



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
June 2, 2015
6:30pm

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. Dedication of the Town's Annual Report to Willard Wight

The Annual Report was dedicated to Willard Wight for his many contributions to Camden and to the Harbor for more than 70 years. Several residents, Harbor Committee members, and family members were present to congratulate Willard on this recognition.

2. Request to close Atlantic Ave for July 4th events

Jon Goss of the Camden Rotary Club described July 4th events planned for the area of Harbor Park including the Music By the Sea Concerts and requested that Atlantic Avenue be closed to traffic during the festivities.

Don White made a motion to permit Atlantic Avenue to be closed on July 4, 2015 from the early morning until after the Independence Day events. Jim Heard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Citizen Comments

Dan Eaton asked about a trailer on town-owned land on Goss's Hill Road to which he's an abutter and encouraged the Town to clean up the lot. The Town Manager described the process that's underway to sell the property.

The Chair opened the floor to comments from the Board.

Don White reminded citizens to slow down for young children who are out playing in the streets with the warmer weather.

Leonard Lookner noted an upcoming book sale at the Library and asked citizens to clean up around town. He also thanked Nancy Caudle-Johnson for her work on the tree brochure and Holly Edwards for bee keeping.

John French noted that Camden had lost Walter Drinkwater who had passed away recently. Walter had been a 51-year member of the Fire Department. The Board expressed their condolences to the Drinkwater family.

Jim Heard commented on a letter from Grayson Lookner that was published.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes

Don White made a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting dated May 19, 2015. Jim Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White said that the Downtown Network Board Promotions Team had met with Linda Varrell of Broadreach PR and that they were looking into a contract with the firm. This would move the strategy of the promotions efforts from paid advertising toward public relations.

Jim Heard reported on a recent Harbor Committee meeting where a member of the public had come to talk about the condition of the finger floats. Heard added that this type of input from citizens is welcome.

F. Town Manager Report

Pat Finnigan noted that the following Tuesday, June 9th, would be election day and that the polls are open from 8am-8pm. Voting would take place at the public safety building and absentee ballots were available at the Town Office. She also encouraged the public to attend the Camden Town Meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, June 10th at the Opera House.

Regarding the Annual Report, Town Manager Finnigan congratulated Willard Wight once again on his many years of service. She said that the cover of the report recognizes the 125th anniversary of the Camden Opera House, that a page inside the report honored the 100th birthday of the Garden Club. Pat pointed out that the loss of citizens who'd given a lot to their community such as Sara Montgomery and Ken Dickey were recognized in the report as well. She thanked Janice Esancy for her work on the Town Report.

She noted the celebration of life for Ben Cashan and the passing of Walter Drinkwater who'd volunteered for the fire department for more than half a century.

Poet Richard Bianco had appeared at the Opera House recently, she said. She also congratulated Town Assessor Kerry Leichtman who had been named the recipient of the 2015 Sherry Vermilya Award for his achievements in the assessing field.

G. Public Hearings

Public Hearing regarding liquor licenses:

a. Application of 63 High Street, LLC d/b/a The Norumbega Inn at 63 High Street for a renewal Class V Bed & Breakfast Liquor License

John French made a motion to approve the application of 63 High Street, LLC d/b/a The Norumbega Inn at 63 High Street for a renewal Class V Bed & Breakfast Liquor License. Jim Heard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Application of Sea Star, Inc., d/b/a/ The Lodge at Camden Hills at 186 Belfast Road for a new Class III Vinous Liquor License

John French made a motion to approve the application of Sea Star, Inc., d/b/a/ The Lodge at Camden Hills at 186 Belfast Road for a new Class III Vinous Liquor License. Don White seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

c. Application of Andrew Stewart, d/b/a The Drouthy Bear at 50 Elm Street for a new Class X Malt Spirituous, and Vinous on-premise liquor license

John French made a motion to approve the application of Andrew Stewart, d/b/a The Drouthy Bear at 50 Elm Street for a new Class X Malt Spirituous, and Vinous on-premise liquor license. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

d. Application of Andrew Stewart, d/b/a The Drouthy Bear at 50 Elm Street for a new Class III Vinous off premise liquor license.

The motion for the off-premise liquor license was withdrawn.

H. New Business

1. Consideration of appointment of James Kierstead to the Midcoast Solid Waste Board of Directors

John French made a motion to appoint James Kierstead to the Midcoast Solid Waste Board of Directors. Jim Heard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Consideration of bids for the Fisherman's Hoist Fabrication project and installation of the Hoist

Pat Finnigan said that the Town had received four bids for the fisherman's hoist project. The bids had included infrastructure for the hoist, fisherman's floats and new

pilings. She noted that the bids came in over what had been estimated in the budget. There had been only one bid for fabrication of the hoist itself which was from Prock Marine in the amount of \$31,850.

Gene McKeever, Chair of the Harbor Committee, discussed whether TY Lin may have over-engineered the project and suggested we reconsider the engineering of the hoist toward something more affordable. Cates noted that since the project involves state money we would have to get an opinion from MDOT.

Don White made a motion to table this item pending more information from the state. Jim Heard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Approve extending the maturity date of the Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) from June 5 to September 4, 2015 with the same terms and conditions of the original BAN.

Pat Finnigan explained the background on extending the maturity date of the BAN.

Jim Heard made a motion to amend the \$2,550,000 Bond Anticipation Note dated February 6, 2015, and awarded to Camden National Bank, Camden, Maine, by changing the maturity date to September 4, 2015, as shown on the attached Allonge, which is hereby adopted as if fully stated herein, and further to authorize the Treasurer and Chair of the Select Board to execute said Allonge and all other documents necessary to complete said amendment. All other terms and conditions as stated in said Bond Anticipation Note will remain the same. John French seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Consideration of bids for 2015 Sand and Salt Bids

Town Manager Finnigan said that four salt bids and two sand bids had been received.

John French made a motion to approve the bid from Hartland for supplying sand in the amount of \$19,800 (\$11/yard), delivered. Don White seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

John French made a motion to accept the salt bid from New England Salt Co. at \$64.95/ton, delivered. Jim Heard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Consideration of bid for the Pleasant Street Sidewalk Reconstruction

Pat said there had only been one bid on the Pleasant Street Sidewalk project.

Don White made a motion to award the Pleasant Street Sidewalk Reconstruction bid to Farley and Sons in the amount of \$30,000. Jim Heard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was discussion on the condition of the Mountain Street sidewalk. The Town Manager reported that estimates are being gathered by the Public Works department on costs to repair the sidewalk following an incident during the Memorial Day parade. It is a state road and there is an issue regarding drainage, so to do the project correctly will be a major project. Meanwhile Public Works has patched the sidewalk.

I. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments

Adjourn

Don White made a motion to adjourn as Select Board. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONVENE AS WASTEWATER COMMISSIONERS

John French made a motion to convene as Wastewater Commissioners. Don White seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Rates January 11, 2015 to April 11, 2015

John French made a motion to accept the Commitment of Sewer User Rates from January 11, 2015 to April 11, 2015 in the amount of \$192,202.77. Jim Heard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leonard Lookner seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary