



**Town of Camden
Select Board Meeting
June 24, 2014 – 6:30 PM
Washington Street Conference Room**

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

B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

1) Camden Opera House: Request to use the Village Green on July 19 for 120th Birthday celebration from noon until 2:30 PM

Kerry Hadley said that Maryanne Shanahan who'd served as Chair of the Opera House Committee had resigned because she and her husband are retiring to move closer to their family. Hadley presented Shannahan with a photo of the Opera House and Martin Cates thanked Shannahan on behalf of the Board for her contributions to the community.

Hadley said that the Opera House is celebrating its 120th year, and she requested to hold a birthday party on the Village Green on July 19th. She outlined the plans for the party which include balloon sculptures.

Don White made a motion to approve the use of the Village Green for the Opera House birthday celebration on July 19 from noon until 2:30pm, and to allow balloon sculptures to be displayed until 9:00p.m. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2) Request to close Central Street for the annual Block Party on July 26 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve the request to close Central Street for the annual Block Party on July 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3) Request by the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce to close Atlantic Avenue on Friday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. through Sunday, July 20 at 7pm for the Harbor Arts Juried Arts & Craft Show

Don White made a motion to approve Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce to close Atlantic Avenue on Friday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. through Sunday, July 20 at 7pm for the Harbor Arts Juried Arts & Craft Show. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4) Ragged Mountain Recreation Area Report

Landon Fake, General Manager at the Snow Bowl and Parks and Recreation Director, reported on logging that has been taking place as part of the redevelopment. He also spoke about erosion issues that had occurred causing silt to be washed into Hosmer Pond. Fake described the processes that the staff and the engineers are following to handle these issues.

The new trail work company will begin at the Snow Bowl on July 7th, Fake said. In addition he reported that twelve proposals had been received for the position of Construction Manager who will focus on construction of the new lodge.

Regarding the recent rain storm, Pat Finnigan confirmed for those present that the project had

required permits and complied with environmental standards. She was asked about other rain damage around town at that time and responded that the Public Works department had also been busy addressing damage caused by the large amount of water due to the storm.

Will Gartley of Gartley & Dorsky described for the Board how he had assessed the situation at the Snow Bowl construction site both during and after the heavy rainstorm. He also confirmed for the Board that all measures had been taken to prevent soil from being carried by the excess water brought by the storm. Gartley described that during the logging process, the loggers pull trees down the road with branches still intact, causing a 40' path down the mountain and dragging with it some of the fine top layer of soil into the parking lot. Gartley noted that the parking lot had been the problem as opposed to the mountain. He also observed that the logging phase of the project was near completion and the open spaces would be seeded, noting that will stabilize the mountain and improve the situation. Additional management assistance was discussed. John French said that he felt the project was being handled well by those involved.

Leonard Looker expressed that he felt the construction site was messy and needed to be cleaned up. Martin Cates said this is typical at sites where heavy construction is taking place. There was some discussion on this topic. Don White said that safety for workers should be the current emphasis.

Cates noted that the staff's responses to complaints from those who were concerned about Hosmer Pond had been educated and well thought-out, and he urged members of the public to contact the Town manager with concerns.

As the last part of the redevelopment report, Landon displayed for the Board a detailed chart containing all the elements of the project and who was responsible for each. He also provided a timeline for each element and demonstrated how the project tasks are being tracked.

C. Citizen Comments

Dorie Klein spoke on the 22 Tacks trail at the Snow Bowl.

Tom Hopps spoke in favor of tactical urbanism.

Saskia Huising spoke about the Snow Bowl project and the trees that had been removed on land adjacent to her home on Barnestown Road.

Board Comments

Don White said that on the July 4th holiday, Camden Rotary would be holding the annual Music By the Sea celebration.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated June 10, 2014

Don White made a motion to approve the Select Board minutes dated June 10, 2014. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White noted that the Downtown Network Board had changed its meeting time to the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30. He reported that the DNB is making progress on tactical urbanism and will soon be working on the alleyway next to Cappy's (renamed "Harbor Way"). Neighboring businesses are very involved in the project and excited about the improvements, he said.

Don said that the Downtown Business Group has developed a new website and slogan, "Experience Camden" at www.camdenmaineexperience.com. He also said that he and Jim Heard stood in front of French and Brawn recently to hand out information for citizens and surveys. Don had also attended the Maine Municipal Association conference at Point Lookout. The Planning Board had met to discuss goals, he said, and would be holding a public hearing on the High Street zoning proposal the following week.

F. Town Manager Report

Pat Finnigan noted that on July 1st Rawson Avenue would be closed for repair of the culvert.

She said the Fire Department had received a safety grant from the Maine Municipal Association for communication equipment.

Leonard Lookner spoke about the visiting ships Nina and Pinta noting that their tent for ticket sales cut into a parking space on the Landing.

G. New Business

1) Consideration of the proposed FY15 Snow Bowl Budget

Landon Fake reported that with the Snow Bowl's terrain expanding by a third from 45 to 60 acres, and with snowmaking and lighting doubled, demands on staff and utilities will increase as well. This will require an increase in revenue, so more emphasis will be placed on group sales and marketing, he explained. There was discussion on compressors at the ski area.

Martin said that the Snow Bowl staff along with the Town Manager had done a good job of analyzing the numbers for the new season and had worked diligently with the fact that there will be some unknowns due to the expansion. John French asked about price increases. Landon said that Camden residents' seasons passes (half of the total season passes sold) will not be raised, while other passes will go up by between 6% - 8%. The plan is to raise day ticket prices from \$35 to \$39, he said.

John French made a motion to approve the proposed Snow Bowl Budget. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2) Request to approve the Transfer of Lodging License for the Hawthorn Inn (9 High Street) from Maryanne Shanahan to Theodore and Lisa Weiss

With regard to lodging license applications, Lookner mentioned that it might be a good idea to list the number of rooms on the forms that comes to the Board for approval. He also asked if the Hawthorn Inn was classified as an Inn or Bed & Breakfast.

Don White made a motion to approve the Transfer of the Lodging License for the Hawthorn Inn from Maryanne Shanahan to Theodore and Lisa Weiss. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3) Request to approve a Victualer's License for Weiss Hospitality d/b/a Hawthorn Inn at 9 High Street (new owners)

John French made a motion to approve a Victualer's License for Weiss Hospitality d/b/a Hawthorn Inn at 9 High Street. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4) Request to approve the following Victualer's License renewals for:

- a) Terry and Annette Hazzard d/b/a Blue Harbor House at 67 Elm Street
- b) Mark Senders and Rebecca Neves d/b/a Camden Bagel Café at 25 Mechanic Street

- c) Jon Roy d/b/a Quarry Hill (Anderson Inn) at 30 Community Drive
- d) David Dickey d/b/a Camden Riverhouse Hotel at 11 Tannery Lane
- e) Northern Maine Enterprises d/b/a Subway at 123 Elm Street

John French made a motion to approve the Victualers License renewals for Blue Harbor House, Camden Bagel Café, Quarry Hill (Anderson Inn), Camden Riverhouse Hotel, and Subway. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

5) Request to approve the following Lodging Establishment License renewals for:

- a) Terry and Annette Hazzard d/b/a Blue Harbor House at 67 Elm Street
- b) David Dickey d/b/a Camden Riverhouse Hotel at 11 Tannery Lane

John French made a motion to approve the Lodging Establishment License renewals for Blue Harbor House and Camden Riverhouse Hotel. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

6) Public hearings: Special Amusement and Liquor Licenses

Martin Cates opened a public hearing to consider the following:

- a. Application of Black Sea Inc. (Rada Valkova) d/b/a Fresh Restaurant at 1 Bay View Landing for a Special Amusement Permit
- b. Application of Susie Laidlaw, d/b/a The Chichi Chef for a Class I off-premise catering liquor license for malt, spirituous and vinous beverages

Don White made a motion to approve the Special Amusement Permit for Fresh Restaurant and the a Class I off-premise catering liquor license for The Chichi Chef. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

The public hearing was closed.

H. Select Board Closing Comments

Leonard Lookner suggested Town Work Days open to citizens to assist with maintenance of Town properties.

Adjourn

John French made a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene as Wastewater Commissioners. Don White seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater Commissioners

1. Consideration of FY15 Wastewater Budget

Ross Parker, Wastewater Superintendent, reviewed details of the proposed wastewater budget and told the Board that this year's budget does not require a rate increase.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve the FY15 Wastewater Budget. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2. Consideration of FY15 Seabright Dam Budget

Parker reported that the Seabright Dam operation had exceeded its revenue goal. He also spoke about the project with the Watershed School.

Don White made a motion to approve the FY15 Seabright Dam Budget. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

This was the last Select Board meeting for Ross Parker prior to his retirement. The Board and staff thanked him for his excellent service to the Town.

Adjourn

John French made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don White seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary