

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 13, 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 4 Building Permits, 1 abatement and 5 Warrants for Collection of Assessments regarding Beebe River Betterment.

Members of the public who attended the meeting but were not on the agenda were: Robert Bain, Robert McGuire, Tammie Beaulieu, Kevin Coburn and Greg Jencks.

Chair Davis inquired if there were any changes to the agenda. Ann Marie stated that Fire Chief Dan Defosses would not be present this evening and Chair Davis moved Kevin McGuire to 6:45 p.m. and review the Minutes and correspondence at 7:30 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m. Chair Davis called on Kevin McGuire, Manager of Campton/Thornton Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Mr. McGuire stated he received a quote on a used backhoe (with 1700 hours on it) from Beauregard in the amount of \$62,300.00, with a credit of \$8,500.00 with the Case 580K trade, leaving the total purchase price of \$53,800.00. After discussion, the Board unanimously agreed on the purchase of the backhoe.

Mr. McGuire also stated he received a quote of \$18,150.00 for a new compactor that he was looking for funds for in 2016. After discussion, the Board agreed that the compactor is a crucial piece of equipment. Mr. McGuire confirmed that he was not certain whether or not the present compactor would hold out until 2016. With this in mind, the Campton Board did not want to wait until 2016 to purchase the compactor. Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator, will discuss with the Thornton Select Board the possibility of purchasing the compactor in 2015.

Mr. McGuire then presented a paving bid from GMI (out of 4 bids), GMI being the lowest in the amount of \$58,692.38. Mr. McGuire stated this would pave the entire Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Mr. McGuire presented a map of the paving project. It was confirmed that this figure was not included in the budget. Selectman Laufenberg expressed concern that it was his understanding the paving was not included in a shared joint expense with the Town of Thornton such as the equipment. Tammie Beaulieu stated that she did check the inter-governmental agreement and it stated joint sharing expenses of equipment and personal property, but was not very specific. After discussion, the Board agreed, as did Mr. McGuire, that the paving was not a priority and could be tabled for a future date. Mr. McGuire did express that he definitely needed the gravel to do some grading and the \$1,000.00 for that would come out of the operating budget.

Mr. McGuire presented a quote from Arrow Equipment, Inc. for a new furnace in the amount of \$6,780.00; however, he indicated he is still getting quotes. There was also some discussion about grant monies that might be available for the furnace.

Mr. McGuire stated that the Thornton Select Board did a site view of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center recently. It was noted after the visit that the restroom facility is unsafe and unsanitary and the employees have no work room or lunch room facility. Mr. McGuire received only one bid for a proposed addition to the recycling building from Levell Joyce, after making inquiry to several contractors. The bid from Levell Joyce is in the amount of \$60,000.00. Mr. McGuire provided information on the specs for the addition to the Board. Tammie Beaulieu explained that the addition is something in the future for the Board to be thinking about, but expressed a restroom facility seems to be a priority at this time. She also suggested that the Campton Select Board do a site view of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. After discussion, the Board agreed that a porta-pottie would be a temporary solution at this time. Mr. McGuire did quote the cost and cleaning per month would be \$145.00. The Board agreed to the placement of the porta-potty.

Mr. McGuire and Tammie Beaulieu thanked the Board and Mrs. Beaulieu confirmed that she would speak with the Thornton Board on all items that were discussed and agreed upon by the Campton Board this evening.

Chair Davis then made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c) regarding two tax matters. 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 7:10 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:26 p.m.

Chair Davis continued the meeting by calling for a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes of June 29, 2015. Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes and Non Public Minutes presented. Selectman Laufenberg second the Motion and with a roll call vote, the Minutes and Non Public Minutes were approved as presented.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie distributed a notation from a property taxpayer suggesting a “thank you” notation be made on the tax bill rather than the notation, “Pay this Amount”, which the taxpayer interprets as an “order” rather than a request. The Board confirmed that the tax bills are standardized forms.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board the cash balance report prepared by the Bookkeeper and she stated the Town is in much better shape at the end of June (\$2,088,819.50) as opposed to the end of May (\$21,519.61).

A copy of a letter from Campton Conservation Commission (CCC) was received that was placed in the newspaper on behalf of CCC and The Alliance against Northern Pass. The

CCC wanted to share the information with the Board and to encourage citizens to get involved in fighting Northern Pass.

A memorandum was received from Police Chief Warn regarding monetary adjustments. Chief Warn suggested the 3-year contract for new hire fee training be increased to \$22,000.00. If a new hire who has attended the NH Police Academy terminates employment with the Town before the 3-year contract has expired a restitution fee is determined which is due the Town (using the \$22,000.00 figure in the determination). Chief Warn also suggested increasing the rate of detail pay to \$50.00 per hour (as the going rate that other Towns are using is \$50.00 per hour.) Ann Marie stated the detail rate is a wash as the Town is reimbursed for detail. The Board agreed to the \$22,000.00 3-year contract figure and the \$50.00 per hour for detail.

