

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 8, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met for their bi-weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Charles Cheney, Sharon Davis, Charles Wheeler and Carina Park, Town Administrator. Selectman Kelly was not present this evening. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills.

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public present at this meeting were: Angela Van Sickle, Attorney Bernie Waugh, Attorney Matthew Decker, Attorney Christine Fillmore and Attorney Shawn Tanquay.

Approval of Minutes: The Board will approve Minutes of August 1, 2016 and August 8, 2016 at the August 22, 2016 Meeting because the Minute secretary is not here this evening.

New Business:

Citizen Inquiry - Campton Information Center

Carina introduced a prospective buyer, Angela Van Sickle, who is interested in buying the building which houses the Campton Information Center and she is here this evening to find out the specific deed restrictions as to what she can and can't do with the building. It was explained that the Town donated the building to the Chamber of Commerce (Information Center) with the understanding that an "Information Center" be maintained for tourists as it is very important to the Town and business owners in Campton and surrounding Towns. It was determined that the deed restriction is very vague and specific questions were presented by the prospective buyer as to the level of maintaining, i.e. if staffing is necessary or if displays of brochures is all that is necessary. Unfortunately, the Board could not give clarity on the specifics this evening, and Chair Laufenberg stated Town Counsel will have to be contacted. It was mentioned that the donation of the property by the Town was given with the understanding that a Chamber of Commerce was to be maintained in the building, and if this was not upheld the property could revert back to the Town. The Board acknowledged that time is of the essence and explained that Carina Park, Town Administrator, will contact Town Counsel. Ms. Van Sickle thanked the Board and will await a response.

Gardner, Fulton & Waugh (GFW) – New Town Counsel Introduction

The Attorneys present this evening representing the firm were: Attorney Bernie Waugh, Attorney Matthew Decker, Attorney Christine Fillmore and Attorney Shawn Tanquay. The Board introduced themselves individually. Questions presented by the Board to the firm were:

Personnel Law: a copy of a sample drafted Personnel Handbook will be forwarded to Carina from GFW for the Board's review as Selectman Davis mentioned that an updated Personnel Policy is on the Board's future agenda.

Assignment of Attorney to the Town: No specific attorney will be assigned initially; however, assignment will be based more on content of the specific issues as they arise.

Developing a CIP: The question addressed was, does the Town have to approve what department handles the developing of a CIP? It was confirmed that the Planning Board and the Select Board can work together in the developing; however, the CIP is then brought before Town for approval.

Swearing in of an Individual: It was confirmed that the Town Moderator, Town Clerk, a Selectman or a Justice of the Peace can swear in an individual. Chair Laufenberg stated, that historically, the Town Clerk has performed the Oaths of swearing in; however, she is not here this evening and a full-time Police Officer is present this evening to be sworn in.

Inquiry was made regarding if there is any conflict of interest in representation with the Town of Campton and Town of Thornton as the Town of Campton has a joint Campton/Thornton Fire Department and Campton/Thornton Transfer Station, whereas separate Town counsel representation is necessary. It was confirmed there is no conflict of interest with the Town of Thornton.

Ordinances were discussed and inquiry was made as to whether or not all ordinances are on the Town website. The GFW firm requested a full set of ordinances be forwarded to them.

There being no further questions, the Board of Selectmen thanked the GFW firm representatives for coming and welcomed the firm aboard. GFW counsel excused themselves from the remainder of the Meeting.

Selectman Davis made a Motion to authorize the Chairman of the Board to swear in the new full-time Police Officer. The Motion was seconded, and with a roll call vote, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Laufenberg moved on to Campton/Thornton Fire Department Agency Agreement. Carina explained that the intergovernmental agreement does not allow the Campton Thornton Fire Department to hold the title on capital reserve purchases. Therefore, an Agency Agreement was prepared by Town of Thornton Town Counsel, and reviewed by Campton's new Town Counsel, for the Board to sign this evening to grant authority to the Town of Thornton to make this one purchase (covering the whole purchase price) for the Fire/Rescue truck, and to hold title, and in turn, the Town of Campton will pay yearly lease payments as previously agreed. The Agency Agreement was signed this evening by the Board members present.

Old Business: Carina informed the Board that the Site Plan Review is scheduled for tomorrow for the Dollar Store. Chair Laufenberg stated that the concerns voiced by the public were aesthetics and a waste water discharge concern which was addressed and a resolution was acted on. Chair Laufenberg further stated that with all items addressed there was no reason for the Planning Board to deny the application. It was also pointed that the establishment will increase the assessed value, in turn, helping to possibly lower the tax rate.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Chair Laufenberg continued the Meeting with New Business with the swearing-in of the New Full-Time Police Officer. Chief Warn introduced Officer Zachary Moylan to the Board and Officer Moylan presented himself in a very professional manner to the Board. Officer Moylan elaborated on his decision to apply for employment with the Town of Campton by stating that the Campton Police Department has the best reputation in the area and the administration of the Department is excellent. In addition, the staff is happy, making his decision even more attractive. Chair Laufenberg then administered the Oath of Office and Officer Moylan was sworn in this evening. The Board congratulated Officer Moylan and welcomed his professionalism to the Town of Campton.

Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II (a-i): Chair Laufenberg called for a Motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a-i) regarding personnel. The Motion was made by Selectman Davis and seconded, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Board Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Cheney. Selectman Cheney inquired about delinquent Tax Agreements. After reviewing the list, the consensus of the Board was that the list has become shorter and it was agreed that only one letter needs to be sent out regarding a delinquency.

Regarding the lights for the new Town Offices' sign, Selectman Wheeler expressed that he agreed with Carol Lenahan, in that we have gone this far constructing a professional sign, we need to do it right. Selectman Davis agreed. Chair Laufenberg mentioned that in an e-mail from Selectman Kelly, he mentioned the fact that we are over budget on this project and, with that in mind, it was suggested that the lighting wait until next year's budget. Selectman Cheney agreed.

Chair Laufenberg mentioned that Winterbrook Road was being paved this week and Bog Road next week.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder