

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AND
PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 27, 2014

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Sharon Davis, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg. Selectman Charles Wheeler was not present due to a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 3 Building Permits and a Driveway Permit.

Members of the public who attended this meeting, (who were not on the agenda) were members of the local Weeblos Troop and some of the parents. Also present were Christopher Hodges, Drew Hodges, Caron Pierce and Kelly M. Bolger.

Vice Chair Davis announced that Fire Chief Defosses and the Fire Commissioners would not be present this evening.

At 6:45 Vice Chair Davis opened the Selectmen's Meeting. Vice Chair Davis stated that she would like to revise the Agenda a little to accommodate their special guests this evening, the local Weeblos Troop. She proceeded to address the Weeblos by explaining the role of the Selectmen and their term of office. Vice Chair Davis also explained briefly some of the duties of the Selectmen and the Selectmen's Office handles for the Town with the assistance of Town Administrator, Ann Marie Foote. Vice Chair Davis then opened the discussion for any questions by the Weeblos. Some questions were: Do the Selectmen get paid and does the Chairman get extra compensation for being Chairman? Also asked was, how do the Selectmen get elected and do the Selectmen pay taxes?

There were no further questions so Vice Chair Davis proceeded with discussion for approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 20, 2014 and two sets of Non Public Minutes. A Motion was made by Selectman Laufenberg to approve the Minutes and 2 sets of Non Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Charles Cheney and the Minutes and Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

There was still some time before the scheduled Public Hearing so Vice Chair Davis asked Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that the NH DOT sent an Interim Inspection report of the Blair Bridge which indicated a height clearance recommendation of 9'2". Ann Marie spoke with Nancy Mayville, Municipal Highways Engineer, who clarified the recommendation that the 8' height that the Town has designated is fine, it just can't be over 9'2".

Bridge House, homeless shelter sent a thank you letter for the contribution that the Town made to the facility for last year and they sent a contribution request for next year in the amount of \$2,000.00.

A notification was received from Transport Central regarding the issue of lack of public transportation in the 19-town area that they provide transportation to residents, (seniors age 60 plus, and individuals with disabilities) to get to medical providers and basic necessity trips. The 19 towns are: Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Lincoln, new Hampton, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth and Woodstock. Transport Central is now seeking volunteers and a meeting is also scheduled which is open to the public on Saturday, November 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Whole Village Family Resource Center, 258 Highland Street, Plymouth to discuss the lack of public transportation issues.

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District Proposed 2015 Budget was received which Ann Marie reviewed with the Board. Their proposed 2015 Budget is \$38,050.00.

Ann Marie was happy to inform the Board that Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A. (Town Attorney's Office) has given "their blessing" on the Bond for the paving of Beebe River Road. After Attorney Walter Mitchell met with the Board on October 20, 2014 at the Selectmen's Meeting, he approached the bank explaining to them that the Warrant was posted 2 days earlier than required; however, although this is non-compliant to the technical requirements of the statute, it gave even greater notice to interested parties and with that in mind, he believed that a court would not uphold a non-compliance issue. Attorney Walter Mitchell provided an exception clause on their certificate of compliance to the bank and the bank accepted the exception. At this time, all the necessary documents pertaining to agreements and Promissory Notes have been executed and submitted to the bank on October 23, 2014 in order to proceed with the Bond and pave Beebe River Road.

Ann Marie indicated that FEMA has approved the Campton, NH Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, pending adoption of same. Ann Marie explained that a Public Hearing will need to be scheduled and noticed in order to have the Board of Selectmen approve and adopt the Plan and she explained the procedure. Paul Hatch offered to assist with the process.

There still was additional time left before the Public Hearing scheduled so Vice Chair Davis continued the meeting with Other Business – Selectmen's Input. Ann Marie wanted to remind everyone that the Blair Bridge will be closed on October 28, 2014 and October 29, 2014 and the notices have been published in the newspaper.

Vice Chair Davis informed the Board that Tim Scanlon, Town Moderator is now home after a hospital stay, and he will be able to moderate the upcoming election, with the Selectmen's assistance. Ann Marie stated that Tim would like to meet on Monday,

November 3rd, at 2:30 p.m., at the Municipal Building, with Selectman Kelly, Selectman Davis, the Highway crew and the Selectmen's Office to review the set up for the election.

Vice Chair Davis then announced it was time to open the Public Hearing. At this point the Weeblos Troop dismissed themselves from the Meeting and they thanked the Board for having them this evening. Vice Chair Davis thanked them for coming and stated that she wished they could stay longer to learn about the Emergency Operation Center, but the troop leader explained that he felt the boys were getting "too antsy".

Vice Chair Davis temporarily adjourned the Selectmen's Meeting and at 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Davis opened the Public Hearing to accept the grant from the State of New Hampshire Emergency Management in the amount of \$52,355.00 for the purchase and installation of audio and video equipment, furnishings and a base radio for the new Emergency Operations Center in the Community Room in the Municipal Building as well as three portable radios and charger for Emergency Management use. Vice Chair Davis called on Paul Hatch of NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Mr. Hatch explained the grant and that it was a 50/50 contribution; however, the Town already contributed their portion of the 50% contribution by the construction of the Community Center located in the Municipal Building which will be used as the Emergency Operations Center, in the event an emergency disaster occurs. Mr. Hatch was pleased to announce that once the specified equipment is installed, funded by the grant, the Community Room will be "state of the art" facility as the Emergency Operations Center for Emergency Management. It was also mentioned that the generator that services the Municipal Building and the Fire Department was funded with a grant in the same manner as this grant. At this point, Mr. Hatch inquired if the Board had any questions. They did not. Vice Chair Davis inquired if the public had any questions and there were no questions. Mr. Hatch suggested that Vice Chair Davis close the Public Hearing at this time and reopen the Selectmen's Meeting. Vice Chair Davis then closed the Public Hearing.

At 7:15 p.m. Vice Chair Davis reopened the Selectmen's Meeting and called on Paul Hatch who made a Motion for the Town of Campton to accept the grant from the State of New Hampshire Emergency Management in the amount of \$52,355.00. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Peter Laufenberg, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the acceptance of the grant was unanimously approved. All necessary documentation was executed by the Board this evening. It will now be submitted to the State for signatures and then the Governor and Council.

Mr. Hatch thanked the Board and commented that Kelly Bolger is doing an outstanding job in his position as Emergency Management Director and he enjoys working with him. Vice Chair Davis thanked Mr. Hatch and Kelly for their time and hard work.

Vice Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie who requested a Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c) regarding discussion of tax agreements. A Motion was made to go into Non Public Session by Selectman Laufenberg and seconded by Selectman Kelly and

with a roll call vote: Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:20 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:25 p.m.

Vice Chair Davis then continued the regular Selectmen’s Meeting with a continued discussion regarding Other Business – Selectmen’s Input and she called on Selectman Cheney who inquired about tax agreements and a specific tax agreement wherein he wanted to know if the monthly amount specified was allowing any gain on bringing the taxes up to date. Ann Marie indicated that the amount specified is what the individual agreed on being affordable to him and yes, in this particular case, he is gaining on bringing the taxes current.

Selectman Cheney also suggested the Board agree to Tim Scanlon’s recommendation to keep the parking lot entrance clear at the Municipal Building, free from electioneering, on the day of the election.

Vice Chair Davis inquired on the status of the Goose Hollow property that was auctioned off by the Town in relation to an interpleader document being filed. Ann Marie informed the Board that she will research this issue and contact the Town Attorney. She explained at present, she has not had the time to do the research.

Vice Chair Davis called on Selectman Peter Laufenberg who requested that the Board go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, ll(c). Vice Chair Davis called for a Motion. The Motion to go into Non Public Session was made by Selectman Laufenberg and seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:30 p.m. and Vice Chair Davis requested that Ann Marie and Ellie be excused for the Non Public Session. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:45 p.m.

Vice Chair Davis continued the Selectmen’s Meeting and called on Selectman Laufenberg who made a Motion to seal the Non Public Minutes, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Non Public Minutes were sealed.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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