

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2015

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p. m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Charles Wheeler, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg. Selectman Cheney is on vacation and Selectmen Davis had a conflict in schedule. The Board signed the manifest and reviewed the bills. They signed 2 abatements, 2 Land Use Change Tax Applications and 1 adoption of resolution for the National Incident Management System.

A Member of the public who attended the meeting but was not on the agenda was: Kevin Coburn.

Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any changes to the agenda. Ann Marie indicated that Craig Keeney might come in to discuss the repair work schedule on the Blair Bridge.

At 6:45 p.m. Vice Chair Laufenberg called on Fire Chief Daniel Defosses to give an update on the Fire Department. Chief Defosses informed the Board that the Department has changed the work schedule to a 4 day week, 12 hours a day, with 4 days off. This enables the Department to have 2 people on duty with 1 per diem paid employee 7 days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Chief Defosses stated this has been working out well, but mentioned some options that he is also looking into that would involve rotating weekends. Selectman Wheeler inquired about the handicap ramp issue that was previously discussed with the Board concerning Mad River Coffee. Fire Chief Defosses explained that because of the existing building (rather than a new construction) code does not require Mad River Coffee to install a handicapped ramp. Fire Chief Defosses did express that he spoke with the owner and he acknowledges that he could increase his business with a handicapped ramp so he is looking at the possibility of installing a ramp. Fire Chief Defosses expressed to the Board that his appointment as Fire Chief gives him jurisdiction authority over such matters concerning safety.

Fire Chief Defosses also informed the Board that the Fire Department station had recently been hit by lightning which caused the loss of the base radio, one computer, TV, the punch code system for the door and also the generator switch. Ann Marie explained that the insurance adjuster had already gotten estimates for the Fire Department and water damage in the Police Department. The insurance company is going to go with the low estimate at present for the Police and utility room. If as the repairs progress and more extensive work is required, another estimate will have to be figured involving the adjuster having to come to view the site again before any approval could be made. The estimate for the damage in the Town buildings due to the lightning strike has not been approved as yet.

Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired about future equipment purchases and Fire Chief Defosses distributed to the Board a revised plan for the purchase of one rescue vehicle this year, and the ambulance being postponed until 2017. There is also discussion regarding a ladder truck that monies will be allocated to be set aside for. Fire Chief Defosses stated that this was the suggestion of Thornton Selectman Sabourn. Discussion ensued on the necessity of the ladder truck and the Campton Board felt the ladder truck was unnecessary.

Fire Chief Defosses informed the Board that he is the appointed liaison for the 911 number in town and Ann Marie is his backup. Vice Chair Laufenberg signed the appointment for Chief Defosses and Ann Marie. Chief Defosses informed the Board that a new appointment will have to be made for Ann Marie upon her retirement. Vice Chair Laufenberg inquired if the Board had any further questions. The Board had no further questions and the members then thanked Fire Chief Defosses for coming to present his update.

Vice Chair Laufenberg then called on Craig Keeney who informed the Board that Mr. Graton would not be able to schedule the repair work on the bridge until after September 17, 2015; however, Tim felt the bridge would not have to be closed down for their repair work. Craig stated that Mort Donohue, who will be installing the lighting, can do the installation anytime and Craig suggested that the Highway Department could assist with traffic (as they have in the past) on the bridge so the bridge would not have to be closed for the lighting installation either. The Board agreed to schedule the lighting installation as soon as possible, (with assistance from the Highway Department) and Mr. Graton could be scheduled at a later date. Craig will contact Butch Bain, Road Agent, to assist with traffic control during the lighting installation.

Vice Chair Laufenberg then proceeded with discussion on additional roads for paving. Ann Marie distributed the revision proposal from GMI Asphalt Paving Specialists for the Board to review. The revised proposal provides increased footage of paving on Bog Road, Donovan Farm Road and added a portion of Eastern Corners Road to be included and reduced the length of paving on Depot Street. The total revised proposal is in the amount of \$196,325.50. Ann Marie explained that the Road Agent was unable to be present this evening as he had reservations previously scheduled for vacation; however, he informed Ann Marie that he would be able to adjust his budget to accommodate the \$1,325.50 overage for the paving project. Vice Chair Laufenberg called on Kevin Coburn who was present at the meeting and he expressed his experience with shimming versus grinding and paving and cost effectiveness. Mr. Coburn also expressed his concern of proportioning gravel/paving funds as he expressed Campton's proportioning seems to be off. He went on to explain how gravel is lost on the dirt roads through time by traffic, dust, grading and erosion and the amount of gravel lost has to be replaced because the excess from ditches will not create a sufficient amount; however, Mr. Coburn did express that he felt the Town got a good price on paving. On another matter, Mr. Coburn mentioned that he wanted to clarify to the Board that he was not satisfied with brush cutting on Eastern Corners Road. He pointed out that the Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of July 13, 2015 indicate that he was satisfied. Vice Chair

Laufenberg suggested that the Board take the issues of proportioning into consideration at budget time. Selectman Kelley did mention that the Board has discussed shimming vs. paving previously. Selectman Wheeler is in favor of the revised paving proposal, but he suggested that the overage for paving not be taken out of the gravel portion of the Highway Budget. Mr. Coburn then thanked the Board members for their time and excused himself from the meeting.

Vice Chair Laufenberg then called on Craig Keeney who mentioned that Partridge Knoll Road is in bad shape. Mr. Keeney also mentioned some highway cones which were left behind on a job site and not picked up. A homeowner had actually moved it and stored it on the side of his garage. In light of the fact that the dirt roads need gravel replacement, he expressed that he took it upon himself to acquire gravel costs for furnishing gravel, placing and compacting with various depths. He also received options on costs for just purchasing product and the Highway Department performing the work. Mr. Keeney distributed this information to the Board. Mr. Keeney further inquired if the Town could do at least one mile of gravel this year. The Board agreed that there is not enough money in the budget at this time for this project since over \$24,000.00 has presently been expended from the gravel budget this year. Again, Vice Chair Laufenberg confirmed that proportions for gravel/paving should be reviewed at budget time and thanked Mr. Keeney for his research.

Vice Chair Laufenberg continued discussion on the revised paving proposal and then called for a Motion to accept the revised proposal of GMI Asphalt Paving Specialists in the amount of \$196,325.50. Selectman Wheeler made the Motion, the Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Laufenberg – aye, the revised proposal was unanimously approved for GMI Asphalt Paving Specialists to do the paving project under the revised proposal in the amount of \$196,325.50.

Vice Chair Laufenberg then called on Craig Keeney who inquired about his request made to the Board regarding a scheduled plan each month created by the Road Agent defining work planned to be performed, how long it will take and when it will be completed. In addition, Mr. Keeney suggested that an equipment log be maintained. The Board agreed the requests are reasonable, and as explained to Mr. Keeney previously, the Board will take the requests under advisement and explained that Butch Bain is presently on vacation.

Vice Chair Laufenberg continued the meeting by calling on Ann Marie to review the budget and revised revenues for MS-4. Ann Marie distributed to the Board the 2015 Budget through August 17, 2015, the spreadsheet regarding tracking estimate revenue from MS-4 that she prepared (as requested by the DRA for use in preparing the MS-1) and the cash balance spreadsheet through June 30, 2015 which the bookkeeper prepared. Ann Marie went over the budget figures and explained the few overages and she acknowledged the budget is in good shape. The remaining documents the Board would review at their leisure.

Vice Chair Laufenberg then called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of August 10, 2015. Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Minutes as presented. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote, the Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Vice Chair Laufenberg called on Ann Marie to review correspondence. Ann Marie distributed to the Board a packet from Eversource regarding the decision that the Northern Pass electrical lines will be buried from Bethlehem to Ashland. There was also a notice of Public Information Sessions to be held and the closet location to Campton is going to be held Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at Mountain Club on Loon Resort & Spa, 90 Loon Mountain Rd., Lincoln, NH. The schedule for the session commences as an Open House at 5:00 p.m. with a Project Overview (6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.), Questions & Answers (6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) and ending with Public Comments beginning at 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

An email was received from Laurie Vachon of Lakes Region Community Services regarding a grant project for the Town of Campton through Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) which is designed for communities to identify and address barriers experienced by people with disabilities to accessing local health care and recreational opportunities. Ms. Vachon is requesting the possibility of utilizing the Community Room on October 5 and 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for approximately 20 people. The Board concurred to allow the use of the Community Room for the CEI project meetings.

A notice was received from the NH Municipal Association of a workshop “A Hard Road to Travel” to be held at the Department of Motor Vehicles auditorium, 23 Hazen Drive, Concord on September 11, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost of the workshop is \$90.00, including the 2015 edition of “Hard Road to Travel”. Selectman Kelly expressed interest in the workshop and Ann Marie will provide him with the information.

The State of NH DOT sent notification of the estimated State Highway Block Grant Aid that will be available to the Town for the State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$127,332.09.

A letter was received from Nancy Mardin, President of the Campton Historical Society, (CHS) requesting release of the civil war sword to Robert Mardin, Librarian Campton Historical Society. Mrs. Mardin also stated in her letter that the CHS is having a wooden shadow box built to display the sword. Mrs. Mardin also thanked the Selectmen for their assistance in helping to resolve this issue.

Ann Marie informed the Board that Mike Aronson, Waterville Selectman, who was scheduled on the agenda previously regarding recycling apologized for missing the scheduled Selectmen’s Meeting. Ann Marie informed the Board that, as yet, no future date has been scheduled to meet with the Board.

There being no further correspondence, Vice Chair Laufenberg continued with Other Business – Selectmen’s Input and inquired of each Board member present if they had any further business to discuss. Each Board member confirmed they had no further business.

Vice Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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