

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2015

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 5 Abatements for reimbursement, 2 granted abatements, 1 Veteran's Exemption, 2 Land Use Change Tax forms, 1 Application for Current Use, 1 Tax Collector's Warrant for Current Use Land Change, and 1 Raffle Permit.

Members of the public who were present at this meeting, but not on the agenda were: Robert Bain, Patrick Donahue, Brian Morrison, George Wright, Suzanne Silvestri, Derek Elfstrom, David Moulton, Howard Campbell, Lucille Campbell, Police Chief Warn, Lenny Roy, Heather Roy, Mary Daniels, Tim Daniels, Bob Moulton, Becky Moulton, Bob Burhoe, Kerri Burhoe and Gregory Jencks.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order and noted that Stuart Pitts will be added to the agenda for 7:30 p.m. regarding Becket School. Chair Wheeler then stated that he would revise the agenda to accommodate the public who were present at this meeting. Chair Wheeler opened the meeting by inquiring if anyone person would like to be spokesperson. No one individual responded so Chair Wheeler called on each individual who wished to speak. It was explained by the public that a disturbing posting was placed on Robert "Butch" Bain's Facebook that they were concerned about and that is the reason they were here this evening. Two other individuals stated that they were at the meeting regarding budget cuts. Chair Wheeler explained to the public that he, as a member of the Human Resources Committee, upon learning of the posting, called Butch Bain regarding this matter. Butch confirmed that he knew nothing about the posting and he then contacted his wife, Angela, who acknowledged that she had actually placed the posting because her emotions got the best of her. Angela also confirmed she took the posting off Facebook and an apology to the public was posted on Facebook. The reaction from the public to the posting and this information ranged from explaining feelings of "bullying" tactics as to infringe on one's right to vote for whomever they want to vote for, some felt there were reasons to call the Attorney General's Office, other members of the public expressed feelings that Butch is ungrateful for the votes received by the voters. The public also voiced it is an inexcusable action, and once it is on the internet it is too late. The public also discussed concern regarding Angela Bain and her position as Chair of the Supervisors of the Checklist. It was the consensus of the public that some serious reprimand should be considered by the Board and they inquired as to what the Board was going to do. Chair Wheeler then explained that a Non Public Session would be held this evening. However, the Board cannot report to the public what transpired in Non Public Session regarding personnel. Selectman Davis continued to explain that the Board recognizes the seriousness of the matter and they will take the appropriate action. It was then expressed by the public that they hoped that action would be taken soon.

Chair Wheeler then continued the meeting with Selectmen’s assignments for the year 2015. Chair Wheeler made a Motion to nominate Selectman Sharon Davis as Chairman and Selectman Peter Laufenberg as Vice Chair. The Motion was seconded and the nominations were unanimously approved. The following is the Selectmen’s Assignments for 2015:

Chairman:	Sharon L. Davis
Vice Chair	Peter Laufenberg
HR Committee	Sharon L. Davis Charles Cheney
Planning Board Ex-Officio	Peter Laufenberg
Park & Rec.	Charles Wheeler Karl Kelly
Tax Assurance Officer (for Bonds & TANS)	Sharon L. Davis
Voter Set-Up Coordinators	Sharon L. Davis Karl E. Kelly

Chair Davis then took over the meeting and continued with discussion of 2015 budget cuts voted for at Town Meeting to cut \$59,899.00 from the general municipal operations. After lengthy discussions and research focusing on where to possibly make cuts and considering concerns of impact on the Town, the following budget cuts were arrived at by the Board:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s wages	\$2,500.00*
Auditor/Part time Bookkeeper	\$4,000.00
Computer Services	\$5,000.00**
Heating	\$1,000.00
Fire Department Repairs	\$10,500.00 (to be taken from George Durgin Fund
Emergency Management	\$2,500.00 (to be taken From Capital Reserves)
Town Welfare	\$5,000.00
Campton/Thornton Transfer Station Budget	\$29,399.00***
<b>TOTAL BUDGET CUTS</b>	<b>\$59,899.00</b>

\*This cut reflects a merit raise, based on performance, but not to exceed 2%, with an hourly rate figure, (not salaried, as advised by Town Attorney), and an allowance for 100 overtime hours.

\*\*As explained by Police Chief Warn, Charles Grand, is willing to handle the Police Department's computer services (as he has in the past, at a reduced rate); therefore, Chief Warn felt comfortable with his suggestion of a \$5,000.00 reduction in the Computer Services line. Chief Warn explained that he had also asked Ann Marie to get a quote for computer services excluding the Police Department in order to arrive at the \$5,000.00 figure.

\*\*\*The Town will receive credit for income received from the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station which will offset this amount.

Selectman Laufenberg discussed concern regarding the \$2,500.00 for water. There was lengthy discussion as to health concerns and odor. Stuart Pitts confirmed, according to the State, there were no health issues at risk; however, he acknowledged that an odor and staining issue on plumbing fixtures exists and the fact that the water is not pleasant tasting to drink. Chief Police Warn confirmed that in the past some of his staff had become ill from drinking the tap water and he feels there is a necessity of providing water to the employees. Selectman Laufenberg inquired if any funds in the water budget could be applied to a possible water filtering system. Ann Marie confirmed that any funds in the water account could be applied to any costs relating to water. Selectman Cheney inquired as to using carbon filters and chlorinated the well. Stuart Pitts acknowledged that carbon filters would not satisfactorily take care of the problem and suggested either 3 separate filtering systems would need to be installed to service all three facilities or install one main underground line to service all three facilities thereby needing only one filtering system.

After discussion, the Board agreed to have Ann Marie get some quotes for waste disposal services that supply dumpsters. The possibility of getting a smaller dumpster was also suggested. Ann Marie indicated that Kevin McGuire will be picking up the cardboard boxes to bring to the Transfer Station which will eliminate some bulk material in the dumpster.

Chair Davis then called on Stuart Pitts in his capacity of Planning Board Chairman. Mr. Pitts explained that Becket School is involved in making changes to one building on their property in Campton and the Campton Planning Board has informed the Becket School that they need to come before the Planning Board to address their revisions. Becket School stands on the premise that because they are not adding any additional students they do not need to come before the Planning Board. Mr. Pitts stated he was here this evening to ask the Board to compel the Becket School to appear before the Planning Board. The Board concurred and Ann Marie will draft the letter for the Board to sign. Mr. Pitts thanked the Board for their support.

Chair Davis then called for approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting. After one revision by Selectman Kelly and one revision by Chair Davis, a Motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Minutes. The revised Minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis continued the meeting by calling on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie distributed a cash balance statement for the month of February that the bookkeeper prepared for the Board. A monthly trend of expenditures for the Campton/Thornton Fire Department was also provided to the Board.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board a draft Request for Proposal/Quotation for delivery of fuel oil and propane for heating Town facilities for the period 5/1/15 – 12/31/16. The Board agreed to have Ann Marie submit the Request for Proposal to four oil and propane distributors in the area.

June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions sent an email regarding her progress in preparing the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) manual and a reminder of the meeting scheduled at the Campton Municipal Building for 3/17/15 in the Community Room.

Sean James of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. sent an email acknowledging that he is submitting the rehabilitation of the Blair Covered Bridge for two project awards through the NH Preservation Alliance and the NH Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award. He will let the Town know the results.

Eversource Energy forwarded a notice that they are going to be selling their resource suppliers (a/k/a power plants).

The White Mountain National Forest Service sent a notice of their intent to conduct a study of the road system on the White Mountain National Forest. The Forest Service will be hosting 3 public meetings to gather public input as to which national forest roads are important to them and why. The meeting scheduled in Campton will be held at the White Mountain National Forest Headquarters, 71 White Mountain Drive, on April 8, 2015, between 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Representative Frank Guinta, of the U.S. House of Representatives contacted the Town to inquire if the Campton Community Room could be used to facilitate a Town Meeting on March 31, 2015. After discussion, the majority of the Board concurred.

There being no further correspondence or announcements by Ann Marie, Chair Davis continued the meeting with Other Business – Selectmen's Input. Chair Davis called on Selectman Laufenberg who suggested the commencement of forming a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee and the rest of the Board concurred. It was noted that development of a CIP committee is a Planning Board function. Selectman Laufenberg also followed up on the establishment of an Economic (Business) Development Committee as proposed at the Town Meeting. It was suggested by Chair

Davis that a notice be published in the newspaper and placed on the town's website requesting that citizens interested in serving on the committee to contact the Town Administrator and come to a future Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Laufenberg also suggested that in the future a budget timeline be devised to have available to the public and also publicized in order to assist in planning and to have the budget set by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Chair Davis asked Ann Marie to devise a budget guide line for the Board to follow.

Chair Davis stated that she had contacted Attorney Daniel D. Crean about providing legal services for the town in the upcoming year. A proposal was received from Attorney Crean regarding his office providing legal services to the Town. Chair Davis reminded the Board that Attorney Crean served as Attorney for the Town previously and his rate is reasonable. Attorney Crean expressed that he is now working part time; however, he is willing to put the necessary time in for legal services to the Town of Campton. After discussion, the Board concurred to invite Attorney Crean to a meeting to introduce himself to new Board members.

There being no further Selectmen's Input, Chair Wheeler made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c) regarding a personnel issue. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Laufenberg and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, Selectman Laufenberg – aye, and Selectman Cheney – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 8:30 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:49 p.m.

Chair Davis called on Selectman Wheeler who made a Motion to seal the Non Public Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Laufenberg and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Laufenberg – aye, and Selectman Cheney – aye, the Board unanimously agreed to seal the Non Public Minutes.

There being no further business, Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant to Ann Marie Foote, Town Administrator