

## MINUTES

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 23, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met for their weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Charles Cheney, Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis and Karl Kelly, and Carina Park, Town Administrator, and Eleanor Dewey, Office Assistant and recorder. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills. The Board signed 2 Building Permits, 2 Driveway Permits, 1 Sign Permit, 1 Warrant for Betterment Assessment, 2 Notices of Intent to Cut and 1 Veteran's Exemption for spouse.

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes and Non-public Minutes of May 9, 2016. After one revision made by Selectman Kelly to the Public Minutes, Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to approve the Public Minutes as revised and the Non-public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly, and with a roll call vote, the Public Minutes were unanimously approved as revised and Non-public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

#### Old Business:

Tax Agreement Guidelines: Chair Laufenberg called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector who asked for an interpretation of the Board's guidelines which were voted on at the May 9, 2016 Meeting concerning waiving interest and the actual date waiving interest or not waiving interest is to begin. Chair Laufenberg explained that it was the Board's consensus that the first two tax years of interest would be charged to the taxpayer and third year the interest would be waived. For example 2013, 2014 tax years interest would be charged, in the third year, 2015 tax year, the interest would be waived. The Board's consensus is, it would not be fair to taxpayers who pay their taxes on time to waive all 3 years of interest. Mrs. Joyce indicated that the last two tax agreements that were recently signed, the taxpayers were not aware that they had to pay any interest and in the past, interest was waived. After further discussion with Mrs. Joyce, a revision to the Tax Agreement was agreed upon and Carina will draft the revised agreement. **Selectman Davis made a motion to approve the revised Tax Agreement for payment of taxes and regarding interest. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, the Motion was unanimously approved.**

The Board also agreed that the two recent agreements that were signed will be revised and Carina will contact the property owners to meet with the Board to review the revisions.

Chair Laufenberg called for a Motion to go into Non-public Session. **Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A3, II (a-1). The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman**

**Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session 7:24 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:55 p.m.**

Old Business Continued:

**Sealed Non-Public Minutes Policy Review - Chair Laufenberg inquired if the Board had any revisions to the Sealed Non-Public Minutes Policy Review. After discussion, the Board concurred to a periodic review of sealed Non-Public Minutes and the revision will be made to the Policy. A Motion was made by Selectman Wheeler to approve the revised Sealed Non-Public Minutes Policy Review. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Davis and with a roll call vote, the policy was unanimously approved.**

**New Positions & Hiring Policy Review – Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions to the New Positions & Hiring Policy Review. There were no revisions. Selectman Davis made a Motion to approve the New Positions & Hiring Policy Review as written. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and with a roll call vote, the policy was unanimously approved.**

**Inclement Weather Policy Review – Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions and discussion ensued with the Board and Robert “Butch” Bain”. After discussion, Selectman Davis made a Motion to approve the revised Inclement Weather Policy Review. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler, and with a roll call vote, the revised policy was unanimously approved. There was also discussion concerning issues of when to acquire sub-contractor proposals. The Board will revisit this issue.**

New Business

Interest waiver request - Carina explained that another interest waiver request has been received from a property owner due to an address error relating to the Avitar conversion. After discussion, Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who made a **Motion to refund \$366.00 of interest due which accumulated as a result of an improper mailing address. The Motion was seconded, and with a roll called vote: Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Davis - aye and Selectman Cheney – aye, the Motion was unanimously approved.**

RFP for Legal Services: Carina informed the Board that Attorney Crean has reviewed the RFP and has found it to be sufficient. She explained that she has four names as potential candidates. Additionally, **the Board concurred to put the RFP on the website and also the NH Municipal Association website.**

Correspondence:

A copy of a letter was received from Charles Brosseau regarding property at Six Flags Mobile Home Park. As indicated in the letter, the State Health Department suggested the condemning of the property and the certified letter has been sent to the owners of the mobile home park to remove the mobile home.

The final bill from Marvel Sign has been received in the amount of \$15,481.00, which is higher than the quoted price. Discussion ensued with Robert Butch Bain regarding his staff digging the holes and the Highway Department’s work involved in the installation of the sign. After discussion, upon Selectman

Davis' recommendation, **the Board agreed to pay the quoted price of \$13, 014.50 and to invite a representative from Marvel Sign to come in to discuss the remaining balance issues with the Board.** Carina stated that Kelly Bolger is getting a quote for the lighting for the marquee sign.

A thank you letter was received from Brian Gallagher in reference to his recent visit to speak with the Board of Selectmen regarding his plan to campaign for State Representative.

Board Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Cheney who inquired about Beebe River and Rowell Septic. Carina indicated that she contacted Rowell Septic and they have no history of pumping the tanks in Beebe River. **After further discussion, the Board agreed, at this time, to have the small tank pumped by Rowell Septic.**

Privilege of the Floor: Chair Laufenberg called on Robert "Butch" Bain, Road Agent. Mr. Bain informed the Board that he would like to keep the old backhoe. He felt holding on to the old one would extend the life of the new backhoe and eliminate sub-contractors driving Town equipment. Discussion ensued concerning the fact that the old backhoe, if sold now, could possibly bring in approximately \$15,000; however, holding on to the equipment would decrease the value down the road. Also discussed were concerns of the equipment not being used enough and cost of repairs for an old piece of equipment. Mr. Bain gave reassuring examples of usage for the old backhoe. After discussion from every Board member, **Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who made a Motion to keep the old backhoe until major repairs total \$3,000.00, at which time, the Town will dispose of the backhoe. Selectman Wheeler seconded the Motion and with a roll call vote, with 3 yes and 2 no, the Motion passed by majority vote.**

A particular truck was also mentioned that is owned by Russell Allard and is parked on property behind the Highway Department building and is creating a liability to the Town. The Board concurred to have Mr. Bain inform Mr. Allard to remove the truck from Town property by June 1, 2016.

Carina requested the Board go into Non-Public Session. Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who made the Motion to go into under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a-i) regarding a tax agreement matter. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Wheeler and with a roll call vote, Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non –Public Session at 8:45 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:50 p.m.

Adjourn: There being no further business Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant in the Selectmen's Office and Recorder