



**Town of Camden  
Select Board Meeting  
May 3, 2016**

**Minutes**

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

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions**

a) Request by West Bay Rotary to have access to and use the Megunticook River and upper harbor to hold a "Duck Derby" on Saturday, May 29, 2016

*Martin Cates made a motion to accept the request as presented and Don White seconded this. The motion carried 5-0.*

b) Request by West Bay Rotary Club to host a beer tent at the Camden Snow Bowl as part of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine's 15 Annual "Lobster Ride" on July 23-24, 2016

*Martin Cates made a motion to accept the request as presented and James Heard seconded this. The motion passed 5-0.*

c) Request by Mid Maine Sports Car Club to hold a foreign car show on Sunday June 5, 2016 on Chestnut St from noon to 4:00 p.m.

*Leonard Lookner made a motion to accept the request as presented. Don White seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.*

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

There were no public comments.

Don White reminded Citizens that studded snow tires need to be off vehicles as of May 1, noting there is a chance of being fined if not in compliance. He also reminded everyone that 2 hour parking is in effect in downtown, subject to ticketing, and there is free public parking available at the Public Landing, behind the Mill and next to the Public Safety Building.

#### **4. Approval of Select Board Minutes of April 19, 2016**

*Martin Cates made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Don White seconded this. The motion carried 5-0.*

#### **5. Select Board Reports**

Don White reported on the Meeting with DOT on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, discussed was the sidewalk on Rt.1 from Quarry Hill to what used to be Leonard's, soon to be Loyal Biscuit. A preliminary report is due out in early summer, with construction expected to begin sometime in 2018.

Leonard Lookner reported on a couple of upcoming meetings, the first on the Rt. 1 proposal (from the State Park to the Lincolnville Town line) to be held May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and the second, regarding a report on the Tannery Reuse Committee on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May at 6:30pm at the Middle School. Mr. Lookner emphasized the importance of participation in these two meetings and the impact they may have on the town.

#### **6. New Business**

##### **A. Licenses**

##### **1. Liquor License (Public Hearing)**

- a) Consideration of application for a new liquor license for *Sea Dog Brewpub Camden, LLC* at 1 Main Street for a new Class IX Lounge/Restaurant Liquor License.

*Leonard Lookner made a motion to accept the application for a new liquor license for Sea Dog Brewpub Camden, LLC at 1 Main Street for a new Class IX Lounge/Restaurant Liquor License. Martin Cates seconded this motion and it passed 5-0.*

##### **2. Victualer's Licenses**

- a) Consideration of victualer license application for *Camden House of Pizza* at 12 Mechanic Street.

*Don White made a motion to accept the victualer license application for Camden House of Pizza at 12 Mechanic Street. Martin Cates seconded this motion and it passed 5-0.*

##### **3. Business License and Taxi Operator License**

- a) Consideration of application for taxicab business license for Christopher M. Merritt d/b/a/ *Schooner Bay Taxi*.

*Don White made a motion to accept the application for taxicab business license for Christopher M. Merritt d/b/a/ Schooner Bay Taxi, and Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

b) Consideration of application for taxicab operator license for Christopher M. Merritt of Rockport.

*Don White made a motion to accept the application for a for taxicab operator license for Christopher M. Merritt of Rockport. Martin Cates seconded this motion and it passed 5-0.*

## **B. Public Hearings**

1. Continuation of Public Hearing for update the Floodplain Management Ordinance to conform to the new digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

*Don White made a motion to update the Floodplain Management Ordinance to conform to the new digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps and to bring it to Town Meeting for secret ballot vote. Martin Cates seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.*

2. Continuation of Public Hearing for the amendment to the Town Charter to establish the County Board of Assessment Review as the appeal authority for tax abatements.

