

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 25, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 8:25 p.m. (directly after the Preliminary 2016 Proposed Budget Hearing), at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Sharon Davis, Charles Cheney, Karl Kelly and Peter Laufenberg, and Carina Park, Town Administrator and Eleanor Dewey, Office Assistant (recorder). Selectman Wheeler was not present due to a conflict in schedule. Also in attendance were Road Agent Bain, Police Chief Warn and Fire Commissioner Kelly Bolger.

During the work session the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills. The Board signed the agreement for services with Vachon, Clukay & Co., P.C., Certified Public Accountants for auditing services. The Board also signed the new contract with Commerford Nieder Perkins for assessing services.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Davis inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes and Non-public Minutes of January 19, 2016. There were no revisions. Chair Davis called on Selectman Laufenberg who made a Motion to approve the Public Minutes and the Non-public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Cheney, and with a roll call vote, the Public Minutes and Non-public Minutes of January 25, 2016 were unanimously approved as written.

Correspondence: Chair Davis called on Carina who informed the Board that a letter was received from the Supervisors' of the Checklist requesting that the responsibility of posting and publishing the Supervisors of the Checklist's notice of meeting for town meeting not be done by the Selectmen as reflected in the Selectmen's Minutes of January 11, 2016. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Carina will invite the Supervisors of the Checklist to the next Board meeting to discuss technical non-compliance issues created when notices are not published in the newspaper on time. Selectman Laufenberg suggested that Carina inform the Supervisors to have available for the Selectmen's Meeting a written schedule over the course of the year as to when the Supervisors' meetings are to be scheduled and when the meetings need to be posted and published.

Carina informed the Board that a property owner in the Village District went before the Board to be removed from the Village District back in 2011. Erroneously, the property owner has been taxed for Village District taxes in the 2014 and 2015 years in the total amount of \$698.20. The property owner is now requesting an abatement for such taxes. **Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the taxes were erroneously charged for the period and the Board unanimously agreed to abate the \$698.20.**

Carina distributed to the Board the old language and new language of the First Amendment to Campton-Thornton-Ellsworth Intergovernmental Fire Rescue Service Agreement which was revised as a result of the joint Board meeting with Campton and Thornton Board of Selectmen and the Fire Commissioners. The Amendment pertaining to the RSA for Fire Chief's authority and RSA pertaining to any possible

suspension of the Fire Chief. After review and discussion, the Board signed the Amendment this evening.

Chair Davis called on Police Chief Warn who stated he was present this evening regarding a Town ordinance pertaining to fines and alarm problems his Department is continuing to have with the same individual he discussed with the Board some time ago. Chair Davis requested this matter be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business: Town Meeting review was tabled. Carina will draft the Warrant Articles and also draft separate Warrant Articles for each Department's Budget.

Chair Davis then moved for a Motion to go into Non-public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a-i) regarding a personnel matter. The Motion was so moved by Selectman Laufenberg, and the Board went into Non-public Session at 8:40 p.m. The Board came out of Non-public Session at 8:50 p.m.

Board Concerns and Directives: Chair Davis called on Selectman Cheney who inquired why the Fire Chief was not present this evening. It was confirmed that Kelly Bolger was present on his behalf this evening because Fire Chief Defosses was not available.

Chair Davis called on Selectman Kelly who inquired if the stained spots on the Community Room kitchen ceiling has been addressed. Carina responded, not yet, but she will contact Chris Kelly to take a look at the ceiling to see what is going on and get a price quote to fix the ceiling tiles.

There was also discussion pertaining to guidelines for Highway Department. Chair Davis commented that at one time there were written guidelines for subcontractors. Carina will research this matter. There was also discussion as to whether or not there is a log for the Highway Department to follow relating to reports of road conditions that needed to be taken care of and the resolution of same. It is believed that no log has been created.

There being no further business, Chair Davis declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and recorder