A Shoreland Permit Application was received (for the Board's information) for property on U.S. Route 3 pertaining to a self-contained trailer which is used as a camp site but is close to the river.

Ann Marie distributed a copy of an update of the Campton/Thornton Fire Department from the Fire Chief (as the Chief was unable to be present this evening). Ann Marie will reschedule the appointment for the Fire Chief to be meet with the Select Board.

Ann Marie presented a Community Room Use Policy which is needed as procedures for reserving the room have been abused. The Board agreed with the policy and Selectman Laufenberg suggested a sign be placed in the Community Room with instructions to check in with the Town Administrator upon arrival, before utilizing the community room.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis then called on Mr. Will Raabe. Mr. Raabe explained that he owns property at 47 Chandler Road and he would like Town road maintenance up to his driveway. Mr. Raabe claimed that the road was maintained by the Town and then suddenly stopped. Mr. Raabe also stated that before he bought the property he did due diligence concerning Town road maintenance up to his driveway. He expressed that after speaking with the Road Agent, Fire Chief and Ann Marie Foote, he was under the impression that the portion of the road in question was maintained by the Town. There was some discussion about repairs that were made by the Town. Road Agent, Butch Bain confirmed repairs were made by the Town to the damaged portion caused by using it as a turnaround. Butch Bain also mentioned that there had been some discrepancy as to how far down on Chandler Road was to be maintained by the Town; however, it is now clear that Town maintenance falls 180 feet short of Mr. Raabe's driveway; therefore, it was explained by the Board that the Town cannot maintain that portion of road. It was explained to Mr. Raabe that if he wanted Town maintenance up to his driveway he would need to Petition the Town with 25 registered voters signatures and it would then have to go before Town Meeting as a Warrant Article for voting. (Ann Marie will be able to go over the time lines with Mr. Raabe). Chair Davis stated that the next step is for the Board to have Ann Marie contact Dan Crean, Town Attorney regarding questions concerning just petitioning for the 180 feet rather than taking the

whole road and questions regarding an emergency lane status. Chair Davis explained to Mr. Raabe that the Board would get back to him within the next ten days or so.

Chair Davis then continued with Other Business – Selectmen’s Input. Chair Davis called on Kevin Coburn who indicated he was here this evening to get an update on Eastern Corners Road. Chair Davis then called on Butch Bain, Road Agent as to what he could do in lieu of paving this year. Butch Bain indicated doing ditching, crowning and digging up the pavement and putting ledge pack down. Selectman Cheney suggested foregoing work on Depot Street and pave Eastern Corner this year. Butch Bain disagreed and indicated there are two businesses on Depot Street and the road is in rough shape.

Kevin Coburn expressed that Butch Bain has done some work out on Eastern Corners since the last meeting and he is satisfied with the repair of the holes and brush cutting and he thanked Butch Bain. Kevin Coburn expressed that it would be a waste to put ledge pack down at this point and suggested paving it and ditching be done next year as Butch Bain confirmed it would. Chair Davis reinforced the fact by reaffirming with the Road Agent that the section of Eastern Corners Road that needs to be reclaimed would be placed on the schedule for paving next year.

Chair Davis then called on Selectman Cheney who discussed with Butch Bain a ditch line on Bumps Intervale Road that needs repair. Selectman Cheney also discussed some brush hanging issues on Spring Hill Road that the public has complained to him about.

Chair Davis called on Selectman Laufenberg who indicated he would like to look further into the paving issue for the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station and Recycling Center as he would like clarification on shared joint expenses.

Selectman Laufenberg also requested that the Fire Commissioners be invited to the meeting when the Fire Chief meets with the Select Board for an update.

Selectman Laufenberg inquired if the Waterville Estates property tax payment issues now lies with the Tax Collector rather than the Board of Selectmen. Ann Marie confirmed that it lies with the Tax collector and that that she is waiting for the June report.

Chair Davis called on Butch Bain who indicated he would like to begin the process of getting estimates on paving. Selectman Cheney indicated he disagreed with paving on Depot Street and suggested some ditching on Depot Street would take care of a lot of problems. After discussion, the Board agreed that they would like to review each individual bid for each individual road to be paved and at that time they will revisit the Depot Street matter.

There being no further business, Chair Davis made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 9a-A: 3 II(c) regarding reputation. 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 8:35 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:40 p.m.

Chair Davis called on Selectman Kelly who made a Motion to seal the Non Public Minutes. 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 Minutes were sealed.

Chair Davis continued with the public meeting, and upon further discussion of the Board, (concerning a business reference discussed at a previous meeting), Chair Davis called on Selectman Wheeler who made a Motion that the Board recognizes that it does not endorse businesses and therefore, will not be sending a letter. 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 Motion was approved not to send a reference letter.

Chair Davis then made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3 II(b) regarding the hiring of a public employee. Ann Marie Foote and Ellie Dewey were excused from the Non Public Session.

Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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