



**Town of Camden**  
**Minutes of the Select Board Meeting**  
**May 21, 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.

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

**1. Dedication of the Annual Report to Harold Drinkwater**

The Board dedicated the Town of Camden Annual Report to Firefighter Howard Drinkwater. Chief Chris Farley said that Harold Drinkwater had joined the Camden Fire Department in 1955 at the age of 24 and had been part of the department ever since (58 years). The Chief added that the new fire truck had been named for Mr. Drinkwater. Martin Cates read a statement dedicating the Town of Camden Annual Report to Harold Drinkwater and presented him with a copy of the report.

**2. Proclamation: National Historic Preservation Month**

Martin Cates read a proclamation that May is National Historic Preservation month. He added his thanks to Dave Jackson and Nikki Maounis for their work in having the amphitheater designated as a National Historic Landmark.

**C. Citizen Comments**

There were no Citizen Comments so the Chair opened the floor to comments from the Board.

Don White noted that Arbor Day was coming up on Sunday at 1pm. He thanked the Fire Department and PAWS for hosting a successful Business After Hours event in conjunction with the PBR Chamber of Commerce. Also, White noted that the Run For Your Life obstacle race would be held that Saturday at 8am at the Snow Bowl.

Leonard Lookner thanked Harold Drinkwater for his service to the Town of Camden. Lookner noted that there are many opportunities for citizens to work on behalf of their community by participating on town committees.

John French said the Business After Hours event was very successful and told about his experience working with Harold Drinkwater for 21 years as part of the fire department.

Martin Cates said there are many openings on committees and encouraged Camden residents to volunteer to step forward to serve on these committees. More information is available in the Town Office, he said.

#### **D. Approval of Select Board Minutes of May 7, 2013**

*Don White made a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting dated May 7, 2013. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

#### **E. Select Board Member Reports**

Don White told the group that the Camden Public Library is planning a celebration for July 13<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the Amphitheatre's historic designation. White also gave brief reports from the Cemetery Association and Historic Resources Committee. Lastly he said that the Planning Board is still working on the new B5 zoning district for High Street, and that this may go to voters in November.

James Heard reported on the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment project, noting that a thermometer sign had been placed near the village green to indicate fundraising progress. He added that for awareness purposes the sign would be moved around to various locations.

Martin Cates reported that CEDAC is discussing their goals, and that the committee would be coming to the Board in the next few months with a recommendation for the use of TIF funds.

#### **F. Town Manager Report**

The Town Manager thanked the Chamber of Commerce and PAWS for their roles in the recent Business After Hours event held recently at the fire station. She said the event was well-attended and successful.

Finnigan said that voting day was exactly 3 weeks away. She encouraged Camden residents to participate in the Town Meeting in order to have a say on the coming year's budget. The Town Manager noted that the Annual Reports were here early in time for citizens to read them and prepare for the Town Meeting.

She noted told the group that in addition to the dedicating the Town Report to Harold Drinkwater, the report is also dedicated in memoriam to former Camden residents Ken Bailey and Jeff Kuller who had contributed so much to their town in many ways.

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

##### **1. Appointment of Justin Twitchell as Inland Harbor Master**

*John French made a motion to appoint Justin Twitchell as the Inland Harbor Master until June 30, 2013. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

##### **2. Confirmation of new Camden Public Library Trustee, Janice Gates and re-appointment of Kristen Bifulco.**

*John French made a motion to confirm the appointment of Janice Gates, and the re-appointment of Kristen Bifulco as Camden Public Library Trustees. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**3. Appointment of Peter Gross (CEDAC Chair) and Brian Hodges (Development Director) to the Mid-Coast Economic Development District General Assembly**

*Don White made a motion to appoint Peter Gross and Brian Hodges as the Town's representatives to the MCEDD General Assembly. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**4. Consideration of bid award for 2013 Sand and Salt Bids in collaboration with the County**

*This item was tabled until the next meeting pending clarification.*

**5. Consideration of the following Victualer's License renewals: Atlantica Birchwood Motel, Boynton McKay, Camden Cone, Camden Deli, Camden Harbour Inn, Captain Swift Inn, Free Street Inn, Grand Harbor Inn, Harbor Dogs, Hartstone Inn, Lodge at Camden Hills, Lord Camden Inn, Mt. Battie Takeout, River Ducks Ice Cream, Scott's Place, Smokestack Grill, Smoothie Shack, Swan House, Timbercliffe Cottages, Toast, Waterfront Restaurant, and Whitehall Inn.**

*John French made a motion to approve the license renewals as requested. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**6. Consideration of the following Lodging Establishment License renewals: Beloin Motel, Birchwood Motel, Camden Harbour Inn, Captain Swift Inn, Cedar Crest Motel, Free Street Inn, Grand Harbor Inn, Hartstone Inn, Lodge at Camden Hills, Lord Camden Inn, Maine Stay Inn, Swan House, Timbercliffe Cottages, and Whitehall Inn**

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

**7. Consideration of the following renewal applications for Newspaper Vending Racks: Camden Deli at 37 Main Street, Boynton-McKay Food Co. at 30 Main Street**

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

**8. Request by the Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce to close Atlantic Ave. to traffic from 2:00 p.m. on Friday through 7:00 p.m. Sunday for the Harbor Arts Juried Arts & Crafts Shows, for both shows on July 20-21 and October 5-6.**

*Don White made a motion to close Atlantic Avenue as requested by the Penobscot Bay Chamber of Commerce during their annual Spring and Fall Harbor Arts shows. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**9. Authorize the Town Manager to Enter into a 3 Year Agreement with P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center to Serve as the Town’s Shelter for Stray and Abandoned Animals.**

Pat Finnigan told the Board that the Town has a very good relationship with the P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center and that it is important for Camden to have a safe and secure location to bring pets. She clarified that animal control is a line in the Police Department’s budget.

*John French made a motion to enter into a three-year agreement with P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center at the following annual fees: 2013: \$2,783, 2014: \$3,816, and 2015: \$4,805. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**10. Request by P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center to use the Town Green on June 23 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for “P.A.W.S. on Parade”.**

*Don White made a motion to allow P.A.W.S. Animal Adoption Center to use the Village Green on Sunday, June 23 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**H. Public Hearings: Class I and Class V Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor Licenses**

1. **Belmont Inn** at 6 Belmont Avenue for a Class V Malt, Spirituous, and Liquor License

2. **Schooner Exploration Associates, Ltd.** d/b/a *Schooner Appledore* at Bay View Landing for Public Service Class I Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License

There was some discussion on how to differentiate the various license classifications. This information will be researched by the staff in order to report back to the Board.

*John French made a motion to approve the Liquor Licenses for the Belmont Inn and Schooner Exploration Association d/b/a Schooner Appledore. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**I. Public Hearings Class XI Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit**

1. **Smokestack Grill** at 43 Mechanic Street for a Restaurant/Lounge Class XI Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License

*John French made a motion to approve the liquor license. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

2. **Smokestack Grill** at 43 Mechanic Street for a Special Amusement Permit

Patty Marxson, a resident of the Knox Mill Condominiums, spoke to the Board about the issue of noise emanating from the Smokestack Grill and pointed out zoning questions within that district.

Don White said that it is unfortunate that the residential and commercial uses of the district seem to conflict and that the situation seems to persist.

Leonard Lookner said that while the Town's Comprehensive Plan calls for mixed commercial and residential uses of the downtown, the two are often incompatible.

Chief Randy Gagne spoke about responding to complaints as well as his officers' efforts in measuring the decibel readings at the Smokestack Grill.

Owner Zach Cohn spoke about his efforts to manage the noise levels at the Smokestack.

Pat Finnigan said she would follow up on zoning issues raised by Ms. Marxson.

*John French made a motion to to approve the Special Amusement Permit with the following conditions:*

*A. The applicant must have all of the sound deadening curtains installed properly on all windows at all times when there is live or recorded amplified music.*

*B. A sound engineer selected by the Town will inspect the installation of the sound barrier curtains. The applicant will be required to comply with the sound engineer's recommendations regarding proper installation.*

*C. If the neighbors continue to lodge complaints and the Police Department finds that the noise is excessive or the entertainment is taking place in violation of the noise ordinance, the owner of the Smokestack Grill will be required to attend the following Select Board meeting at which time the Select Board may impose additional restrictions.*

*Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

#### **J. Select Board Closing Comments**

There were no Select Board Closing Comments.

#### **Adjourn as Select Board**

*Don White made a motion to adjourn the Select Board meeting. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

#### **Convene as Wastewater Commissioners**

*John French made a motion to convene as Wastewater Commissioners. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

1. Approval of the Certificate of Commitment for Sewer User Charges for the Period of January 12, 2013 to April 22, 2013 in the Total Amount of \$186,794.47 for Quarterly, Seasonal and Final bills (as required by Title 30-A; M.R.S.A. §3406)

*John French made a motion to approve the Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates: quarterly, seasonal and final bills. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

2. **Approval of renewal applications for Master Drainlayers for 2013.**

Pat Finnigan told the Board that Camden Wastewater Superintendent Ross Parker had recommended five Master Drain Layers for approval.

*John French made a motion to approve the Master Drain Layers' license applications as recommended by the Wastewater Superintendent:*

Warren Curtis of Camden  
Mike Eaton of Hope  
Tim Hall of Northport  
George Haselton of Rockport  
Richard Nash of Camden

*Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**Adjourn as Wastewater Commissioners**

*Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:07.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Brace  
Recording Secretary