



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
March 3, 2015
6:30pm

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

ABSENT: Leonard Lookner

A. Call to Order

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

B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

1. Legislative Issues Briefing

Representative Joan Welsh and Senator David Miramant briefed the Board on activities of the state legislature. They discussed revenue sharing, the homestead exemption, the work of their committees, and other initiatives currently being considered. John French suggested that issues that affect communities be taken up first so that municipalities can have the information they need to structure town budgets in time for June votes.

2. Request by the Conservation Commission to use \$400 from the Reserve Fund to purchase a new American Elm tree to replace an Elm at the Amphitheater that had been destroyed during the November, 2014 ice storm.

Don White made a motion to approve the request from the Conservation Commission to use \$400 from the Reserve Fund to purchase a new American Elm tree to replace an Elm at the Amphitheater that had been destroyed during the November, 2014 ice storm. Jim Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

C. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes

Don White made a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting dated February 17, 2015. Jim Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White commended Pen Bay Pilot on receiving a major award. He also noted that the Camden Garden Club would be kicking off their 100th anniversary celebration with a reception at the Camden Public Library.

White said that the Executive Director of the Pen Bay Chamber of Commerce, Staci Coomer, would be leaving the Chamber later in the month. Lastly White acknowledged the passing of former Planning Board member, Kerry Sabanty.

White reported that the Library had launched a new website and that the Planning Board would be passing on the Business Opportunity Zone to the Select Board for approval. He reported on the Opera House Committee, saying that the new screen and projector were in place, that the Opera House would be also be creating a new website, and that the most recent Saturday night movie had drawn 74 people.

John French said that Region 8 is looking at location issues. There were no other Select Board reports.

F. Town Manager Report

Pat Finnigan said that budget season was underway with 22 members. One third of the members are new, she said. Ed Collins had been elected Chair and Patty Eddy Vice-Chair. She said that the budget meetings would be streamed and televised every Thursday in March at 6:30 p.m.

Finnigan noted that the Snow Bowl had had a very successful weekend.

G. New Business

1. Appointments to the Tannery Work Group: Jo Dondis and John Arnold.

Select Board members decided that 15 members would be the limit for the work group.

Don White made a motion to approve the appointments of Jo Dondis and John Arnold to the Tannery work group. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2. Appointment of member and alternate member to the Maine Service Center Coalition: Pat Finnigan and Martin Cates.

John French made a motion to approve the appointments of Pat Finnigan and Martin Cates as a member and an alternate member to the Maine Service Center Coalition. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

H. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn

Jim Heard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary