



**Town of Camden  
Select Board Meeting  
June 21, 2016**

**Minutes**

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

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. New Select Board Member, Marc Ratner, was welcomed.

**B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions**

Request by the Camden Public Library to close Atlantic Avenue:

- Friday, July 15 at noon through Sunday, July 17 at 7pm for the Harbor Arts Juried Arts & Craft Show; and
- Saturday, September 10th all day for Mini Makers Faire

*Don White made a motion to grant the request to close Atlantic Ave. Friday, July 15 at noon, through Sunday, July 17 at 7pm for the Harbor Art Juried Arts & Craft Show and Saturday, September 10th all day, for Mini Makers Faire. James Heard seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.*

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

Anita Brosius-Scott, Chair of the Energy and Sustainability Committee, updated the Select Board on the latest meetings and direction the Committee is heading. She gave the Board written updates and a report on energy-saving considerations for the new Snow Bowl Lodge. Don White made a suggestion that a discussion of this report be put on the Select Board Agenda sometime in August.

Jeff Scott spoke on behalf of the Pathways Committee and gave a brief update.

Leonard Lookner spoke on behalf of a Citizen whose property abuts the Tannery Property. This Citizen would like the chain link fence that was placed on her property by the Town to be removed. The Town will have the Public Works Department remove it.

Don White wants to remind everyone that the kids are out of school and to watch for them in the streets. He also spoke about the work the Downtown Network Board lighting project and that the beginning of the "test run" would begin this evening on Atlantic Ave. He also reported on the Maine Water hosted an event announcing the project around Mirror Lake. Don said that he is firmly committed to Ecomaine and believes that the educational portion is the answer here.

Leonard Lookner wants to have a field trip to Ecomaine. Leonard also reported that he made a trip to the Public Safety Building and was pleased to find out that Chief Farley was the one who planted and cared for a group of beautiful plantings there and wanted to commend the Chief for his care for the community. He also spoke a bout the Tannery Reuse Committee Meeting and said that a consensus of all the work groups was focused on the Farmer's Market and wants action to move this forward.

Marc Ratner gave a report on the latest at the Opera House.

#### **D. Approval of Select Board Minutes of May 24, 2016 and June 6, 2016.**

*It was the consensus of the Board to table the approval of these minutes until the next meeting.*

#### **E. Select Board Reports**

Don White reported on the Library Trustees Meeting, Historic Resources Committee, and the Tannery Workgroup Committee Meeting. The Tannery Workgroup Committee will meet again Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

#### **F. Town Manager Report**

Pat Finnigan reported that license plates will be available for the public in the near future and to remind the public that they can register their vehicles online and not have to make a special trip to the Town office.

Camden has had a call from the Department of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and were told that Camden is an excellent habitat for bats. The Department of Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife have been out on the River Walk putting up bat netting to capture bats, in order to check their health and monitor them. Pat also reported on last week's election and wanted to thank all staff for their help getting things to run so smoothly. She then spoke of the good turn-out for Town Meeting and again thanked all who helped. It was clear from this Town Meeting that more education needs to be done with the Public on Article 15.

*It was the consensus of the Board to move ahead to **H. New Business # 1& 2.***

#### **G. Licenses**

1. Request to approve the following Victualers License renewals: A Little Dream, Bagel Café, Birchwood Motel, Blue Harbor House, Camden Cone, Camden Deli, Camden Riverhouse Hotel, Drouthy Bear, Hawthorn Inn, High Tide Inn, and Quarry Hill.

*Don White made a motion to approve all of the aforementioned Victualers License renewals and James Heard seconded this. The motion carried 5-0.*

2. Request to approve the following Lodging Establishment License renewals: A Little Dream, Beloin's Motel, Birchwood Motel, Blue Harbor House, Camden Riverhouse Hotel, Captain Swift Inn, Hawthorn Inn, and High Tide Inn.

*Don White made a motion to approve all of the aforementioned Lodging Establishment License renewals and James Heard seconded this. The motion carried 5-0.*

*It was the consensus of the Board to return to the regular Agenda, **H. New Business items # 3-9.***

#### **H. New Business**

1. Approval of Assembly Permit for First Congregational Church for Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

*Don White made a motion to approve the permit for Assembly for the First Congregational Church for Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Leonard Lookner seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.*

2. Establishment of a Route 1 North Advisory Committee.

After much discussion, two motions were passed.

*Don White made a motion to accept the Mission Statement written by Leonard Lookner. Leonard Lookner seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.*

*Leonard Lookner made a motion to establish a Route 1 North Advisory Committee consisting of seven Regular Members (Richard Bernhard, Tony Grassi, Robert Falciani, Jennifer Simon, Tom Laurita, Geoff Scott, and Nancy Caudle-Johnson), two Alternates (Beedy Parker and Jane LeFleur ) and two Select Board Co-liaisons (Leonard Lookner and Don White). Don White seconded this motion and it passed 5-0.*

*It was the consensus of the Board to return to **G. Licenses**.*

3. Reappointment of the Town Manager pursuant to Article II, Section 5 of the Town Charter.

*Don White made a motion to reappoint the Town Manager pursuant to Article II, Section 5 of the Town Charter. Marc Ratner seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.*

4. Reappointment of the Road Commissioner pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S. Section 2701.

*Don White made a motion to reappoint the Road Commissioner pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S. Section 2701, and James Heard seconded this. The motion passed 5-0.*

5. Reappointment of the Harbormaster pursuant to the Harbor & Waterways Ordinance, Article III, Section 3.

*Don White made a motion to reappoint the Harbor Master pursuant to the Harbor & Waterways Ordinance, Article III, Section 3. James Heard seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.*

6. Confirmation of the Town Manager's appointments of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and the Town Clerk and Department Heads pursuant to Article III of the Town Charter.

*Don White made a motion to confirm the Town Manager's appointments of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and the Town Clerk and Department Heads pursuant to Article III of the Town Charter. James Heard seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.*

7. Elect the Secretary of the Select Board.

*Former Secretary, James Heard, nominated new Select Board Member, Marc Ratner, to be the Secretary of the Select Board. Don White seconded this motion and it passed 4-0-1, with Marc Ratner abstaining.*

8. Set June 28 and July 12 as Select Board Meeting dates.

*Don White made a motion to establish June 28 and July 12 as Select Board Meeting dates. Leonard Lookner seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.*

9. Establishment of the Rules of Order to be followed at Select Board Meetings.

*Don White made a motion to establish the Rules of Order to be followed at Select Board Meetings and Marc Ratner seconded this. The motion passed 5-0.*

## **I. Select Board Closing Comments**

There was some discussion regarding the Snow Bowl Budget and the cost of the compressors. Also mentioned, was the MCSWC Meeting at the Rockport Town Hall on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Leonard Lookner asked if any other Board Members would like to make a field trip to Ecomaine, after some scheduling Pat Finnigan said she would set that up. Pat Finnigan also thanked Roger Moody for stepping up at the last minute into the role of Moderator at the Town Meeting.

## **Adjourn**

*At 8:00 pm, Don White made a motion to adjourn and James Heard seconded this. The motion carried 5-0.*

**\*\*\* Break \*\*\*\***

## **Workshop**

- 1. Meeting and Workshop Schedule**
- 2. Committee Appointments**

Respectfully submitted,

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Nora E. McGrath, Recording Secretary