



Town of Camden  
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting  
**April 2, 2013**  
**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 6:32pm.

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

**1. Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Committee Update**

George Mueller and Mort Strom spoke to the Board on behalf of the Ragged Mountain Recreational Foundation. Strom said that the fundraising campaign had reached \$3.8 million and that by August they hope to have achieved the \$4.5 million mark. At that point they would come back to ask the Select Board for a bond issue to raise the additional \$2 million to reach the \$6.5 million necessary to complete the project, he said.

Mueller informed the Board that Peter Gross had taken on the role of Chair of the Building Committee. He stated that the next three months would be critical for the redevelopment effort. Mueller described a new element of the campaign that would feature engraved metal tiles to be displayed along the stairwell in the new lodge. The committee plans to sell 300 to 400 tiles at \$200 each, he said. Mueller also thanked local service organizations for their contributions to the campaign.

Lastly, Mueller reported on Jeff Kuller's Memorial Fund to be dedicated to the multiuse trails. He said that this fund had already reached \$128,000 of its \$150,000 goal, due in part to a generous matching gift from the Kuller family.

**2. Recognition of Snow Bowl Staff**

Pat Finnigan spoke about the leadership demonstrated by the Snow Bowl management team: Beth Ward, Interim Manager, Bill "Fitzy" Fitzcharles, Mountain/Operations Manager, and Andrew Daily, Ski School and Marketing Director. Finnigan said they had taken over under daunting circumstances and despite this challenge had led the ski area through a very successful season.

Martin Cates read a statement of thanks, noting that we are fortunate to have this team as part of the Town of Camden staff.

**C. Citizen Comments**

Gian Angelo-Gallace spoke in opposition to an initiative that would permit logging in state parks.

The Chair opened the floor to comments from the Board. Don White noted that the school budgets would be presented at a meeting of the Fivetown CSD and the SAD School Board the following Wednesday at 6 o'clock.

Leonard Lookner reported that he had been impressed at the number of citizens who had attended the recent community meeting on the Riverwalk project. He said that it is wonderful to see this level of public engagement. Lookner also thanked Jim Heard for his work on the Searsport tank issue.

John French told the Board that he had attended a successful event the previous Saturday to mark the resignation of the Rockport Fire Chief.

#### **D. Select Board Member Reports**

Donald White reported that the Planning Board had met and that they were working on forming a new B5 zoning district along High Street. White added that a public information session would be held on this.

#### **E. Town Manager Report**

Pat Finnigan thanked those who had been involved in the Budget Committee this spring. She noted there may be one more meeting at the end of April or early May. Finnigan said that the Select Board would be talking about the budget during the second meeting in April.

#### **F. Old Business**

There was no old business.

#### **G. New Business**

##### **1. Public Hearing: Fire Prevention & Protection Ordinance**

The Chair opened a public hearing to address the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance.

Steve Wilson said that the proposed change would allow the Fire Chief to enforce the Maine Uniform Building Code as he sees violations during routine fire inspections. Wilson said the Zoning Board of Appeals would function as the appeals board. Chief Farley also spoke to the Board about life safety code violations.

*Leonard Lookner made a motion to accept the proposed ordinance amendment and send it to the June Town Meeting for voter action. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

##### **2. Consideration of the proposed fee increase for Mid-Coast Solid Waste bag fees from \$.90 to \$1.20 per bag (15 gallon bags) and from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bag (33 gallon bags).**

Jim Guerra, Director of Mid-Coast Solid Waste, spoke to the Board about the proposed increase in bag fees to offset the facility's cost increases. There was discussion on the Town's agreement with PERC and meeting the minimum requirements of this agreement. Guerra said the proposed increase should last at least until the year 2018 without another fee increase.

*John French made a motion to accept the proposed increase in Mid-Coast Solid Waste solid waste bags from \$.90 to \$1.20 per bag (15 gallon bags) and from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bag (33 gallon bags). James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**3. Consideration of Revocable License Agreement for underground utilities for 58 Chestnut Street.**

Leonard Lookner asked about a possible conflict of interest on this item, considering that he owns neighboring property.

*John French made a motion that the Board did not feel that Leonard Lookner had a conflict of interest in voting on this item. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

*John French made a motion to approve a revocable license for underground utilities at 58 Chestnut Street. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**H. Select Board Closing Comments**

There was one closing comment from Don White: "Go Red Sox!"

**Adjourn**

*Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 7:44.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Brace  
Recording Secretary