*Don White made a motion to table this and continue the Public Hearing on the amendment to the Town Charter to establish the County Board of Assessment Review as the appeal authority for tax abatements until the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016 Select Board Meeting. James Heard seconded this, and the motion carried 5-0.*

3. Public Hearing regarding proposed new ordinance to control excessive feeding of birds and wildlife.

*Don White made a motion to send a proposed new ordinance to control excessive feeding of birds and wildlife onto the 15 June, 2016 Town Warrant. Leonard Lookner seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.*

4. Public Hearing regarding proposed amendments to Town of Camden, Police Ordinance, Chapter VIII Police, Part XI E-911 Addressing Ordinance.

*Don White made a motion to accept the proposed amendments to Town of Camden, Police Ordinance, Chapter VIII Police, Part XI E-911 Addressing Ordinance, for the enhanced 911 system. Martin Cates seconded this motion and it passed 4-1, with Leonard Lookner dissenting.*

5. Public Hearing proposed bond issue to borrow up to \$330,000 for the Harden Avenue drainage project, inner harbor floats, and sewer line replacement project (Bakery Bridge).

*Don White made a motion to send the proposed bond issue, to borrow up to \$330,000 for the Harden Avenue drainage project, inner harbor floats, and sewer line replacement project (Bakery Bridge), onto the 15 June, 2016 Town Warrant for a floor vote. Martin Cates seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.*

### **C. Approval of 2016 June Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

*John French made a motion to table the approval of the 2016 June Annual Town Warrant to the Select Board Meeting of May 17, 2016. Don White seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.*

### **D. Approval of an Order to place the following Town Ordinance Amendments and Charter Amendments on the ballot to be voted on at the June 14 Town Meeting election.**

- 1.** Shall the town vote to amend Article VIII, Section 7, Traditional Village District (C) Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions, (5) of the Camden Zoning Ordinance be amended to add subsection 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. (A copy of said Ordinance amendment is available at the Town Office)
  
- 2.** Shall the town vote to 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. (A copy of said Ordinance amendment is available at the Town Office)
  
- 3.** Shall the town vote to 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). (A copy of said Ordinance amendment is available at the Town Office)
  
- 4.** Shall the town vote to repeal of existing Floodplain Ordinance and replace with proposed updated Floodplain Management Ordinance which references the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps. (A copy of said Ordinance amendment is available at the Town Office)
  
- 5.** Shall the town vote to amend the Town Charter Article II, Section 6 to remove the amount of compensation from the Charter and have Select Board compensation established by vote at annual town meeting. (A copy of said Charter amendment is available at the Town Office)
  
- 6.** Shall the town vote to amend the Town Charter Article I Section 4(d), Article IV, Part C and Article VI to establish a Single Assessor rather than have the Select Board serve as the Board of Assessors. (A copy of said Charter amendment is available at the Town Office).
  
- 7.** Shall the town vote to amend the Town Charter Article VII, Section 5 to allow the Select Board to include a brief information note that explains each ballot question to be voted on through secret ballot. (A copy of said Charter amendment is available at the Town Office)

*Don White made a motion to approve an Order to place the following Town Ordinance Amendments and Charter Amendments on the ballot to be voted on at the June 14, 2016 Town Meeting election, item numbers 1-5, and 7, above. This motion was seconded by Martin Cates and it passed 5-0.*

*Martin Cates made a motion to approve an Order to place the following Charter Amendment on the ballot to be voted on at the June 14, 2016 Town Meeting election, item number 6, above. John French seconded this and the motion carried 4-1, with Leonard Lookner dissenting.*

#### **E. Appointments**

1. Appointment of Bob Oxtan to the Cemetery Association

*Don White made a motion to appoint Bob Oxtan to the Cemetery Association and Martin Cates seconded this. The motion carried 5-0.*

2. Appointment of Snow Bowl FY17 Budget Team

*It was the consensus of the Select Board to decide any appointments at the Select Board Special Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.*

3. Discussion of establishing a Snow Bowl 4-Season Work Group

*After some discussion, Don White made a motion to establish a Snow Bowl Advisory Group consisting of 7 regular members and 2 alternates. Martin Cates seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.*

#### **Adjourn**

*At 8:15pm, Don White made a motion to adjourn and Martin Cates seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Nora E. McGrath, Recording Secretary