



# Town of Camden Select Board Meeting September 1, 2015

## Minutes

**Present:** Chairperson, John French, Select Board Members, Don White, Leonard Lookner, Martin Cates, James Heard, and Town Manager, Pat Finnigan. Also present were citizens and members of the press.

### A. Call to Order

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

### B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

#### 1. Pathways Committee Report – Geoff Scott and Wyatt McConnell

Pathways Committee member Wyatt McConnell told the Select Board that the Committee is organizing the official ribbon-cutting and grand opening of the first section of the Riverwalk (the Tannery section). He invited the Board to attend on Saturday Sept. 12 from 10:00 – noon. It will be a community event and include food, kid events, a band, etc.

Pathways Committee Chair Geoff Scott updated the Board on the status of the next section of the Riverwalk that is being built along Mt. Battie Street to Seabright Dam, which will begin on October 25, 2015. This work will be done by the Maine Conservation Corps., volunteers, and Public Works. He reported that Camden's Wastewater Department and Coastal Mountain Land Trust, who both own property along that way, have both reported to be "on board" with the project. Mr. inquired about the grant to construct a new sidewalk from Quarry Hill to the Concord Bus station on Rt. 1, and he reported that the Pathways Committee will be updating the Master Plan, focused around sidewalks on the highest density roads that lead into Town.

### C. Citizen Comments

*There were no citizen comments.*

### D. Approval of Select Board Minutes of August 18, 2015

*Martin Cates made a motion to approve the Select Board Minutes from the August 18, 2015 Meeting. Don White seconded this, and the motion passed 5-0.*

### E. Select Board Member Reports

Don White reported that the upcoming Windjammer Weekend promises to be the biggest one to date, and wanted to congratulate all of those who will make it happen. He also reported that he, and John French attended the Volunteers & Committees "thank you" event at the Snowbowl, which he thought was a good mix of attendees, and hopes to see more of this type of thing.

Leonard Lookner made the observation that over the last year there has been much misunderstanding in our Country, between the Police and the public. He mentioned that it is important for citizens and visitors alike to see that Camden's Police Department is part of the community. He believes their presence needs to be more obvious Down Town, and should reflect that they are community oriented.

James Heard commented favorably on the new solar panels that have been installed on the roof at Camden Hills Regional High School. He remarked that “the kids will lead the way”.

## **F. Town Manager Report**

*There was no Manager’s Report this week.*

## **G. Unfinished Business** There was much discussion from the Select Board, which included

### **1. Harbor Ordinance Amendments.**

Town Attorney, Kristin Collins explained that she had revised the proposed Harbor Ordinance Amendments so the document included only the changes tentatively approved by the Select Board at its August 18 meeting. Harbor Committee Chair, Gene McKeever expressed concern that some of the technical amendments had not been included. Attorney Collins reviewed the document to show that they were included. The Select Board delayed its vote in order to give Mr. McKeever an opportunity to review the document before the next Select Board meeting on September 15.

*Martin Cates made a motion to consider them at the September 15 Select Board Meeting. Don White seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.*

### **2. Harbor Ordinance Amendment recommended by the Planning Board (Tabled from August 18, 2015).**

*Don White made a motion that due to the action on the Harbor Ordinance Amendments by the Select Board, these Amendments are not necessary. Martin Cates seconded this, and the motion carried 5-0.*

### **3. Zoning Ordinance Amendments**

Town Attorney, Kristin Collins, reviewed the zoning amendments which the Select Board approved at the August 18 meeting. She noted that due to the proposed amendments to the definition of “congregate housing,” the Subdivision Ordinance should be amended to allow for Planning Board review of congregate housing projects.

*Martin Cates made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance changes as presented by Kristin Collins. Don White seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.*

*Don White made a motion to hold a public hearing on the Subdivision Ordinance amendment presented by the Town Attorney. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.*

## **H. New Business**

### **1. Liquor license renewals - Public Hearings**

- a) **Long Grain Restaurant** located at 31 Elm St. for a renewal of a Class I Spiritous Vinous and Malt liquor license.

*Don White made a motion to table this renewal until the restaurant submitted a completed application. Martin Cates seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

b) **Grand Harbor Inn** located at 14 Bay View Landing for a Class III vinous liquor license

*Don White made a motion to approve the license. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed 5-0.*

**2. Confirmation of the appointment of Camden Library Trustees: John Claussen and Tom Stammen**

*Leonard Lookner made motion to confirm the appointment of John Claussen and Tom Stammen as Camden Library Trustees. James Heard seconded this motion and it was passed 5-0.*

**3. Request of the Camden Public Library to close Atlantic Ave. for the Maker Faire on September 12 and Harbors Arts & Books on October 3 and 4, 2015**

James Heard made a motion to approve the Camden Public Library's request to close Atlantic Avenue for the Maker Faire on September 12 and Harbors Arts & Books on October 3 and 4, 2015. Don White seconded this, and the motion carried 5-0.

**Adjourn**

*Leonard Lookner made motion to adjourn as the Select Board and reconvene as the Wastewater Commissioners. James Heard seconded this motion and it was passed 5-0.*

**Wastewater Commissioners**

**A. Call to order as Wastewater Commissioners**

1. Approval of the quarterly billing of the Certificate of Commitment of sewer bills in the amount of \$228,271.46

*Don White made a motion to approve the quarterly billing of the Certificate of Commitment of sewer bills in the amount of \$228,271.46. James Heard seconded this motion and it was passed 5-0.*

**Adjourn**

*At 8:00 pm Don White made a motion to adjourn. James Heard seconded the motion which passed 5-0.*

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**Workshop**

The Select Board held a workshop following the meeting to discuss the following topics: (1) Town Committees (work plans, minutes, communications), (2) set the date for a Joint Workshop with Rockport, (3) Solar Power Purchase Agreement status, and (4) future meetings and workshops

Respectfully submitted,

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Nora E. McGrath, Recording Secretary