

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDMENT TO TOWN ORDINANCE
PAWNBROKERS/SECOND HAND DEALERS
AND
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
APRIL 20, 2015

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 Excavation Tax Warrant, 1 Veteran's Exemption, 1 Sign Permit, 1 Notice of Intent to Cut and 1 Disapproved Building Permit.

A member of the public who attended this meeting, but was not on the agenda was Hanna Bancroft.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis opened the Public Hearing regarding the Amendment to the Town Ordinance Pawnbrokers/Second Hand Dealers. Chair Davis called on Police Chief Warn who briefly explained that the Ordinance was adopted because the Police Department was having trouble tracking stolen properties and now there is the possibility of it becoming a State law. Chief Warn explained that he is now here this evening to ask for approval of an amendment to the Pawnbrokers/Second Hand Dealers Ordinance which was adopted on October 6, 2014 to add an Exemption to the Ordinance for "Properly Licensed Firearm Dealers" and for "Not for Profit/Charity Organizations". Chief Warn explained that law enforcement already has the right to inspect sales of licensed firearm dealers so the Ordinance would be a "double whammy" to the firearm dealers to further pay unnecessary permit expenses and completing additional documentation. Therefore, on Page 2, Section IV, F was added to the Ordinance which reads:

Exemptions: The licensing requirements set forth in this Ordinance are not applicable to the following:

- a. Properly Licensed Firearm Dealers
- b. Not for Profit/Charity Organizations

Chair Davis inquired if there were any questions, and there were none. Chair Davis moved for a vote to adopt the Amendment to the Ordinance and called on Selectman Wheeler who made the Motion to adopt the Amendment to Town Ordinance Pawnbrokers/Second Hand Dealers. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Laufenberg, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Amendment to the Ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Chair Davis closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Chair Davis inquired if there were any changes to the Selectmen's Meeting Agenda. The only change reflected was that the Selectman did not meet at Bumps Intervale Road due to bad weather; however Chair Davis stated that the site review has been rescheduled for Monday, April 27th, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Davis called on Police Chief Warn to present his quarterly update on the Police Department. Chief Warn gave some statistics comparing 2014 police activity log to this time of year being 560 and 2015, up to present is 600. He stated the Blair Bridge complaints have slowed down. The number of arrests for 2014 was 64 and, at present in 2015 the number is at 80. Chief Warn expressed his growing concerns regarding the presence of drug and heroin and commented on an incident at the Campton Post Office during daylight hours while the Post Office was open. Chief Warn stated that he has Sergeant Payer focusing on these concerns for the safety of the community. Chief Warn also stated there are 3 large theft case investigations going on at present, but he could not give any details at this time. Chief Warn informed the Board that prosecutions number are up and he spends anywhere from 30 to 34 hours a week on those duties. As far as the cruisers and equipment, he gave mileage figures to the Board for each vehicle and mentioned suspension issues with the 2013 cruiser. Chief Warn mentioned that focus has now been placed on reducing the weight off the hips of officers by wearing outer vests that can be removed while in the office. The new vests will eliminate 28 pounds of weight off officer's hips. Chief Warn explained that he is having Sergeant Payer wear the vest to try it out first and reported that public feedback has also been favorable. Chief Warn explained that he will be applying for a 50/50 grant to defray the cost of replacing the vests. Chief Warn commented that the officers have been attending training sessions, some being sexual assault and mental illness. Chief Warn informed the Board that the Department presently has 20 open felony investigations. Chief Warn informed the Board that the Department Budget looks good and he briefly reviewed figures.

After Chief Warn's update Selectman Wheeler inquired if the officers carry Narcan. Chief Warn indicated that Narcan training is on the list for future training. Also, the Board inquired if the Chief was advertising for part-time staff. Chief Warn confirmed that he was not advertising at present.

Chief Warn then requested a Non Public Session regarding personnel. Chair Davis, out of courtesy to a member of the public present at this meeting, stated she would like to move forward with Minutes and Correspondence before the public has to be excused for the Board to go into Non Public Session.

Chair Davis continued the meeting and called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting. Selectman Laufenberg made a Motion to approve the Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and the Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie distributed a spreadsheet comparison of Tax Collector/ Town Clerks' office hours in various Towns surrounding Campton which Chair Davis requested. Discussion ensued pertaining to

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office hours and issues presented by the public concerning inconvenient hours of the Campton Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

A memo was received from Julie O'Neill, Campton Fire Department Administrative Assistant, indicating that the Board of Fire Commissioners would like to invite the Select Board to attend the next scheduled Fire Commissioners' Meeting on April 27, 2015, at the Fire Department, at 4:30 p.m. The Board of Selectmen respectfully declined; however, presented an option to meet with Campton- Thornton-Ellsworth Boards and the Fire Commissioners at a Campton Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Ann Marie will discuss the option with Julie O'Neill.

Another email was received from Sara Maffei regarding the Economic Development Committee suggesting the Grafton County Economic Development Council be utilized rather than forming Campton's own Economic Development Committee. Selectman Laufenberg stated that the Grafton County Economic Development Council has no Director as yet and it is his intent to go forward with forming our own Committee. Ann Marie mentioned that Senator Jeannie Forrester would be interested in participating; however, she will not be available until July.

Ann Marie stated that Ron Reynolds has provided a resume for the position of Deputy Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Director. No other interested party has applied. Ann Marie indicated Ron Reynolds is very knowledgeable in the technical field and has been attending all EOC meetings and his experience, as indicated on his resume, is very impressive. After brief discussion, Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to appoint Ronald Reynolds Deputy Emergency Operations Center Director for a one year term. The Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ann Marie indicated that notice was received from Central Signal Corporation indicating that the only contact person for the Blair Covered Bridge that they have on file is Kelly Bolger. After discussion, and confirmation from Police Chief Warn, the Board unanimously agreed that Central Signal Corporation calls should go through Police dispatch.

Ann Marie indicated that a Memorandum of Understanding was received from the American Red Cross permitting the Red Cross to store the Red Cross vehicle at the Campton Municipal Building complex. It was specified in the Memorandum of Understanding that only the Road Agent and Crew personnel are authorized to move the vehicle to a different location on the property, if necessary to facilitate the mission of the Road Agent and Crew. Road Agent and Crew personnel are not authorized to move the vehicle off the property without providing formal notice. Ann Marie read the list of items stored in the Red Cross vehicle for emergency purposes, some being Gatorade, cold cups, plastic silverware, blankets, cots, liquid cambro, and water.

North Country Scenic Byways Council is holding a public hearing to receive comments on the draft corridor management plans for the River Heritage Trail and the Presidential

Range Trail, scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., at Lincoln Town Hall, 148 Main Street, Lincoln, NH.

There was no further correspondence so Chair Davis continued with Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Board members had no other business. Chair Davis called on Ann Marie who indicated that Mary Durgin did some research and the next eligible individual in Campton for the Boston Cane is Edna O’Brien. She is presently the oldest resident. Mary Durgin is waiting to hear from Edna O’Brien’s son as to when arrangements can be made to present the Boston Cane to her.

Ann Marie inquired if the Board would like to make appointments with individuals who received tax lien letter. The Board confirmed that only those property owners who are in jeopardy are the individuals the Board would like to meet with. Ann Marie confirmed that Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector is scheduled to meet with the Board on April 27th. Ann Marie confirmed that letters have gone out to property owners who need to make appointments to meet with the Board.

Chair Davis called on Selectman Laufenberg who informed the Board that Becket School filed their Site Plan. They met with the abutters and Charles Brosseau and the Planning Board. Becket School confirmed that they will not be applying for a tax exemption. Selectman Laufenberg confirmed the Planning Board was satisfied and the Site Plan Review it has been approved by the Planning Board.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Cheney who indicated that he had viewed the site on Bumps Intervale. Other members of the Board also confirmed they viewed the site previous to the formally scheduled date of April 20th for the entire Board to visit the site. Discussion ensued and it was unanimously agreed to cancel the rescheduled date of 4/27/15 and also agreed to have Ann Marie draft a letter to Mrs. Merrill and Mr. Mann (for the Board Chair to review before mailing) confirming the Boards findings and decision.

There being no further Other Business- Selectmen’s Input, Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 ll(c) regarding a personnel matter. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis –aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:40 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:55 p.m.

Chair Davis continued the regular meeting and 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 Non Public Minutes were sealed.

There being no further business, Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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