

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2015

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Charles Cheney, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg. Selectman Wheeler and Selectman Davis were not present due to conflicts. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 17 notices to previous property owners for possible repurchase of the property now deeded to the Town, 1 Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs, 1 Employee's Request for Vacation, 1 Notice of Intent to Excavate, 1 Form from NH DRA regarding Inventory of Taxable Property, 5 Building Permits and 2 Driveway Permits.

At 6:45 p.m. Vice Chair Peter Laufenberg inquired if there were any changes to the agenda. Ann Marie confirmed there were no changes. Vice Chair Laufenberg then called on David Peeler who was here this evening to meet and greet the Select Board as a candidate for the Campton Conservation Commission (CCC). Ann Marie informed the Board that Mr. Peeler has owned property on Lower Beech Hill Road for over a decade and Mr. Peeler confirmed he has been a resident for one year. Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired as to what inspired Mr. Peeler to want to become a member of the CCC. Mr. Peeler explained that he has had a passion for conservation for years. He explained that he is a historian revolving on ideas concerning nature and has in the past done some college teaching concerning nature conservation. Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired if the Board members had any questions and they did not. The Board welcomed Mr. Peeler as an appointed member of the CCC and the signed the appointment this evening. Ann Marie informed Mr. Peeler that the appointment would be given to the Town Clerk tomorrow, and he can get sworn in by the Town Clerk at his convenience. Mr. Peeler thanked the Board and stated that it will be an honor to be a member of the CCC.

At 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Laufenberg called on Police Chief Warn to introduce to the Board Tyler A. Reidy as his recommendation to fill a part time Police Officer position. Chief Warn explained that he does not advertise for open employment officers' positions, as the Department did in the past. He relies on his staff for recommendations and finds that this process results in a "good fit" for the Department. Chief Warn explained that Sergeant Payer and Corporal Foss have been very instrumental in recommending Tyler Reidy as evidenced by his background check, physical and psychological evaluation. Chief Warn then introduced Tyler to the Board. Tyler first thanked the Board for allowing him to meet the Board. He explained that he has lived in the area most of his life and has become involved with the Police Cadet Academy and is presently an EMT for the Campton Thornton Fire Department. Tyler explained that he has been involved in the Fire Department at a very young age and he grew up in a police oriented family environment. Vice Chair Laufenberg then inquired if the Board members had any questions. The Board expressed how impressed they were with Tyler and how well he presents himself.

Selectman Cheney then made a Motion to accept the application for employment of Tyler A. Reidy as a part time Police Officer. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectmen Kelly – aye and Selectman Cheney – aye, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Laufenberg noted that the individual for the first tax matter appointment was not present so he proceeded with approval of the Minutes and Non Public Minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2015. Vice Chair Laufenberg informed the Board that he provided the language to be added to the Minutes for the mission of the Economic Development Committee to Ellie Dewey this evening. A Motion was then made by Vice Chair Laufenberg to approve the Public Minutes as written with the addition and the Non Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote the Public Minutes and Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Laufenberg noted further that the 7:15 p.m. appointment for the next tax matter was not present so he called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that a letter was forwarded to Becket School as requested by the Board and an inspection had been done by the Campton Police Department and there are no issues with the school at this time.

A letter was received by Mr. Will Raabe, a homeowner at 47 Chandler Road requesting road maintenance up to his driveway as Mr. Raabe expressed was done in the past. After discussion, there were some discrepancies noted in Mr. Raabe's letter indicating that the road was thought to be previously maintained by the Town (and is not presently maintained by the Town), up to the driveway of 47 Chandler Road. The Board agreed to invite Mr. Will Raabe in to speak with the Board in order to clarify the information. Ann Marie will make arrangements to invite Mr. Raabe to a Selectmen's Meeting.

Mr. Geoffrey Sewake, of the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) forwarded a letter informing the Board of new programs offered by the UNHCE concerning Economic Development and Ann Marie will pass this information on to Vice Chair Laufenberg.

Ann Marie indicated that a trailer was condemned at the Town Line Village Co-Op and Town Line Village Co-Op is in the process of getting a Writ of Possession. Ann Marie spoke with Town Line Village Co-Op and they indicated they would pay the back taxes on the property but were asking that the interest be waived. Ann Marie confirmed that the total due in taxes and interest at present is \$2,166.97 (approximately \$900.00 of this figure was interest). Vice Chair Laufenberg expressed that the Board has established a new set of rules for tax matters and expressed by waiving the interest it would set a precedence. Selectmen Cheney expressed that he would be in agreement to waive the interest as Town Line Village Co-Op is not obligated to pay the taxes and at least the Town would be receiving some monies. Selectman Cheney then made a Motion to waive the interest on the property. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote: Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye and Selectman Laufenberg – nay, the Motion to waive interest was approved by majority vote.

Ann Marie informed the Board that she has been working with Attorney Dan Crean concerning the so called "Homan Road" issue. It is Attorney Crean's recommendation to have a Public Hearing on the status of the so called "Homan Road". The Public Hearing has been scheduled for June 29, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Campton Municipal Building. The Town has been requested to determine if "Homan Road" has the status of a class VI road. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain information and evidence from the public and any interested persons that may assist the Selectmen in making such a determination. Ann Marie indicated that Attorney Crean will be present at the Public Hearing and inquired if the Board would like to meet at 6:30 p.m. with Attorney Crean. The Board concurred. Ann Marie will contact Attorney Crean to arrange.

Ann Marie informed the Board that she will be attending a training session pertaining to the DRA's Municipal Services Tax Rate Setting Portal which the DRA introduced in November of 2014.

Ann Marie informed the Board that she has been working with Attorney Crean and Avitar regarding the issues pertaining to Waterville Estates and tax payment disbursements made to them by the Town. Ann Marie explained that after acquiring information from the NH Registry of Deeds pertaining to Town of Campton Liens recorded, there was, in fact, still monies owned to Waterville Estates. Ann Marie explained that Josh, from Avitar has been attempting to contact Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector in order to devise a more accurate report for calculating total tax monies owed to Waterville Estates.

There being no further correspondence, Vice Chair Laufenberg made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91 A: 311(c) regarding a tax matter. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Karl Kelly and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:15 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:20 p.m.

Vice Chair Laufenberg continued the meeting with Other Business – Selectmen's Input. Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired if Ann Marie had begun to draft a time line for the budgeting process. Ann Marie informed the Board that she has not, as yet, commenced working on a time line because she has been busy working on the preparation for the Town owned properties for auction. Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired what Department Heads are scheduled to meet with the Board for an update. Ann Marie stated that she will schedule Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. The Board did agree that they did not need an update from Parks and Rec. Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired if an invitation date for the Fire Chief had been rescheduled. Kelly Bolger inquired if the Board would like to meet with some of the Fire Commissioners (together with the Fire Chief), as it is difficult to get all Commissioners available the same night. Chair Laufenberg stated that the Board would definitely like to meet with Fire Chief Defosses and welcome any other Fire Commissioners that are available to attend. Ann Marie will schedule this invitation.

There being no further Other Business – Selectmen’s Input, Vice Chair Laufenberg made a Motion to go in to Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3 ll(c) regarding a personnel matter. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non Public Session at 7:30 p.m. and came out of Non Public Session at 7:55 p.m.

Vice Chair Laufenberg continued the public Selectmen’s Meeting and called on Kelly Bolger who stated he had a number of matters to discuss with the Board this evening. Mr. Bolger explained to the Board that there was a fire alarm breach at the Blair Bridge recently and it was discovered that there is a problem in the wire under the bridge frame reaching all the way to the Blair Cemetery. The work will be covered under warranty. Mr. Bolger inquired if the Board would be in agreement to run the new wire on the side of the bridge rather than under the bridge. The Board concurred.

Mr. Bolger informed the Board that only four lights are lite on the Blair Bridge. Ann Marie stated that Craig Keeney is working on getting the bulbs replaced.

Mr. Bolger inquired if there was a spare file cabinet available to put the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) telephones in so that they may be placed in the locked closet in the Community Room. Ann Marie confirmed that there were no extra file cabinets available; however, Chair Laufenberg stated that Plymouth State University has surplus sales and he will inquire if there are any file cabinets available for the EOC.

Mr. Bolger further explained that he wanted the Board to be aware of why the Emergency Management (EM) budget was over. First of all, the extra electrical plug was installed for the podium making it user friendly and useful to the Police Department for meetings (and other Departments) and to easily disconnect and wheel the podium into the closet. The Police Chief agreed to take approximately \$900.00 from his budget for the cost of the electrical installation. This made the EM budget approximately \$293.00 over budget, not \$1,300.00; however, the monies to pay for the electrical installation was all taken out of the EM budget.

Mr. Bolger’s next inquiry involved acquiring some “petition walls” for the EOC. Mr. Bolger stated that he has access to some free petition walls and would like to know if the Board would like him to just acquire enough petition walls for the EOC or acquire as many as are available to the Town. After discussion as to storage availability, it was decided that Mr. Bolger acquire all the petition walls available and they can be folded together and stored in the EOC closet and the closet that stores the folding chairs in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building.

Mr. Bolger inquired if he could be paid at the end of the month for his services of Emergency Management Director. Ann Marie confirmed that would be possible.

Mr. Bolger stated that Paul Hatch still has not received the appointment of Ron Reynolds as Deputy Emergency Management Director. Ann Marie stated that she will get the appointment to Mr. Hatch.

Mr. Bolger inquired as to whether or not the Board would like an orientation on the “Smart Board” for the EOC. It was suggested by Vice Chair Laufenberg that an orientation be part of a Selectmen’s Meeting and it was recommended that it be scheduled at the end of July or August. Mr. Bolger will work with Ann Marie in scheduling the date.

Vice Chair Laufenberg confirmed that the Board would like to meet with Fire Chief Defosses and any available Fire Commissioners. Vice Chair Laufenberg explained that the Board would like to see some “face time” with the Fire Chief and assured Mr. Bolger that the meeting is an update, just as the Board has agreed that they would like to meet with all Department Heads four times a year, and the intent is not to be an inquisition.

Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired if Mr. Kelly had any other matters to discuss. Mr. Bolger confirmed he did not.

At 8:20 p.m. Vice Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned as there was no further business.

Respectfully submitted,

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