

**Camden Select Board
Minutes of Meeting
November 9, 2010**

PRESENT: Chairperson Karen Grove, Vice Chairperson Deborah Dodge, John French, Jr., Morgan Laidlaw, Martin Cates, and Town Manager Roberta Smith.

ABSENT: Town Attorney William Kelly

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BOARD OF ASSESSORS

1. **Consideration of property tax abatement for Michael Jones and Hesta Maynard at 40 Washington Street, Unit 212 for the tax year 2010-2011 in the amount of \$132,000 in assessed value.** Manager Smith reported this request is for an abatement of \$139,100 in assessed value (amounting to \$1,873.68 in taxes); Assessors' Agent Wesley Robinson is recommending an abatement of \$132,300 in assessed value (amounting to \$1,782.08).

John French made a motion to approve an abatement for 40 Washington Street, Unit 212 of \$132,300 in assessed value amounting to \$1,782.08. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

John French made a motion to adjourn as Board of Assessors and reconvene as Select Board. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

SELECT BOARD

1. Public Input on non-agenda items.

- a. Board member Dodge reported that CEDAC will be holding its third Strategic Planning meeting on Thursday, November 18th at 5:30 pm at the First Congregational Church on Elm Street.
- b. Board member French publicly thanked the volunteers and Town Office staff for their work at the elections. The town had a 67% voter turnout including absentee voting and voting at the polls.

Board member Deb Dodge stated she knows the town office staff was very busy with elections, property taxes, and car registrations. She was asked by a few people if we couldn't adjust something for future elections.

Board member Karen Grove stated she spoke to the girls in the front office and they told her they were fine with it the way it is. They expect that they are going to have a couple days during the year that are very busy and they do not want to change anything because they feel they have control over it the way it is.

2. Approval of Select Board Minutes from October 26, 2010.

Deborah Dodge made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes of October 26, 2010 as written. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

3. **Approval of application from Camden Harbor Inn at 83 Bay View Street for a Hotel Mini Bar.** Manager Smith reported this is a renewal application and has been reviewed and approved by the Police Chief.

John French made a motion to approve the renewal of the Hotel Mini Bar license for Camden Harbor Inn at 83 Bay View Street. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Chairperson Grove read the rules and regulations for conducting public hearings in preparation of the public hearings to be held this evening.

4. **Public Hearings were held on the following:** Manager Smith reported these are renewal applications and have been reviewed and approved by the Police Chief.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any proponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove asked to hear from any opponents. There were none.

Chairperson Grove closed the public portion of the hearing and no Board discussion followed.

- a. **Application of Brian Hill, d/b/a Francine's Bistro at 55 Chestnut Street for a Class I Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous liquor license.**
- b. **Application of Perceid Corporation, d/b/a Camden Windward House at 6 High Street for a Class IV Malt liquor license.**

John French made a motion to approve the renewal of the licenses as requested in a & b above. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

5. **Consideration of the application of James & Cynthia Ostrowski, d/b/a Blackberry Inn at 82 Elm Street for a victualer license.** Manager Smith reported this application has been reviewed and approved by the Codes Officer and the Fire Chief.

John French made a motion to approve the renewal victualer license as requested above. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

6. **Consideration of appointment of Janis Gilley to the Energy Committee.** Manager Smith reported as the Board is aware Parker Laite Jr has resigned his position on the Energy Committee due to his inability to attend many of the meetings. Janis Gilley from Ragged Mountain Road is interested in filling the balance of Mr. Laite's unexpired term.

Ms. Gilley came before the Board and stated after last month's meetings around the wind power she thought the Energy Committee could use some new voices on the committee. She would like to see the Energy Committee take an active role in educating residents on how they can conserve energy.

John French made a motion to appoint Janis Gilley to the Energy Committee to fill Mr. Laite's unexpired term – through June 2011. Deborah Dodge seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

- 7. Consideration of request for a crosswalk at the intersection of Eaton and High Street.** Manager Smith reported residents have requested the addition of a crosswalk at the intersection of Eaton Avenue and Route 1 and the Parking, Traffic, and Transportation Committee has voted to support the request. The Public Works Director does not support the request as he does not feel the location meets the Maine DOT requirement.

The Board requested that Public Works Director Rick Seibel do a site walk with the Parking Committee to investigate how and where the town could create a safe landing at the intersection of Eaton Avenue and Route 1.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Planning Board: Deb Dodge reported the Planning Board is reviewing a number of ordinance changes. They are talking about creating two levels for home occupation in the zoning ordinance. Altogether they are looking at 10 possible ordinance changes for June. The new CEO Stephen Wilson did an excellent job preparing the information presenting to the Board.
- b. Historic Resources Committee: Deb Dodge reported the committee talked about ideas for a walking tour or a historic map to offer to visitors of the community.
- c. Energy Committee: Martin Cates reported the committee discussed further conservation, energy audits, etc. and member Brian Robinson offered to run some analyses to see where the Opera House/Town Office, Public Safety and Public Works facilities are in terms of energy use.
- d. CEDAC: Martin Cates reported Ian Colgan will be attending the CEDAC meeting tomorrow night to give an update on the Gateway 1 study being done. (Commercial Property/Business Capacity Inventory and Economic Development Analysis for the Town of Camden)

9. Managers Report

- a. Janice is working on a spreadsheet to track our license agreements. Once Bill Kelly has looked it over and it has been fine tuned she will bring it back to the Board.
- b. The Steamboat Landing project will be paved on Friday. This project is finishing up as well as the Molyneaux Bridge projects.
- c. Steve Wilson approached her about whether the Board would be willing to try an offsite plan this winter in order to accommodate Kit Parker for the Historic Resources Committee meetings. She reported if the Board were to consider this we would need to make sure the meetings are well-posted and provide public notice that the public is welcome to attend. It has also been suggested that they could tape record the meetings. The Board was fine with this on a trial basis as long as the Town Attorney had no issues with the idea.
- d. Today was a construction meeting for the Rawson Pump Station project. It appears that we may be looking at a substantially completion date by the end of February.

John French made a motion to adjourn as Select Board and convene as Wastewater Commissioners. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

- 1. Approval of the quarterly Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates in the amount of \$211,514.07.** Manager Smith reported this represents the most recent quarter of wastewater use from July 10 through October 9, 2010 and commits those charges for billing and collection.

John French made a motion to approve the quarterly Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User charges. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

At 7:40 pm John French made a motion to adjourn as Wastewater Commissioners and convene as Select Board and to enter into executive session. Morgan Laidlaw seconded this motion. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

10. Executive Session: Collective bargaining agreement 1 MRSA Section 405(6)D

The Board came out of executive session at 8:12 pm.

A motion was moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:13 pm. The motion passed on a 5-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Esancy
Recording Secretary