



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
April 16, 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 6:30pm.

Leonard Lookner spoke about the bombings at the Boston Marathon. Those present observed a moment of silence to observe the victims.

B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

1. Report re: School Violence Training

Fire Chief Chris Farley gave a report on a recent program on school violence that had been sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Farley reported to the Board that the best practices recommended by the Fire Chief Association and the International Chiefs of Police Association are being implemented locally.

2. Fire Department Reports:

a) iPad Inspections/Pre-planning software (demonstration)

Chief Farley then reported that firefighter Hanson had applied for a grant to purchase iPads and software that would assist with training and record-keeping, and that would also help to systematize the Fire Department's routine inspections.

John French made a motion to accept the donation of \$1800 from Atlantic Engine Company to buy iPads and software. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

b) Business After Hours Event May 15th

Chief Farley invited Select Board members to join the Fire Department when they co-host the Chamber's Business After Hours event from 5-7pm on May 15. Farley said they are working in conjunction with PAWS on this event, and that it will offer participants a chance to see the new truck and the public safety building.

c) "Run For Your Life" recruitment exercise at Ragged Mountain (informational)

Next the Chief reported on an upcoming event called Run For Your Life that will be held on May 25 at the Snow Bowl. He said it will involve an obstacle course among

other activities to promote health and safety. The Hope Fire Department is working in conjunction with the Camden Fire Department to put on this event. Chief Farley said that other organizations involved are the Atlantic Engine Company and the Camden First Aid Association. Farley also reported that they had planned a prescription drug take-back day for April 27 where residents can drop off unused medications at CFAA.

3. Agenda Change / Fire Dept. equipment

Don White made a motion to take the agenda item #2 under New Business, concerning fire department extrication equipment, out of order. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Authorization to purchase extrication equipment (reserve funds)

The group discussed options for paying for the purchase of extrication equipment for the fire department. Farley said that \$900 had been donated toward by individual supporters, and that there was some money available in the thermal imaging camera fund to go toward the new equipment. John French recommended that accessories such as airbags and hoses may be needed along with the new equipment. There was discussion on using contingency funds if needed.

Don White made a motion to authorize using \$23,000 in the fire equipment replacement fund to purchase new extrication equipment, and that if any additional funded are needed that they be taken from the contingency fund. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4. Request by Mid-Maine Sports Car Club to hold a car show on Sunday, June 9, 2013 (Chestnut Street in front of the Post Office)

Don White made a motion to approve the request from the Mid-Maine Sports Car Club to close Chestnut Street to hold a car show on June 9th. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

C. Citizen Comments

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

Don White spoke about online articles on Camden's windjammer fleet that had appeared recently. White then noted that the second Community Meeting for the local projects that are underway would be held Monday, April 22 at the Knox Mill, and that the focus of this meeting would be the public landing project.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated March 26 and April 2, 2013

John French made a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting dated March 26 and April 2, 2013. Don White seconded the motion. It was approved by a vote of 4-0-1 (Lookner abstaining).

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White reported that the Gateway One Committee had voted to enter into a fiscal sponsorship arrangement with the Friends of Midcoast Maine. He said the Planning Board had held two meetings recently where the possible new zoning district for High St. had been discussed as well as a potential zoning change on Mount Battie Street. White reported that data collection for the Comprehensive Plan is continuing, and that the Historic Resources Committee had discussed the Comp Plan at their most recent meeting.

F. Town Manager Report

Pat Finnigan told the Board that they were expecting the new voting machines to arrive any day. She noted that the Town Meeting was only eight weeks away.

Finnigan said the staff has been scanning vital records that are stored in the Town Office in the Clerk's office. Also, she told the Board that reminders for the second half of the tax bills have been sent out, and added that the percentage of real estate tax collections at this time stands at exactly the same level as it did at this time last year.

Finnigan reported that there are two new retail businesses locating in Camden. Lastly, she reported that Brian Hodges has been working closely with MCEDD's community economic development program, and that he had been successful in getting the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Project included in their plan so that it may be eligible to receive federal funds.

G. New Business

1. Review and Finalize FY 2014 Budget for Town Meeting

The Town Manager explained to the Board that the budget committee had made three changes to the proposed budget: 1) they had reduced the part-time wages line in the public works department by \$9000; 2) they had removed funding for the extrication equipment for the fire department since there were reserve funds available for this expenditure; and 3) the committee had increased the allocation for Camden First Aid to \$174,000, representing a \$74,000 increase.

There was extensive discussion on the level of funding for CFAA and how to list it in the budget. It was recommended that Camden First Aid become a separate line item from Public Safety.

Leonard Lookner expressed his feeling that the Select Board should take a more fiscally conservative approach to funding first aid services.

Pat Finnigan noted that she had figures on the tax rate impact of the increase being requested by CFAA. She said that the full budget, including funding first aid services at a level of \$174,000, would represent a 21¢ increase in the tax rate, and that first aid services would account for 17¢ of this increase.

The Board felt that it was important to support the Town Manager's original recommendation on an amount allocated to the Camden First Aid Association.

Don White made a motion to support the Town Manager's original recommendation of \$100,000 for the line item allocated to the Camden First Aid Association. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1-0 (French opposed).

Chairperson Cates asked if there were any other individual line items in the budget that needed discussion. Leonard Lookner said he felt uncomfortable with the choice of a Dodge charger for the police car. There was some discussion on this.

John French made a motion to reduce the Budget Committee's recommendation for the municipal budget by \$74,000 and to approve the budget in the amount of \$6,421,587. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

The impact of the potential changes in state revenue-sharing was discussed.

The Town Manager thanked all the department heads and the budget committee for their hard work in putting the budget together. She also commended the Select Board for their work with the budget committee. John French commented that Finnigan did a great job of constructing the budget and of keeping any increases to a minimum.

2. **Authorize the Town Manager to sign Agreement to permit the Maine Department of Transportation to cross Town-owned property to reinforce the area around the Washington Street Bridge between Ames Terrace and Gould Street.**

James Heard made a motion to grant the Maine Department of Transportation permission to be on Town-owned property in order to do necessary bridge stabilization work. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3. **Approval of Tax Operator License for Jonathan Elwell of Rockland, driving for Schooner Bay Taxi**

John French made a motion to approve the Taxi Operator License for Jonathan Elwell of Rockland. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4. **Approval of Victualers and Lodging Licenses for the following:**

- a) 57 Bay View Bar & Bistro at 57 Bay View Street
- b) Express House of Pizza at 12 Mechanic Street
- c) Fromviandoux at 20 Washington Street
- d) Harborside Restaurant at 16 Bay View Landing

John French made a motion to approve the victualers licenses for 57 Bay View Bar & Bistro, Express House of Pizza, Fromviandoux, and Harborside Restaurant. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

5. **Approval of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

Don White made a motion to set the Registrar of Voters' office hours for the upcoming June 11-12, 2013 Annual Town Meeting as the regular Town Office business hours and all day on Tuesday, June 11 at the polling place; and to approve the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Martin Cates seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

6. Countersignature of the annual meeting warrants for the Five Town Community School District Budget Referendum and the Maine School Administrative District #28 Budget Referendum

John French made a motion to countersign the school annual meeting warrants. 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. James Heard seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 7:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary