

MINUTES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
AND  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JUNE 29, 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 Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg. The Board met with Daniel Crean, Town Attorney between 6:30 and 6:45 p. m. for a client/attorney privileged meeting. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 Building Permits.

Members of the public who attended the meeting were: Gregory Jencks, Chuck Braxton, Robert Bain, Kevin Coburn, John Garland, Nick Burnet, John March, Andrea Raabe, Will Raabe, Steve Garland and Gerri Benton

Chair Davis inquired if there were any agenda changes. Ann Marie indicated that Gerri Benton is added to the agenda to discuss renewal of her Day Care Center license and the tax matter was postponed until July 13, 2015.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis opened the Selectmen's Meeting and called for approval of the Minutes and two sets of Non Public Minutes of June 15, 2015 Meeting. After the Board reviewed the Minutes, Selectman Laufenberg made a Motion to approve the Minutes and 2 sets of Non Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Cheney and with a roll call vote the Minutes and 2 sets of Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

There was still some time available before the Public Hearing so Chair Davis called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie informed the Board that Primex has sent notice of the Town's total Premium Distribution Credit in the amount of \$11,371.71 for 2015 and said amount will reduce the Town's total Workers' Compensation premium for the 2016 Budget.

Ann Marie stated that she received information from Robert Pulsifer that the State Legislature voted in 1927 that the official name (of the pond that the Town refers to as Bog Pond) was voted to be named Rowbartwood Lake and to officially take effect on April 12, 1927.

Ann Marie informed the Board that Craig Keeney and Road Agent Butch Bain inspected the Blair Bridge (as the warranty will be expiring soon) and they noted 4 items that were in need of repair (which Ann Marie presented to the Board). The Board agreed to have Ann Marie draft a letter to Mr. Graton to have the items taken care of.

Ann Marie presented a Preliminary Schedule for processing the 2016 Budget which was distributed to the Board and Ann Marie read to the Board. The proposed schedule

commences September 14, 2015 with a proposed finalized 2016 Budget in December and holding the Public Budget Hearing the end of January. Selectman Laufenberg suggested that a second Budget Hearing be added to the proposed schedule.

The Selectmen's Meeting was then delayed to proceed with the Public Hearing with regards to Homan Road.

Chair Davis opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. regarding the status of the so-called "Homan Road" to determine if "Homan Road" has the status of a class VI road. Chair Davis called on John March and she presented the Board's questions to him as follows:

1. What is going to be gained if Homan Road was determined to be a Class VI Road?
2. What evidence is there that where you say the road is located is where it was originally laid out?

John March, Surveyor, presented a map this evening which was developed from his field work depicting the location of Homan Road. Mr. March did indicate some shifting of the road location over the years due to mineral elements, and he did present pictures of the represented road layout. Mr. March further explained that he searched the State of New Hampshire archives of roads listed that were discontinued. Mr. March stated that he found no discontinuance of Homan Road recorded. He then proceeded to go to the Campton Town Clerk's Office to search the list of roads that have been discontinued and search Town Meeting Minutes commencing with the year 1856 to determine what roads have been discontinued through the year 2008 and he found no evidence of Homan Road being discontinued.

Chair Davis called on a member of the public, Nick Burnet, who explained that he is part owner of landlocked property off Chandler Hill Road and he would like to sell the property. Mr. Burnet stated, the approval of Homan Road as represented, (and given a designation of Class VI road) would enable the sale of his property and this is his intent. Chair Davis then called on Chuck Braxton, real estate agent with Roche Realty Group. He explained that the property owned by Mr. Burnet was under agreement; however, without the status of Class VI road for Homan Road and with no access, no financing was able to be approved. Nick Burnet reiterated that without the Class VI designation, selling the property would not likely occur.

Chair Davis then called on John Garland who asked why you can't build off a Class VI road. Daniel Crean, Campton Town Attorney, explained that a Class VI designation is a private road. Attorney Crean did cite the RSA on a Class VI road designation and indicated there are specific Town road requirements that have to be met in order for the road to become designated as a Class V road. Such procedures require involvement and approval of the Planning Board and then voted upon at a Public Town Meeting. It was noted that part of Chandler Hill Road is designated as Class V and part of it is designated as Class VI.

Chair Davis inquired if anyone else would like to speak. There were no other inquiries. Chair Davis stated that the Board would take the matter under advisement. Chair Davis stated that if anyone wanted to submit further written comments that they want the Selectmen to consider, they should be submitted to the Selectmen's office within one week and that the board will make a decision at its July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting

At 7:20 p.m. Chair Davis closed the Public Hearing and continued the delayed Selectmen's Meeting.

Chair Davis called on Nancy Bell who works for the Conservation Fund. Ms. Bell explained that the Conservation Fund purchased the Beebe River tract (a portion of which is located in Campton) as a part of a 30,000 acre acquisition (involving the White Mountains, Vermont and part of a coastal area) which gives a wide variety of environmental conditions for excellent conservation easement purposes. Ms. Bell explained that the acquisition will buy time that the Conservation Fund needs to craft a conservation outcome with federal, state and local partners and the Fund wanted to share this information by providing the packet of information which was distributed to the Board this evening. Ms. Bell also informed the Board that the Conservation Fund will continue to pay property taxes to the Town and it will remain a gated property. Chair Davis then inquired if the Board had any questions. Selectman Laufenberg inquired if the property was in the route of Northern Pass and Ms. Bell stated to her knowledge, it was not. There were no further questions so Chair Davis thanked Ms. Bell for coming.

Chair Davis then called on Greg Jencks who stated that Mr. and Mrs. Raabe were here this evening to discuss Town road maintenance up to their driveway located at 47 Chandler Road. Mr. Raabe explained that he sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen (which Ann Marie presented to the Board at a previous meeting) regarding his request. There was some discussion with Butch Bain, Road Agent, pertaining to maintenance and discrepancies in the facts as to who actually did previously maintain the area of road in question. Chair Davis stated that since the matter was not scheduled on the agenda this evening, she would like the matter placed on the agenda for July 13, 2015 and invited Mr. and Mrs. Raabe to attend.

Chair Davis then called on Kevin Coburn. Mr. Coburn explained that Eastern Corner Road, the road he lives on, is in rough shape. He explained that ledge pack was put on the paved section of road and with recent rains the ledge pack is washing down on his property. Butch Bain, Road Agent, explained that the road is on the schedule to be paved next year but he could do a short term fix by tearing up the pavement and packing the road with appropriate materials this year. Mr. Coburn also made reference to overgrown tree brush on the seasonal road portion of Eastern Corners Road beyond the bridge. He expressed that he pays over \$7,000.00 in taxes to the Town and would just like to have a "comfortable drive" to get to his residential property and his camp property. Chair Davis suggested that Butch Bain work on a plan to hopefully resolve the issue satisfactorily this year, rather than next, and that Butch Bain and Mr. Coburn be put on the agenda for July 13, 2015. Ann Marie will contact Mr. Coburn with the time.

Chair Davis called on Police Chief Warn regarding the Alarm Ordinance that has been in existence since 1996. Chief Warn explained in detail that the property owner in Town has accumulated a total of over \$410.00 in penalties for false alarms. He explained that the false alarm calls are investigated and there are penalties if the problems are not resolved by the property owner. The property owner in question has had numerous false alarm calls (accumulating fees for same) and there has been no attempt to communicate with the Police Department, nor pay the fees. Chief Warn indicated that he did not completely adhere to the policy as far as full fees charged. He explained that if he had enforced the policy, (with the full fee charge) the amount outstanding would be much higher. After discussion, the majority of the Board agreed that Chief Warn inform the property owner of what the actual cost of fees would have been, had he enforced the full penalty fee policy. The Board also agreed that Police Chief Warn would inform the property owner that the issues need to be fixed and communication will need to be developed with the Police Department. The Board majority agreed that if the \$410.00 was not paid, the property owner would have to report to the Board. Chief Warn suggested that the Board review the penalty section of the Alarm Ordinance for revision of the penalty fees.

Chair Davis then called on Ann Marie who distributed to the Board a Community Room Policy which she indicated Chief Warn had drafted for the Board to review. Chair Davis requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for July 13, 2015 (after they have had a chance to review the policy).

At 8:06 p.m. called on Gerri Benton regarding the renewal of her State license for her Day Care Center. Ms. Benton explained that her renewal license is pending (while she is still doing business) and she was here to seek support from the Board to write a support letter to the State on her behalf. After questions presented by the Board and lengthy discussion, Chair Davis recommended that the Board agree to have Ann Marie draft a support letter to the State for Ms. Benton. The Board concurred.

At 8:17 p.m. Chair Davis called on Butch Bain, Road Agent who requested a Non Public Session. Chair Davis called for a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 311(c) regarding a personnel matter. Selectman Wheeler made the Motion to go into Non Public Session. The Motion was seconded 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 8:17 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:35 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 Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Non Public Minutes were sealed.

Chair Davis then called for Other Business – Selectmen’s Input.

Chair Davis then made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 311(c) regarding a personnel matter. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly 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 8:40 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:55 p.m.

Selectman Cheney made the motion to accept Ann Marie Foote’s resignation and that the Board and Ann Marie may mutually agree to change the effective date of the resignation. The motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and the vote was unanimously in the affirmative. The Selectmen wished Ann Marie the best as she prepares for retirement.

Chair Davis called on Selectman Laufenberg who informed the Board that he will not be available for Planning Board work sessions or Planning Board meetings during the months of July and August. He inquired if anyone from the Select Board could fill in for him. Selectman Kelly and Selectman Cheney agreed to assist him and will work out a schedule between the two of them to accommodate the Planning Board.

There being no further business or Selectmen’s Input, Chair Davis declared the Selectmen’s Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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