

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
March 2, 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, and Peter Laufenberg. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 10 Tax Abatements and 1 Veteran's Exemption.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Wheeler called the meeting to order and called on Ann Marie regarding discussion of Town Meeting. Ann Marie confirmed that the election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the Campton Municipal Building, 12 Gearty Way. The Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Campton Elementary School on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. She also confirmed that the Annual Town Reports have arrived early and the reports are available at the Selectmen's Office and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office. The Town web site also acknowledges that the reports are available and confirming the election and Town Meeting dates and times. Chair Wheeler then proceeded with reviewing the explanation of each Warrant Article that Selectman Laufenberg had drafted for the Board's review. After reviewing and a few changes, Selectman Laufenberg indicated that he will make the revisions so that the explanation sheet can be made available to the public before Town Meeting (at the Selectmen's Office and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office) and at the Town Meeting. Ann Marie confirmed that coffee and munchkins will be provided at breakfast time and pizza for dinner for all persons helping at the Election.

Chair Wheeler then continued the meeting by calling for a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes of the last meeting. Selectman Laufenberg made the Motion, seconded by Selectman Cheney, and the Minutes and Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Chair Wheeler called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. The NH DOT sent a letter regarding their proposed resurfacing program indicating that four sections of roads in Campton will be shimmed. The roads are: a 0.3 mile section of Dan Web Road from the intersection of US Rte. 3 northerly to the intersection of US Rt. 3; Ellsworth Hill Road, 4.7 miles from the intersection of Dan Web Road (Old US Rt. 3) westerly to east of Arndt Road; Owl Street, 1.8 miles from the intersection of NH Rte. 175 northerly to the intersection of NH Rte. 49, and Ellsworth Hill Road, 1.5 miles from the intersection of US Rte. 3 to the intersection of Mason Road.

A letter was received from ISO regarding their public protection classification survey. Ann Marie indicated that she will contact Fire Chief Dan Defosses to review the survey with the Board. Chair Wheeler suggested that Chief Defosses can respond by email, if he wishes, to communicate with the Board.

Ann Marie indicated that she received the Sheriff's return of service on a property owner giving the person notice to removal personal belongings from property as the Town has taken over the real estate for non-payment of taxes.

A letter was received from NH DOT concerning the Interim Inspection of the bridge on Perch Pond Road over Ryan Brook indicating that no action was needed by the Town and the Town is in compliance.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Wheeler continued with Other Business – Selectmen's Input. Chair Wheeler called on Ann Marie who informed the Board that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office has had some plumbing issues and she first called Stuart Pitts; however, Mr. Pitts suggested she called Rowell Septic Service. Rowell Septic Service had to clean out the line and had to use a jack hammer to get to the lid to pump the tank and reach the leach field that they discovered was frozen. Ann Marie stated that she spoke with Kelly Bolger who will be looking into this issue with the engineer concerning the issue of traffic over the system and the possibility of having to pump the system again if it freezes.

Chair Wheeler called on Selectman Laufenberg who inquired about the 7% split that employees are required to contribute to their Town health insurance plan and how that percentage was arrived at. Chair Wheeler indicated that the Board will need to revisit this issue in the near future. Chair Wheeler confirmed that, at the time the percentage was established, raises were almost non-existent (or not very abundant) and compensation was lower then it is now, so the Board agreed not to burden the employees with additional out-of-pocket expenses.

Selectman Laufenberg made note of the lack of communication from our County Commissioner representing the Grafton County Commission District 5 (which includes Campton). Considering the \$700,000.00 paid to the County through Campton taxpayers' money, Selectman Laufenberg feels more updates from Commissioner Richards would be appropriate.

Chair Wheeler indicated that he, Stuart Pitts, Chairman of the Planning Board, and Ann Marie met with the new owners of Owl's Nest. The owners discussed future plans, nothing being very specific, but they mentioned the possibility of a hotel, swimming pools and tennis courts. They will be opening the golf course and the restaurant eight to nine months out of the year and they are not planning to change the name in the very near future.

There being no further business, Chair Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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