



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
August 12, 2014
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.

1. Call to Order

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

2. New Business

A. Consideration of a request from Wayfarer Marine for an Assembly Permit to host the Penobscot Bay Rendezvous Regatta awards ceremony, dinner and dance on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 6pm to 11pm.

Don White made a motion to approve the Assembly Permit Application from Wayfarer Marine to hold a reception and awards dinner-dance for the Penobscot Bay Rendezvous Regatta on Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 6pm to 11pm. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

B. Consideration of the renewal of the Mutual Aid Agreement for law enforcement with the Town of Rockport

Police Chief Randy Gagne explained that the Mutual Aid Agreement allows officers to enter each other's jurisdictions when needed to provide backup.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve a 3-year Mutual Aid Agreement between the Towns of Camden and Rockport until June 20, 2017. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Chief Gagne gave an update on Cuzzy's, saying that the owner has stayed in close touch with the department and that the deck has been cleared each night after 11:00pm as agreed at the time of the permit.

Chris Cousins clarified that he has commercial districts on both sides of his establishment, on Bay View Street as well as Chestnut Street, not residential as had been commented at a previous meeting.

C. Authorize the FY15 Tax Anticipation Note

Pat Finnigan gave background on the Tax Anticipation Note.

James Heard made a motion to approve the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note in the

amount of \$1,500,000 as stated in the proposed vote. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

D. Ballot to elect members to the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee

Pat Finnigan explained that the MMA represents most of the 494 municipalities in Maine. The organization has asked its members to endorse the election of a Vice President and three directors, she said.

Don White made a motion to cast a ballot for the MMA Executive Committee as follows: for Vice President, Stephen Bunker, Farmington Select Board; and for Directors: Cynthia Mehnert, Orono Town Council; Laurie Smith, Kennebunkport Town Manager; and Patricia Sutherland, Chapman Select Board. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing

Martin Cates opened a Public Hearing concerning a proposed amendment to the Camden Zoning Ordinance, Article VI, Section 2 subsection 2(c) to the Traditional Village (V) zone to allow Inns that abut High Street, and which are within 500' of a zone which allows restaurants, to be granted a Special Exception to serve meals to overnight guests only.

The Applicant, Kristi Bifulco of the Windward House, introduced her proposal.

The floor was opened for comments.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the proposal: Tom Filip, Jim Ostrowski, Russ McKenna, Michael Sanfilippo, Claudio Latanza, Ed Sziklas, Dennis McGuirk, Oscar Verest, Eleanor Mason-Peters and Russ Miller. Deb Dodge read a letter in opposition of the proposal that was signed by several residents. Hillary Steinar spoke in favor of the proposal.

The Public Hearing was closed.

The Board commented on the proposal. White expressed appreciation for the hard work of the applicant, saying special exceptions are allowed in our ordinance and that he was in favor of moving the proposal forward.

Lookner spoke about the Lockdown Provision and said he was opposed to sending the proposal forward, but that it wasn't a matter of keeping it from voters.

French recommended looking at changes to the zoning ordinance first, and then considering whether or not a concept such as serving dinner to guests fit into the ordinance.

Heard said he was opposed to sending the proposal forward but not because he didn't think voters deserved to vote on it.

Cates said that he was in favor of allowing the voter to vote, and that he feels residents want the chance to vote. He also said the Planning Board had worked through its process diligently prior to coming up with its recommendation to move the proposal forward.

French said he was opposed to granting the exception before the Comp Plan was complete.

White emphasized that this was just another step and that voters should have a chance to vote on this matter in November. After that step, the applicant would have to go to the ZBA as well as pass through state regulations. He said he supports giving small businesses the chance to succeed.

The issue was put to a vote as to whether or not the proposal would be sent forward to a Town Meeting vote. The Select Board voted by a vote of 3 (Lookner, French, Heard) to 2 (White, Cates) not to send the proposed amendment forward to the voters.

4. Citizen Comments

Steve Gold asked the Board to hold a public hearing on piers in the outer harbor.

The following individuals spoke about the Tannery property: Tom Resek, Eleanor Masin-Peters, Melissa Marchetti, Elizabeth Schumann, Steve Gold, and Sue Mitchell.

The Town Manager told the group that the Tannery process is a dialogue between the Town, the community, and North East Mobile Health Services. She recommended that the community meet with NEMHS with an open mind to learn more. She said that all questions should be directed to her at the Town Office. She emphasized that the Millville neighborhood and how it is developed is very important to the Select Board. She added that health care is an important element of the quality of life on the midcoast.

5. Communications, Presentations and Recognitions

There were no presentations.

C. Approval of Select Board Minutes

John French made a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting dated July 22, 2014. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White said that the Planning Board had discussed a new Business Opportunity Zone at its last meeting.

James Heard said that the Harbor Committee had voted 4-1 to reject a pier application.

F. Town Manager Report

There was no Town Manager Report.

G. Select Board Closing Comments

There were no closing comments.

Adjourn and Convene as Wastewater Commissioners.

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

1. Approval of the Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Fees

Martin Cates made a motion to approve the Certificate of Commitment of Sewer User Fees for the period from April 11, 2014 to July 11, 2014 in the amount of \$227,014.81. Don White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Don White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 9:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary