benefit from the Council.

Ann Marie informed the Board that the Stickney Family has contacted the Planning Board to rescind their sub division. In order to do this, the Stickney Family will have to reimburse the Dacks for their purchase of the one lot. Also, the Dacks informed Ann Marie that they would like reimbursement for surveying costs because of discrepancies in boundary lines provided by the Stickney maps.

There being no further discussion or correspondence presented by Ann Marie, Chair Wheeler proceeded with Other Business – Selectmen's Input and called on Kelly Bolger. Kelly wanted to make sure the Board had a copy of the proposed Inter-governmental Fire/Rescue Service Agreement that conforms to Chief Defosses requests. A copy of the Draft Agreement was provided to Kelly Bolger and Fire Chief Defosses this evening. Selectman Davis discussed some issues regarding #4 pertaining to Joint Board Powers and Responsibilities which she will address at the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, 2014 with the joint Select Boards.

Kelly Bolger informed the Board that the Commissioners are working hard at providing monthly updates to the Board and he wanted to commend Selectman Wheeler for his work pertaining to the air packs and new vehicle issues.

Chair Wheeler assured Kelly Bolger, Fire Chief Defosses and Ian Halm (who were present at this meeting) that the joint Board will first discuss the Agreement on Wednesday and then they will involve the Commissioners and the Fire Chief after the joint Board meeting.

Chair Wheeler called on Selectman Davis who suggested that the new proposed appointee to the Campton Conservation Commission come in to meet the Board. The Board agreed and Ann Marie will schedule the meeting.

There being no further business, Chair Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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