



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
March 18, 2014
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. 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 31, 2014

Sandy Cox and Peter Burke presented their plans on behalf of the West Bay Rotary Club for the third annual Duck Derby fundraiser.

John French made a motion to grant permission to West Bay Rotary to hold its 3rd annual rubber Duck Derby on May 31 from approximately 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2. Request by the Camden Windjammer Festival to close the Public Landing from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28 through 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 31 for exhibits and activities related to the Festival.

Emily Lusher of the Camden Windjammer Festival Committee described the plans for the festival on Labor Day weekend.

Don White made a motion to close the Public Landing from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28 through 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 31 for exhibits and activities related to the Camden Windjammer Festival. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

C. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments. The Chair opened the floor to comments from the Board.

Don White spoke about the Library Book Sale taking place on March 22 & 23, and told the Board that Karen Brace was celebrating her 25th anniversary as a member of the Camden Rotary Club.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes

Don White made a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting dated March 4, 2014. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Select Board Member Reports

James Heard reported on the recent Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, saying that the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment had been started on March 17th. He noted that the existing lifts that are due to be replaced are worth \$20,000 to \$40,000 and that there is one mountain currently bidding on one of the lifts. Heard also reported that the Toboggan Championships had enjoyed their best year ever. He said that Snow Bowl income had reached approximately \$31,000 and net income would come in at about \$10,000 for the season.

John French reported on progress of Region 8 in revising its funding formula for sending schools.

Don White said that the Historic Resources Committee had met and that Lowrie Sargent had been elected as Chair of the Planning Board, along with Richard Householder as Vice Chair.

F. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager told the group that there would be an important community meeting on March 20th concerning the future of the Camden-Rockport Middle School. She said that consultants would be presenting options of whether to rebuild, renovate, or to keep the school in its current condition which would require completing mandatory code improvements.

Finnigan went on to report that the Snow Bowl had enjoyed a successful season and that there had been a celebration on the previous Sunday to commemorate the final closing of the T-bar. She also explained the reasons for the Snow Bowl's closure on March 16th, which she said had mainly been due to the schedule for the redevelopment. She congratulated the staff and thanked the patrons of the Snow Bowl for making it a successful winter.

Lastly the Town Manager noted that the following Thursday evening would mark the half-way point of the weekly Town budget meetings.

G. New Business

1. Consideration of Committee Appointments

a. Appointment of Richard Bernhard as a regular member of the Planning Board

James Heard made a motion to appoint Richard Bernhard as a regular member of the Planning Board for a term expiring in 2016. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

b. Appointment of Emily McDevitt as an alternate member to the Parks & Recreation Committee

James Heard made a motion to appoint Emily McDevitt as a regular member of the Parks & Recreation Committee for a term expiring in 2014. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2. Public hearings for a renewal Liquor Licenses:

- 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 Thomas & Angela Rothwell, d/b/a Camden Deli, Inc. at 37 Main Street for a Class III Vinous and Class IV Malt Liquor License
- c. Application of Cuisine de Coeur, d/b/a Atlantica at 9 Bay View Landing for a Class I Restaurant Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License
- d. Application of Peter Ott's to transfer location of liquor license from 16 Bay View Street to 16 Bay View Landing

John French made a motion to consider items a through d together. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

John French made a motion to approve the liquor licenses renewals for 40 Paper, Camden Deli, and Atlantica and to approve the license of Peter Ott's in a new location. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3. Consideration of victualer and lodging licenses:

- a. Peter's Ott's at 16 Bay View Landing for a victualer license
- b. Express House of Pizza at 12 Mechanic Street for a victualer license
- c. Belmont Inn at 6 Belmont Avenue for a victualer and lodging license

John French made a motion to approve the victualer and lodging licenses listed above. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4. Approval of taxicab business license for Christopher M. Merritt d/b/a/ Schooner Bay Taxi

John French made a motion to approve the taxicab business license for Christopher M. Merritt d/b/a/ Schooner Bay Taxi. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

5. Election of members to the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission Executive Committee for the following terms:

- Daniel McCarthy of Belfast – 2 year term
- Dave Kalloch of Rockland – 1 year term
- Frank Isganitis of Rockland – 2 year term
- Mary Jane West of Union – 1 year term
- Mona Stearns of Thomaston – 1 year term
- Pat Finnigan of Camden – 1 year term

John French made a motion to elect the six nominees to the Mid-Coast Regional Planning Commission Board. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

6. Acceptance of Maine Community Foundation's award of a \$12,000 grant from the Belvedere Historical Preservation Fund to restore granite walls and steps and iron railings at the Camden Public Library

Pat Finnigan explained this was a grant to do much-needed repairs to the Library, and that Library staff along with Brian Hodges had worked together to prepare this grant.

John French made a motion to accept the Maine Community Foundation's grant of \$12,000 to restore the granite walls and steps and iron railings at the Camden Public Library. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

H. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn

Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary