



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
February 11, 2014
6:30pm

PRESENT: Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Donald White, and Town Manager Finnigan. Also present were members of the press and public.

A. Call to Order

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

B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

1. Presentation and Update re: Mountain Bike Trails

Morgan Laidlaw and John Anders spoke to the Board about the local mountain bike organization, describing the success of their summer kids' program and progress with trails. They said that during the summer of 2013, their "NEMBA Explorers" had completed a trail on a 5-acre parcel on Rollins Road that links to a 75-acre private parcel. They explained that during the summer of 2014 they will need to look for new opportunities as the redevelopment at the Snow Bowl will be underway on the mountain.

Laidlaw and Anders outlined their organization's goals for 2014: to obtain more landowner permissions to develop trails from Ragged Mountain to the harbor; to build a trail from 5 Brooks to the new Rollins Road Trail; and to have Sagamore Farm trails in place. Martin Cates asked if they had talked with the Town of Rockport. John Anders said they had presented to the Rockport Select Board and that Rockport seemed excited about collaborating.

2. CEDAC Update for the Select Board

Pat Finnigan noted that the CEDAC update had been included in the Select Board packets.

3. Presentation by Brian Hodges re: Downtown Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District

Brian Hodges outlined a proposed amendment to the existing Downtown TIF which had been endorsed by the Downtown Network Board and CEDAC. He said that the amendment would extend the duration of the TIF from 20 to 30 years and would include the Knox Mill buildings and parking lot in the TIF. Additionally, Hodges said that the state office had requested a name of the TIF to include the word "ombnibus", so that was included in the proposal as well.

Another part of the amendment, Hodges said, would be to incorporate a Credit Enhancement Agreement as a tool to incentivize new businesses to relocate to Camden and existing businesses to expand. Hodges answered several questions from the Board on the TIF amendment and the CEA process.

4. Resignation of Kim Tuttle from the Planning Board

Donald White made a motion that the Select Board accept the resignation of Kim Tuttle from the Planning Board with regret, and to ask the Town Manager to send Tuttle a letter thanks on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by John French. It was unanimously approved.

C. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

The Chair opened the floor to comments from the Board.

Don White thanked Holly Edwards and the Toboggan Committee as well as the Snow Bowl staff for their excellent work hosting the 24th Annual Toboggan Championships.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated January 21, 2014.

John French made a motion that the Select Board accept the minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Leonard Lookner. It was unanimously approved.

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White reported on a recent meeting of the Opera House Committee where the 2015 budget had been addressed. White said that the Planning Board had discussed a special exception and had heard a request from Kristi Bifulco to allow B&Bs to serve dinners to guests.

Leonard Lookner noted how the Winterfest and the Toboggan events were important to the vitality of the Town and the Snow Bowl. He also noted that traffic congestion during the festival could cause trouble for ambulances needing to get through.

F. Old Business

There was no old business.

G. New Business

1. Schedule a public hearing and Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 25th for the following:

- a) Amendment to the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District
- b) Acquisition of an easement to construct a new pump station adjacent to Wayfarer Marine on Sea Street.

Donald White made a motion to adopt the resolution to schedule a public hearing and Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, February 25th to consider an amendment to the Downtown Tax Increment Finance District. James Heard seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to schedule a public hearing for the same date to address the acquisition of an easement to construct a new pump station adjacent to Wayfarer Marine on Sea Street, and to include this matter in the same February 25th Special Town Meeting. Donald White seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager told the Board that the Small Harbor Improvement Grant (SHIP) proposal submitted by the Development Office to fund the fisherman's hoist and boardwalk expansion had been awarded. She also announced that over the 2.5 years he had been working for the Town, Brian Hodges had secured more than \$1 million in grant funding for Camden. Cates thanked Hodges on behalf of the Board.

I. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn

Donald White made a motion to adjourn as Select Board and reconvene as Wastewater Commissioners. Leonard Lookner seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Convene as Wastewater Commissioners

John French made a motion to approve the Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates October 22, 2013 to January 21, 2014. Donald White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn as Wastewater Commissioners

John French made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donald White seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary