



## Town of Camden Select Board Meeting June 10, 2014 – 6:30 PM

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Don White, Town Manager Finnigan, Parks and Recreation Director Landon Fake, and Director of Public Works Rick Seibel. Also present were members of the press and public.

### A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

### B. New Business

#### 1) Consideration of Street Paving Bids

Director of Public Works Rick Seibel described the bids that had been received for street paving and recommended that the bid be awarded to Wellman Paving.

*Don White made a motion to award the bid for street paving to Wellman Paving of Hampden in the amount of \$188,209.56. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

#### 2) Consideration of bids for ski trail and snowmaking infrastructure improvements at the Snow Bowl as part of the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Project.

Parks and Recreation Director Landon Fake said that they had met with both companies submitting bids for the infrastructure project. He explained that the project would include trail work, building access roads for equipment, the pole line for electricity & lights, and installing snowmaking pipes. He said that their recommendation was to award the bid to the low bidder, Royal Trail Works of Royalton, VT.

*John French made a motion to award the bid for trail work and snowmaking infrastructure at the Snow Bowl to Royal Trail Works of Royalton, VT in the amount of \$999,987.00. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

### C. Town Manager Reports

#### 1) Ragged Mountain Recreation Project Update

Pat Finnigan and Landon Fake presented the updated budget for the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment project. Finnigan said that the original cost estimates from 2007/2008 have now been updated with amounts based on contracts that have been awarded. The original budget was \$6.5 million. The updated budget is \$6.7 million, which includes \$200,000 for contingency. She said the staff and committee will continue to look for ways to save money.

Finnigan said that bids had gone out to hire a construction manager for the lodge construction phase of the project. She said that this would be a "value engineering" specialist with the assignment of finding the most cost effective way to achieve a high quality result. She explained that while this person will be on the job during the lodge phase of the project, they would not be involved in the mountain and trail improvements.

James Heard asked about overseeing the lift structures. Finnigan explained that Ross Stevens Engineering was overseeing lift installation. Fake added that there are three stages of inspections during lift installation involving state inspectors and engineers, and that load-testing is part of this process. He added that they hope to have lifts ready for load testing by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Lookner asked how payment to contractors is handled. Finnigan said that the fees are paid in phases as work is completed satisfactorily and performance bonds ensure that the projects will be completed.

James Heard asked about the septic system. Fake answered that the issues with the system had been that the computer system controlling one of the pumps failed, and that a pipe had become detached. He explained the process of assessing the situation once it had been discovered in February.

Don White requested that the Select Board receive a brief progress report on the project at every Select Board meeting.

Finnigan noted that they have placed emphasis on forestry stewardship with the help of professionals in the field. She complimented Fake for his diligence in analyzing the budget figures and building community relations around the redevelopment.

## 2) Town Meeting Preparation

In preparation for the Town Meeting, Pat Finnigan said that last fall a portion of the undesignated fund balance had been allocated toward property tax relief. She noted that there had been a 70% decrease in state revenue sharing which had been intended to help with property tax relief at the local level. She recommended to the Board that a portion of the undesignated fund balance be once again allocated for this purpose, still keeping the fund balance in the range of 16%. John French said he would make this motion at the Town Meeting.

### **D. Citizen Comments**

There were no Citizen Comments.

### **E. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated June 3, 2014**

*Don White made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes dated June 3, 2014. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

### **F. Select Board Member Reports**

Don White said that he and Jim Heard would be meeting with the public and handing out information about Town Government outside French and Brawn the following Saturday. He also noted that the Planning Board had voted to hold a public hearing to reconsider the zoning amendment that had been proposed by the Windward House. This hearing would be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm, he said. Lastly, White said that the Historic Resource Committee had met to discuss the Village Green and public informational signs.

John French reported a comment from a citizen about a street light on upper Pearl Street.

### **G. Select Board Closing Comments**

There were no closing comments.

## **Adjourn**

*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,

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Karen Brace  
Recording Secretary