



Town of Camden Select Board Meeting April 5, 2016

Minutes

Present: Select Board Chair John French and Select Board Members, Don White, Leonard Lookner, Martin Cates, and Town Manager, Pat Finnigan. Also present were citizens and members of the press. Select Board Member, James Heard was absent.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

a) Community education project regarding clean water: Storm drain stenciling program

Conservation Commission Member Alison McKellar, spoke about keeping the beaches and storm water drains free of debris and in educating the public regarding keeping the sewage pipes and storm water pipes separate and clean. One idea is to stencil the storm water drains with reminders to keep trash out of the storm drains, as this goes right to the ocean. Another way to improve the health of the harbor and beaches is to prohibit people from feeding of ducks. This practice is unhealthy for the water quality as well as the wildlife. Ms. McKellar is working with Public Works Director Rick Seibel to get this campaign rolling this spring/summer to educate the public.

b) Fire Department Training Exercise at 24 Thomas Street

Mariah Klapatch, is the Producer of the movie "Island Zero" which is being filmed in Camden. She explained the movie has involved mostly local people in all capacities from the writer and actors, to the film crew and technicians. She said one of the scenes would involve filming a burning building. A building owner of 24 Thomas St. has given his permission to Fire Department to use the building for training drills, and then allow the Fire Department to burn the building. Fire Chief Chris Farley discussed the how they would use the building and the precautions they would take to keep everyone safe and keep the fire under control.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to allow the Camden Fire Department to do a controlled burn at 24 Thomas Street in Camden as part of the movie and to waive the \$50 fee usually associated with the building demolition permit. Don White seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

c) Request by the Downtown Area Business Group to host the annual "Business is Blooming" sidewalk sale on May 20-22 and use of the Public Landing on Saturday May 21 for a public dance

Karen Brace, Community Development Director, presented the request on behalf of the Camden Area Business Group regarding this event that is considered the kickoff of the summer season.

Don White made a motion to approve the sidewalk sale May 20-22 and for the use of the Public Landing for a dance on May 21st, to end by 10pm. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed 4-0.

3. Citizen Comments (for items *not* on the agenda)

Marty Rogers of Chestnut St addressed the Board. She said she represented a group of about 25 concerned citizens regarding two residents in the area who are feeding seagulls in excessive amounts on a daily basis. She said this was causing a health problem to the community and property damage. She urged the Select Board to draft an Ordinance to address this problem. She presented the ordinance used in Rockland. It was determined that this was something that would be discussed at the next Select Board Workshop to determine actions the Town could take.

T.C. Bland made comments about the Town's pay plan and what process could be used to change it. He said that as a Budget Committee Member, he was concerned that personnel costs are a large portion of the budget but the Budget Committee has no ability to change or influence those decisions. He also thought that the Town should have a system of merit pay rather than automatic annual wage increases. He wanted to know how that could be changed.

Martin Cates thanked Mr. Bland for his comments and told him one place to start was to review the Town Charter. Don White suggested that Mr. Bland look at the Personnel Policy and bring suggestions forward to the Town Manager.

John Anders of the New England Mountain Bike Association gave an update on the mountain bike trails at the Snow Bowl. He thanked the Snow Bowl staff for helping make the trails more accessible and more well known. He reported that the paths have been used all 12 months (year round) for the first time this ever and that the erosion control that is in place is great.

4. New Business

A. Confirmation of the Town Manager's appointment of Finance Director.

Virginia Lindsey was introduced as Camden's new Financial Director. She will begin serving in that capacity on May 2nd, 2016.

Martin Cates made a motion to confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Virginia Lindsey as the Town of Camden Financial Director. Don White seconded this motion. The motion passed 4 to 0.

B. Appointment of William O'Donnell as Interim Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, and Health Officer.

Don White made a motion to accept the appointment of William O'Donnell as Interim Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, and Health Officer. Martin Cates seconded this and the motion carried 4-0.

C. Consideration of proposed Camden Zoning Ordinance Amendments and request to set a date for a Public Hearing

1. Amend Article VIII, Section 7, Traditional Village District (C) Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions, (5) of the Camden Zoning Ordinance be amended to add sub 5 which would allow certain large existing nonconforming houses to add additional dwelling units upon receiving a "Special Exception" from the zoning Board of Appeals.

2. Amend Article XI Signs, Section 10 of the Camden Zoning Ordinance be amended to allow limited Seasonal Farm Stand signs and limited temporary Farmers' Market signs in the right-of-way in certain locations as allowed by 23 M.R.S.A. § 1913.

3. Incorporate the 2015 amendments to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Chapter 1000 rules into the Camden Zoning Ordinance to keep Camden in compliance with 38 MRSA §435-449 (Shoreland Zoning)

4. Consideration of proposed updated Floodplain Management Ordinance which references the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps and request to set a date for a Public Hearing.

Don White made a motion to accept the proposed Camden Zoning Ordinance Amendments, and set the date for a Public Hearing for all of the above for April 19, 2016. Martin Cates seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

E. Set date for Public hearing for proposed Charter Amendments:

1) To allow the Town or have an informational summary on the ballot to explain the purpose of a proposed amendment or other questions on the ballot.

2) To establish a Single Assessor.

3) To designating the County Board of Assessment Review as the body to hear tax valuation appeals.

Don White made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on the 19th April, 2016 on the 3 items above and Martin Cates seconded this. In a bit of discussion, Leonard Lookner declared that he would be voting against this on the grounds that he is against the Select Board giving up the power they have now to bring to a public meeting request for tax abatements. The motion passed 3-1, with Leonard Lookner dissenting.

F. Consideration of revocable license agreement for Katherine McCreery at 78 Mechanic Street for underground utilities.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to give a revocable license agreement to Katherine McCreery at 78 Mechanic Street for underground utilities. Don White seconded this and the motion carried 4-0.

G. Authorize the Town Manager to enter into an Agreement with P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center to serve as the Town's Shelter for Stray and Abandoned Animals.

Don White made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an Agreement with P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center to serve as the Town's Shelter for Stray and Abandoned Animals. Leonard Lookner seconded this motion and the motion passed 4-0.

5. Public Hearings on liquor license renewals:

a) Application of Brevetto, LLC, d/b/a 40 Paper at 40 Washington Street for a Class I Restaurant Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License

b) Application of Camden Whitehall Corp, d/b/a Whitehall at 52 High Street for a Class I-A Restaurant/Hotel Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License

Leonard Lookner made a motion to renew both license renewals. Don White seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

5. Approval of Select Board Minutes of March 15, 2016

Don White made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Martin Cates seconded this. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Select Board Member Reports

Don White reported on the Downtown Network Board's last meeting.

Leonard Lookner commented on a phone call he received from a Lincolnville member of the Route 1 Committee saying that the Select Board would be hearing from a representative from the State to propose reconstruction of Route 1.

John French reported on the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Board's recommendation to contract with ecomaine to accept the region's solid waste. This recommendation will be present to the four towns, and then be voted on by the citizens at Town Meeting in June.

8. Town Manager Report

Pat Finnigan asked the Select Board to set next Tuesday, April 12 as a workshop and Select Board Meeting.

Done White made a motion to that affect, and Martin Cates seconded this. The motion passed 4-0.

Adjourn

Leonard Lookner made a motion to adjourn. Don White seconded this. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora E. McGrath, Recording Secretary