



**Town of Camden  
Select Board Meeting  
June 3, 2014 – 6:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Don White, and Town Manager Finnigan, and Development Director Brian Hodges. 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**

**Dedication of the Annual Report**

Martin Cates read a statement dedicating the 2014 Annual Report to the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area Redevelopment Committee. He said that the Committee had been chosen because they had raised \$4.5 million in private funding which was then matched by \$2 million Town bond for improvements at the Camden Snow Bowl. Members of the committee were present for the dedication.

**1. Ragged Mountain Recreation Area Report – Landon Fake**

Parks and Recreation Director Landon Fake updated the Board on progress at the Snow Bowl and showed photographs of the updates currently taking place.

**2. Watershed School Students Report re: Seabright Dam – Ross Parker**

Ross Parker introduced Peter Kalajian of the Watershed School, teacher of an Introduction to Engineering class, as well as four Watershed students who had been working on an instrumentation project at the Seabright Dam.

The students in attendance were Louisa Crane, Jessi Dunn, Jarin Brooks, and Heather Dumond. They described their project to the Board, saying that they had installed instrumentation at the Dam to collect data that would then be on display through the website. This way, the public could monitor activity at the Dam and Parker could to monitor the Dam remotely. The students described their lessons learned and challenges they had faced in implementing the project.

**3. Downtown Network Board (Tactical Urbanism) – Brian Hodges**

Brian Hodges, Development Director for the Town of Camden, spoke about the Downtown Network Board's tactical urbanism initiative. He described tactical urbanism as short quick temporary improvements at low cost. On behalf of the Downtown Network Board, he asked for the Board's support to try out tactical urbanism in three locations, two near the Village Green on either side of Chestnut Street, and one at the alleyway near Cappy's that extends down to the Public Landing. He said that the improvements were temporary, installed on a trial basis, and could be made permanent if they are effective in improving the walkability and attracting pedestrians to our downtown.

Hodges showed a TED video describing improvements that have been made in New York City. The Select Board applauded the work of the Downtown Network Board.

*Don White made a motion to authorize tactical urbanism to be used in the locations recommended by the Downtown Network Board. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

#### **4. Request to close Atlantic Ave for July 4 events (Camden Rotary Club)**

Police Chief Randy Gagne described traffic plans for the July 4 holiday. He asked the Board to approve the closure of Atlantic Avenue to traffic on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. until after the fireworks for the Camden Rotary Club's "Music by the Sea" and an antique car show in the area of Harbor Park. The Rotary club event manager John Goss also spoke, adding that the Club hopes to engage roving musicians to entertain people around town and to help publicize the event at Harbor Park.

*Don White made a motion to honor the Camden Rotary Club's request to close Atlantic Ave for July 4 events. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

Chief Gagne also told the Board that two of his officers had competed in the Fire Department's Run for Your Life race at the Snow Bowl, and the Department is working with Community Partners to participate in the Wandering Database Program.

### **C. Citizen Comments**

Deb Dodge spoke about the recent request for a zoning ordinance change on High Street.

Parker Laite asked about mowing along Main Street and recommended creating a map showing when streets around town would be paved.

### **Board Comments**

Don White congratulated the High School Seniors who were graduating on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the Baccalaureate march through Town had taken place June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Leonard Lookner commented on CHRHS Baseball playoffs. He also expressed support for installing the fisherman's hoist on the public landing.

Martin Cates thanked the Town Manager and the Town Office staff for the excellent Town Report.

### **D. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated May 20, 2014**

*Don White made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes dated May 20, 2014. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

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

Don White reported that the ordinance change that had been proposed regarding serving dinner at a local B&B had received a tie vote by the Planning Board and had not been passed.

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

Pat Finnigan noted that voting would be held June 10<sup>th</sup> and that Town Meeting would be held June 11<sup>th</sup>. She thanked the Town Office staff for their hard work on making the Annual Report readable and interesting. Finnigan also commended the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance at the Memorial Day Parade.

The Town Manager acknowledged the loss of Mr. Wescott who had drowned in Megunticook Lake and thanked the first responders. James Heard also acknowledged the death of John Doan on Mother's Day.

### **G. New Business**

#### **1. Public Hearings: Liquor Licenses**

- a. Application of Weiss Hospitality Inc (Theodore and Lisa Weiss) d/b/a Hawthorne Inn located at 9 High Street for a Class V Vinous Liquor license (New Owners)
- b) Application of The Belmont Inn, LLC (Anita Zeno) located at 6 Belmont Ave for a Spirituous license (Other – B&B) (Renewal license).

*John French made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Hawthorne Inn and*

the liquor license renewal for the Belmont Inn. *Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

## **2. Authorization to submit a grant application to the Northern Border Regional Commission for the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Project**

Brian Hodges reported that the Northern Border Regional Commission had released a federal grant opportunity that could be appropriate for the Town of Camden to apply for in support of the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area Redevelopment project. He said that the maximum award per applicant under this grant is \$250,000, noting that there may be five awards per state. Hodges said that the grant category that Camden's application would fit best would be the goal of "promoting resource conservation, tourism, recreation, and preservation of open space in a manner consistent with economic development goals."

Hodges described the Mid Coast Economic Development District (MCEDD)'s involvement with the grant project. He said that the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment with its significant regional impact is consistent with the economic development goals of MCEDD, which is a primary criteria for the grant. Hodges proposed the submission of a grant application for \$209,000 and noted that applications were due by June 16<sup>th</sup>.

*John French made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to submit a grant application to the Northern Border Regional Commission for the Ragged Mountain Recreation Area Redevelopment Project and sign any necessary grant documents. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

## **3. Appoint Two People to Represent Camden at the Mid Coast Economic Development District General Meeting**

Brian Hodges explained that each of the Economic Development Districts (EDD's) are required to approve a "Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy" which establishes the region's priorities for funding. He said that Camden, as part of the Mid Coast Economic Development District (MCEDD), is allowed to send 2 voting members to the "General Assembly" which is MCEDD's annual meeting.

*Don White made a motion to appoint Development Director Brian Hodges and CEDAC Member John Arnold as the 2 representatives from Camden to attend the 2014 MCEDD General Assembly. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

## **4. Request from the Camden Conservation Commission to use Reserve Funds**

Pat Finnigan told that Board that the Conservation Committee has requested to use funds from their Reserve Fund to contribute to Maine Farmlands Trust. She said the current amount in the Reserve Fund is \$2,396, and that funds are set aside to support and promote the Commission's goals and statutory purpose.

John French suggested that the Commission might also consider contributing to the replanting of trees on Pearl Street.

*John French made a motion to authorize the Conservation Commission to use \$500 from the Conservation Commission's Reserve Fund to contribute to Maine Farmland Trust and to consider using additional funds to contribute to the Pearl Street replanting. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

## **5. Award of the Rawson Ave Culvert project bid**

Finnigan said that the Town had put out a request for bids to replace the culvert on Rawson Avenue and that two bids had been received:

Jake Barbour, Inc:	\$27,450
Farley & Sons:	\$29,341

*John French made a motion to award the bid for the Rawson Avenue culvert project to Jake Barbour, Inc. in the amount of \$27,450. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

## **6. Award of the Police Vehicle bid**

Chief Randy Gagne said that they had received bids from 3 dealers for the Police Department's purchase of a Ford Utility SUV, including:

### Casco Bay Ford (Yarmouth)

2015 SUV: \$28,866 or with trade-in \$24,366 (\$4,500)  
Estimated delivery time: 60-100 days

### Yankee Ford (Rockland/Brunswick)

2015 SUV: \$29,774 or with trade-in \$24,574 (\$5,200)  
Estimated delivery time: 60-100 days

### Quirk Ford (Augusta)

2014 SUV: \$28,227 or \$24,100 with trade-in (\$4,127)  
In stock and ready for delivery

2015 SUV: \$28,435 or \$24,900 with trade-in (\$3,535)  
Estimated delivery time: 60-100 days

There were questions about the cruiser which Gagne answered for the Board.

*Don White made a motion to award the bid for a 2014 Ford Interceptor SUV to Quirk Ford of Augusta in the amount of \$24,100 with trade-in of the 2003 Fire Department pick-up truck. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

## **7. Award of the 2014 Sand and Salt Bids**

Pat Finnigan described the process that Knox County goes through each year to collect bids for sand and salt.

*John French made a motion to award the contracts for road salt and sand to the low bidders for road salt to Morton Salt Inc. at \$55.89/ton delivered and \$55.00 picked up, and for sand to Hartland Inc. at \$10 per cubic yard. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**8. Consideration of Taxicab Driver Renewal Application for Jonathan Elwell driving for Schooner Bay**

*Don White made a motion to approve the Taxicab Driver Application for Jonathan Elwell of Rockland. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**9. Approval of renewal license agreement with Maine Media Workshops, Inc. for filming on public ways and town properties**

The Town Manager explained that this license allows Maine Media Workshop students to set up to film or photograph on streets, sidewalks, parks and other public areas in Camden provided they do not restrict the public's free passage.

*John French made a motion to approve the License Agreement with Maine Media Workshop to allow students and faculty to film on public property from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**10. Set Select Board Meeting Dates for June and July**

A special Select Board meeting was set for Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Future meeting dates were changed as follows: June 17<sup>th</sup> moved to June 24<sup>th</sup>; July 1<sup>st</sup> changed to July 8<sup>th</sup>, and July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Don White made a motion to change the Select Board meeting dates as noted. Martin Cates seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**H. Select Board Closing Comments**

**Adjourn**

*Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the Board adjourned at 8:20pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Brace  
Recording Secretary