



Town of Camden
Minutes of the
Select Board Meeting
May 20, 2014 – 6:30 PM

PRESENT:

Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Don 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. Proclamation setting May 25, 2014 as Arbor Day in Camden
2. Request by Harbormaster to hold a Harbor Season Kickoff Barbeque

Harbormaster Steve Pixley spoke to the Board to request an outdoor event for harbor workers, sailors, fishermen and residents on the public landing June 7th.

Don White made a motion to give permission for public land to be used for a celebration at the Harbor on June 7th from 5-7pm. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

There was discussion on the new hoist to be installed at the harbor. Pixley said that the timing for installation of the hoist may be in the fall. Pat Finnigan explained that state funds to install the hoist can't be spent until the state approves the plan. Leonard Lookner requested that the Select Board be kept abreast of progress with the hoist.

The Harbormaster then gave an update on progress with mooring and float assignments in the harbor.

C. Citizen Comments

Kristi Bifulco of the Windward House spoke to the Board about her request to the Planning Board to serve dinner to her guests. She said she did not intend to compete with area restaurants with her request.

Board Comments

Donald White announced that Arbor Day would be May 25th, to be celebrated in the amphitheater. He noted that it's the 18th year that Camden has been a tree city. He also

said that August would be music month at the Camden Opera House and reminded citizens that the Memorial Day parade would begin at 9:30.

Leonard Lookner spoke about high school sports.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated April 29, 2014 and May 6, 2014

Don White made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes dated April 29, 2014 and May 6, 2014. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White reported on a meeting of the Cemetery Association and detailed the repairs that are underway. He said that at the Historic Resources Committee meeting they talked about the Garden Club's 100th anniversary which they'll celebrate next year. Also at the meeting, the Committee had voted to hire a historian to research local properties.

White said that the Trustees of the Camden Public Library had met, and that an exhibit focusing on Lincoln and the Civil War would be featured at the library this summer.

Next White reported on the Planning Board which had held a public hearing on the proposed amendment requested by Kristi Bifulco. He said that the Planning Board had tied with a vote of 2-2, so that the proposed amendment had failed.

At the meeting of the Opera House Committee, it was reported that Maryanne Shanahan had recently stepped off of the Committee, has had Raymond Bernanski.

Leonard Lookner said that he and James Heard had attended two meetings regarding the endowment fund. Lookner and Heard recommended that the Board schedule a time to meet regarding the endowment funds and said that they would develop a recommendation for the Board.

James Heard reported on the latest meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee. He said that logging had resumed at the ski area on May 13, and that the chairlift rope had been cut and spooled. He said that testing continues on two types of lights for the trails. Also he added that the committee is considering a ribbon-cutting for the Riverwalk. The Snow Bowl staff has proposed being open six days a week, Heard said.. He added that the Board would be reviewing a draft of a fee schedule for the Snow Bowl and the ball field.

Convene as the Board of Assessors

John French made a motion to adjourn as Select Board and convene as Board of Assessors. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

1. Abatement for property located at 120 Mechanic Street Warren and Paula Marshall

Appraiser Jim Murphy explained his recommendation for the abatement at 120 Mechanic Street.

Don White made a motion to grant an abatement at 120 Mechanic Street in the amount of \$665.60 in order to correct errors. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Regarding overall timing, Jim Murphy said that he hopes to have permits completed by the end of June in order to commit in September. He was thanked by the group for his work.

2. Declaration of the Town's assessed value certified ratio of 100%

Pat Finnigan explained that annually the Assessors establish the certified ratio of assessed values to ensure the Town's assessments comply with State standards. Jim Murphy said that he had determined that Camden can declare a certified ratio of 100%.

John French made a motion to declare a certified ratio of assessed values of 100% with the Chair authorized to sign on behalf of the Board. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Adjourn as Assessors and reconvene as Select Board

Don White made a motion to adjourn as Board of Assessors and reconvene as Select Board. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the Select Board reconvened.

F. Town Manager Report

Town Manager Pat Finnigan said that May is Dance Month at the Camden Opera House and that Kerry Hadley had appeared in Dancing with the Local Stars, a fundraiser for the Wayfinder School. Other upcoming events, she said, were a concert on the evening of Memorial Day and the Fire Department's "Run for Your Life" race on May 24 at the Snow Bowl. Finnigan added that West Bay Rotary will be holding its annual Duck Derby on May 31.

The Town Manager said that election day will be on June 10 with the open Town Meeting to vote on the budget on June 11. She added that the Town Report would be available the first week of June.

Finnigan noted that the kickoff for the Camden Downtown Business Group's Business Is Blooming event had been successful although weather has been difficult for sidewalk sales over the weekend. She commended the Business Group and the Chamber for their work organizing this event.

Finnigan said that several committee posts had opened up and encouraged people to apply online.

Lastly she told the group that Coastal Opportunities will be constructing a new building at 61 Elm St. requiring water and sewer connections to be put in along Route One, and that the road would be reduced to one lane for several days.

G. New Business

1. Appoint Bill O'Donnell as the Alternate Code Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector for 6 months

Pat Finnigan explained that Bill O'Donnell this position would be part-time during the summer when there are more permits to process, and that additional help for the Planner/Code Officer is important. She said that O'Donnell is an experienced building and code officer as well as Licensed Plumbing and Electrical Inspector and had worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and as a Flood Plain Administrator.

Leonard Lookner expressed concern about the amount of time that the Code Enforcement Officer spends on helping people change Town ordinances.

John French made a motion to appoint Bill O'Donnell as the Alternate Code Officer and Licensed Plumbing Inspector for 6 months. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2. Approval of the following Victualer's License renewals: A Little Dream, Atlantica Birchwood Motel, Boynton McKay, Camden Cone, Camden Deli, Camden Harbour Inn, Camden Hideaway Inn, Captain Swift Inn, Free Street Inn, Grand Harbor Inn, Harbor Dogs, Hartstone Inn, High Tide Inn, Lodge at Camden Hills, Lord Camden Inn, Mt. Battie Takeout, Norumbega, River Ducks Ice Cream, Scott's Place, Smokestack Grill, Smoothie Shack, Swan House, Timbercliffe Cottages, Toast (Wayfarer Marine), Valentina Bistro, Waterfront Restaurant, and Whitehall Inn.

John French made a motion to approve the license renewals as requested. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the following Lodging Establishment License renewals: A Little Dream, Beloin Motel, Birchwood Motel, Camden Harbour Inn, Camden Hideaway Inn, Captain Swift Inn, Cedar Crest Motel, Free Street Inn, Grand Harbor Inn, Hartstone Inn, High Tide Inn, Lodge at Camden Hills, Lord Camden Inn, Maine Stay Inn, Swan House, Timbercliffe Cottages, and Whitehall Inn

Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve the license renewals as requested. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4. Public hearings: renewal of Liquor Licenses

Martin Cates opened a Public Hearing to consider the following license renewals:

- a. Application of Schooner Exploration Associates, LTD, d/b/a/ **Schooner Appledore** for a Class I Spirituous, Vinous, and Malt Liquor license
- b. Application of Michael Salmon and Mary Jo Brink d/b/a/ **Hartstone Inn** at 41 Elm Street for a Class I Hotel Spirituous, Vinous, and Malt Liquor license
- c. Application of Michael Sanfilippo, d/b/a **Valentina Bistro** (formerly Fromviandoux) at 20 Washington St for a Class 1 Restaurant Spirituous, Vinous, and Malt Liquor license
- d. Application of Zach Cohn d/b/a **Smokestack Grill** located at 43 Mechanic Street for a Class XI Restaurant/Lounge Spiritous, Vinous and Malt Liquor License

John French made a motion to approve the license renewals as requested. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

5. Renewal of Special Amusement Permit by Cohn Brothers LLC. d/b/a Smokestack Grill located at 43 Mechanic Street

John French made a motion to approve the request for a Special Amusement Permit for the Smokestack Grill located at 43 Mechanic Street. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

6. Consideration of a request by Thomas Rothwell, d/b/a Camden Deli, to place a newspaper rack outside the business at 37 Main Street.

John French made a motion to grant the request to place a newspaper rack oat Camden Deli at 37 Main St. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

H. Select Board Closing Comments

Leonard Lookner noted that there seem to be several committees that address commercial matters and not as many focusing on the quality of life for residents. Cates recommended that the Town Charter be looked at to see how it directs us on this. Heard suggested that it may be time to update the Charter. Cates said that in the context of the Comprehensive Plan it may be wise to look at the Charter before the Comp Plan is completed. Don White said we might consider forming a Charter Commission and that it would be good to have the Comp Plan and the Charter in sync.

Adjourn as Select Board

Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting and convene as Wastewater Commissioners. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the Board adjourned at

7:40pm.

Convene as Wastewater Commissioners

1. **Approval of the Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Fees the period from January 21, 2014 to April 22, 2014 in the amount of \$195,074.03**

John French made a motion to approve the Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates and collect quarterly, seasonal, and final bills for the period from January 21, 2014 to April 22, 2014 in the amount of \$195,074.03. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Adjourn as Wastewater Commissioners

John French made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the Board adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary