

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JULY 27, 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 5 Building Permits, 2 abatements, 2 Releases of Lien, 1 Agreement with McGlauflin Group Auctioneers, and 1 Tax Agreement.

A Member of the public who attended the meeting but was not on the agenda was Steven Garland. Also present was Daniel Crean, Town Attorney.

Chair Davis opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and noted that the Board's first appointment was not present. Ann Marie then inquired if the Board would like to present any questions to Attorney Dan Crean regarding a final decision on the so called Homan Road issue.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie to begin the discussion and she read the letter from Nick Brunet requesting, as he did at the previous meeting, to classify the so called Homan Road (the portion of road in question) to a Class VI road. Attorney Crean acknowledged that based on the evidence presented to the Board by John March, the so called Homan Road (the portion in question) is a Class VI road and has never been discontinued. Ann Marie then inquired of Steven Garland if he had any concerns as Mr. Burnet stated in his letter that the Garland Heirs did not have any concerns. While Mr. Garland expressed that his recollection of his conversation with Mr. Burnet was not quite the same as stated by Mr. Burnet in his letter, Mr. Garland did not indicate that he was not in favor of a Class VI classification. Mr. Garland did inquire exactly where the location of the portion of the road in question starts and ends. Ann Marie will acquire a copy of the map that John March presented at the meeting on July 13, 2015 for Mr. Garland which depicts the exact location.

There was further discussion concerning signage and Attorney Crean's recommendations. Attorney Crean recommended signs indicating that the portion of road in question is not a maintained road and passing is at your own risk. A Motion was then made by Chair Davis that based on the evidence presented to the Board, it is determined that the so called Homan Road is a Class VI road but the determination does not imply that the Town will maintain the road, traveling is at your own risk and any building issues on the portion of the road in question would have to strictly comply with NH RSA 674:43. 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 Board unanimously agreed the so called Homan Road (the portion in question) is determined a Class VI road.

Chair Davis stated that Chandler Hill Road status would be rescheduled for two weeks as Mr. Raabe was not present at the meeting this evening.

Chair Davis then called on Martha Aguiar and Nancy Mardin regarding the Henry D. Wyatt antique sword. Mrs. Aguiar explained the history of the sword and the fact that it was the wish of the Campton Historical Society (CHS) to have the sword on display at the Campton Historical Society Building. The sword is now in the custody of Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk. Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk expressed she would like the Board to sign a release of ownership as she feels fully responsible for the sword placed in her hands and does not want to be responsible for the sword if it is released to the CHS. Chair Davis asked Attorney Crean to intervene and Attorney Crean stated that the Town Clerk does not “own” the sword, the sword is Town property. He stated the determination of who should have custody of the sword should be left up to the Town, perhaps at a Town meeting vote, but nothing prohibits the Town to “lend” the sword. Also discussed was the fact that the CHS has proper burglary and fire alarm systems and their own insurance. It was the recommendation of Attorney Crean for the Board to adopt a Motion to give custody of the sword to the CHS. Chair Davis then called on Selectman Wheeler who made a Motion to give custody of the Henry D. Wyatt sword to the Campton Historical Society to be displayed in a secure location for public viewing, subject to further action by the Board of Selectmen, and the Board relieves the Town Clerk from custody of said sword. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Laufenberg and with a roll call vote: Selectmen Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, it was unanimously agreed to place the custody of the sword in the hands of the Campton Historical Society.

Chair Davis continued the meeting by calling on Ann Marie to discuss Waterville Estates payments with Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Ann Marie explained that with the new Avitar tax program Waterville Estates District is not separate from the Town as it was with the old tax program. Ann Marie explained that she needs the property tax receipts received for Waterville Estates property separated by the Tax Collector in order to calculate the proper percentages owed to the Waterville Estates District. Ann Marie explained that Mrs. Joyce supplied her with a report of 125 pages of payments, but the report does not separate Waterville Estates from the Town, nor does it differentiate tax lien payments and 2015 payments. Chair Davis then called on Mrs. Joyce who indicated it is not her responsibility to figure what percentage goes to who. Ann Marie explained that she will figure the percentage, Mrs. Joyce does not have to do that. Ann Marie just needs a separate report for Waterville Estates payments with a differentiation for tax lien payments. Ann Marie also explained that Josh and Amy, from Avitar have devised a report to extract the necessary information needed for her, but Mrs. Joyce has not been cooperative in contacting Avitar in order to prepare the necessary report. Mrs. Joyce contends that she does not want to be responsible for any report generated by Avitar and she will not be responsible for any report generated by Avitar. Mrs. Joyce expressed she would have a problem with the auditors with such a report. It was confirmed by Ann Marie that the Town of Thornton has the same Avitar system and the Thornton Town Administrator confirmed that the Thornton Tax Collector has had no problem with their

auditors. Also, Chair Davis stated that the report is a “query” generated from input of data already in the system, and even banks run these type of “queries” all the time and they are acceptable in the banking business. Chair Davis then called on Attorney Crean for any recommendations. Attorney Crean suggested to Mrs. Joyce that she take the opportunity to speak to Avitar and get this matter resolved as it appears that she is just being “stubborn”. Attorney Crean suggested that if there cannot be an agreement reached that the Board contact the Department of Revenue Administration regarding the issue. Attorney Crean also acknowledged that Waterville Estates has threatened a law suit against the Town. Chair Davis then expressed that it appears the issue can be resolved through Avitar with no further action taken. Therefore, Chair Davis asked for Mrs. Joyce’s cooperation by contacting Josh and Amy at Avitar to work in a cooperative manner to create the report which would resolve the issue.

Chair Davis then continued the meeting by calling for a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3II(c) concerning reputation. Selectman Wheeler made the Motion and 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 at 7:40 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 7:50 p.m.

Chair Davis continued the public 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 Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board unanimously agreed to seal the Non Public Minutes.

Chair Davis then made a Motion to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) regarding personnel. 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 as 7:50 p.m. The Board came out of Non Public Session at 8:20 p.m.

Chair Davis continued the public 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 Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the Board unanimously agreed to seal the Non Public Minutes.

Chair Davis then called for a Motion to approve the Minutes and 2 sets of Non Public Minutes. After one revision made by Selectman Cheney to the Minutes and one revision made to one set of Non Public Minutes by Chair Davis, a Motion was made by Selectman Wheeler to approve the revised Minutes and one set of revised Non Public Minutes and to the approve one set of Non Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Laufenberg and with a roll call vote the revised Minutes and revised one set of revised Non Public Minutes and one set of Non Public Minutes as written were unanimously approved.

Chair Davis called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie indicated that Kellie Walsh sent an email regarding the National Flood Insurance Program and the office is conducting a "Community Assistance Visit". Ann Marie indicated the Planning Board agreed to meet at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2015 to participate in the "Community Assistance Visit" and the Selectmen's ex-officio on the Planning Board could represent the Board. Selectman Karl Kelly agreed to attend the meeting.

Ann Marie informed the Board that Mr. Nickolas Dittami apparently wants to put a house on his property on Route 3 rather than just a travel trailer (as previously stated to the Board) because a letter has now been received from a septic designer stating that he is now applying for a Shoreland Permit Application.

Ann Marie distributed to the Board the Guidelines for Tax Agreements to follow-up on Selectman Laufenberg's inquiry at the last meeting. It was noted that there is no mention in the guidelines of interest waived or not waived, as inquired by Selectman Laufenberg at the previous meeting.

North Country Public Safety Foundation sent an application for the Public Safety Officer of the Year award along with an Official Nomination form. It was suggested by the Board to pass this information on to the Fire Chief and Police Chief.

Ann Marie shared with the Board that the Town of Rumney Board of Selectmen also disagree with the re-naming of Bog Pond to Rowbartwood Pond.

Ann Marie stated that she received confirmation from Tammie Beaulieu, Thornton Town Administrator that the Town of Thornton is in agreement to purchase the compactor, the backhoe and the oil fired heater out of this year's budget for the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station and Recycling Center. It was also agreed that the porta potty rental would be installed this year. The next year, or the following year, the addition for the bathroom and lunch area. The paving project to occur in 2016 or 2017. Ann Marie suggested that the Board start thinking about funding for the Solid Waste Capital Reserve as all the above items will deplete the Campton Solid Waste Capital Reserve Fund.

There being no further correspondence, Chair Davis inquired of each Board member if they had any other business to discuss. There was no other business.

Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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