



Town of Camden

Select Board Meeting

July 8, 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 Seibell. Also present were members of the press and public.

B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

1. Establishment of the Rules of Order to be followed at Select Board Meetings

Don White made a motion to establish the Rules of Order for Select Board Meetings as presented. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2. Presentation of Boston Post Cane: Camden's oldest resident (Vernette Robarts)

Martin Cates said that Herb Inman, the previous holder of the Boston Post Cane, had passed away on June 13th at the age of 101. Therefore, he said, Vernetta Robarts becomes the new holder of the Boston Post Cane at the age of 101. Cates said he would be going to Mrs. Robarts' home to present a plaque to her.

John French made a motion to extend sympathies to the Inman family and congratulations to Mrs. Robarts as Camden oldest citizen. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3. Camden Public Library Update – Nikki Maounis

Library Director Nikki Maounis spoke about library activities. She said that this summer Shakespeare in the Park has returned to the amphitheater (July 25) and September will once again feature the Maker's Fair. New for this year will be hosting the fall Harbor Arts event which the Library has taken over from the Chamber of Commerce. Nikki said that to celebrate its 150th anniversary, our Library's been chosen to feature a special series on the Civil War to include a reenactment on the weekend of August 23rd. Lastly she noted that each month during the summer, 25,000 people use the facility.

4. Confirmation of Camden Public Library Trustees Amy Rollins and Claudia Griffiths

John French made a motion to confirm new Library Trustees Amy Rollins and Claudia Griffiths. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

5. Ragged Mountain Recreation Area Update – Landon Fake

Camden Parks & Recreation Director Landon Fake presented an update on the Snow Bowl redevelopment. His report covered erosion control progress, lift construction, and changes in the logging operation. Royal Trail Works of Vermont had arrived to begin the next phase of mountain improvements, he said. The trail work contractor headed by Tom Wells will chip trees in place rather than dragging whole trees down the mountain with branches in tact which had created

areas of open space on the hill. Landon noted that work on the cross-country trail has been temporarily put on hold as has the forestry management plan.

Lift towers are currently being fabricated and engineers will soon be plotting where towers will go, he said. With regard to erosion control, Landon told the group that up to 40 workers had been on the mountain putting control elements in place over the previous weeks, including more than 100 water bars to divert water. He reported that grass is beginning to grow where it's been seeded and showed slides detailing the progress. He also reported that several local organizations had been involved in recent efforts: Mid-Coast Solid Waste had trucked in 150 cubic yards of mulch, volunteers from the Ragged Mountain Ski Club had worked on the mountain, and Aldemere Farm had donated 200 bales of hay. Lastly Landon showed a chart showing the water quality testing results for Hosmer Pond and it is safe for swimming.

Tom Wells, President of Royal Trail Works, spoke to the Board about his background and answered questions regarding his approach to trail construction work. Tom noted that he had been amazed at the speed at which further erosion control measures had been put in place and commended Landon Fake on leading this effort. He said that 95% of the erosion control measures had been installed and were effective during the recent storms.

The following individuals asked questions and commented on Hosmer Pond issues: Dana Strout, Hidetaro Susuki, Lee Sly, Ron Hawkins, Dorie Klein, Saskia Hoising and Tom O'Donovan.

The Town Manager said that the DEP had reviewed all steps taken for erosion control. She spoke about the history of the project, saying that controlling potential erosion that might occur during this phase of the redevelopment had been part of the project from the start and continues as a top priority.

C. Citizen Comments

Camden resident Bob Annis asked about work being done on private land along the inland side of Hosmer Pond Road.

Agenda Order Change – New Business

Don White made a motion to take up some of the agenda items from New Business out of order. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

G. New Business

1. Review and award bid for a 2015 Terrastar Public Works dump truck

Director of Public Works Rick Seibel spoke about bids for an International Terrastar truck to replace a 1996 truck. He said the responsive bidder was Daigle & Houghton of Hermon.

James Heard made a motion to award the bid for a 2015 International Terrastar truck to Daigle & Houghton for \$65,145.42. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

2. Review and award bid for Public Works 2015 backhoe/loader

Rick Seibel said that bids had been received from 4 companies for a backhoe/loader. He said that the lowest responsive bid had been from Beaugard Equipment at \$82,540.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to award the bid of \$82,540 for a 2015 Case 580 SN backhoe/loader to Beaugard Equipment of Hermon. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3. Public hearing on application of Whitehall Inn at 52 High Street for a Special Amusement Permit

Chairperson Martin Cates opened a public hearing.

Russell Miller of the Whitehall Inn told the Board that his establishment occasionally presents music. An upcoming event would commemorate Edna St. Vincent Millay, he said.

Don White made a motion to approve the special amusement license for the Whitehall Inn. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

4. Authorize payment of the FY 14 Knox County Tax Assessment and Communications Center Fees

John French made a motion to approve the 2015 Knox County tax assessment of \$1,070,830.45 and cost of 9-1-1 services of \$125,600 for a total amount of \$1,196,43.45. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

5. Reappointment of the Town Manager pursuant to Article II, Section 5 of the Town Charter

John French made a motion to reappoint Patricia Finnigan as Town Manager in accordance with the Town Charter Article II, Section 5. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

6. Reappointment of the Road Commissioner pursuant to Title 23, M.R.S.A. §2701

John French made a motion to reappoint Rick Seibel as Road Commissioner. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

7. Reappointment of the Harbormaster pursuant to the Harbor & Waterways Ordinance, Article III, Section 3.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to reappoint Steve Pixley as Harbor Master. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

8. Reappointment of the Health Officer pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. §451

John French made a motion to reappoint Stephen Wilson as Health Officer. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

9. Confirmation of the Town Manager's appointments of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and the Town Clerk and Department Heads pursuant to Article III of the Town Charter.

John French made a motion to confirm the re-appointment of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Department Heads recommended by the Town Manager as shown of the attached list. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

D. Approval of Select Board Minutes of June 24, 2014

Don White made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White reported on the recent Planning Board meeting where the Windward House proposal had been taken up. He said that the vote had been 4-1 in favor of sending it on to the Select Board. He also

said that the Historic Resources Committee had discussed signage for the new Riverwalk at their meeting.

Leonard Lookner reiterated that he is a supporter of our local ski area and believes in the standards put forth by the Town.

James Heard said that Tim Hoffman of the "Vets on the Water" program had attended the Harbor Committee meeting to inform members about this program. Also, the fishermen's hoist had been discussed along with the finger float system, floats for the smaller boats and safety of moorings. The issue of allowing more piers in the outer harbor was also discussed, he said.

F. Town Manager Report

Pat Finnigan commended those involved with the July 4th celebration in Camden.

H. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn

Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace

Recording Secretary