



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
October 1, 2013
6:30pm

PRESENT: Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Donald White, 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. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

3. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

- Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Project Update

Bob Gordon, Co-Chair of the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Campaign, announced to the Board that the campaign had reached its \$4.5 million fundraising goal.

Donald White noted that the public vote is now needed for the \$2 million bond, and he urged voters to come to the polls on November 5th.

4. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated September 17, 2013

Leonard Lookner made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17th meeting. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

5a. Select Board Member Comments

Don White spoke about the Harbor Arts Show and the Camden Public Library Book Sale that would be coming up the following weekend. He also told the group that PAWS would be re-dedicating its Dog Park on Sunday, October 5.

Leonard Lookner reminded the public that the partial federal shutdown does not in any way affect services at the local level.

5b. Select Board Member Reports

Donald White said that the Trustees of the Camden Public Library had met during September and that one of their projects would be a library fundraising event at the Opera House.

White said that there had been a three-hour discussion during the recent Planning Board meeting about the special exception that has been proposed for Fox Hill. He said that the next meeting to

discuss this issue would be Thursday, October 17th at the Opera House at 5:00 PM.

White reported that the Mid-coast Transit Committee had made progress on their study that looks at the option of a daily transit service to serve the Mid-coast region. The next meeting of the transit committee would be October 10 in Rockland, he said.

John French reported on his first meeting as a citizen board member of the Region 8 School Board.

James Heard said that over the following week he would be attending meetings of the Harbor Committee, Camden Affordable Housing, and Parks and Recreation.

Martin Cates reported on the work of CEDAC. He said the Committee is looking at the planning process for implementing the Downtown Grant. In addition, Cates said that Peter Gross has been working with the Opera House Committee to support their planning.

Cates noted that he and the Town Manager were putting together an agenda for the upcoming joint meeting with the Rockport Select Board.

6. Town Manager Report

Pat Finnigan spoke about the success of the annual Camden International Film Festival that had taken place in Camden during the previous weekend. She also reported that the Town employees were participating in a walking challenge.

Finnigan said that a Special Town Meeting had been held on September 26th where the citizens had voted to authorize the use of the undesignated fund balance to help reduce the tax rate.

Lastly, the Town Manager congratulated the volunteers and organizers who had worked so hard on reaching the goal of the \$4.5 million Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Campaign. She said that now Camden's residents have an opportunity to participate by voting on November 5. She made note of the fact that the Town website features complete information on the project including all financial information along with the project's sustainability plan, so voters can go to the polls fully informed.

Leonard Lookner spoke about gathering information on what we can do as a community to support festivals such as ClIFF, Pop!Tech, and the Camden Conference.

7. Old Business - None

8. New Business

A. Authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Courier Publications/RFB Enterprises to hold the "Ragged Mountain Scuttle" obstacle race at the Snow Bowl

Beth Ward of Camden Parks and Recreation, along with Reade Brower of Courier Publications, talked to the Board about the obstacle race that is planned for the Snow Bowl called the "Ragged Mountain Scuttle." The event planning committee had decided to push the event from October of this year to April of 2014. Ward said that they may plan on a second race as well, to be held in October, 2014. Meanwhile, pushing the event to spring will allow the construction of three permanent obstacles this fall, with more to be constructed in time for the race in the spring.

Ward also told the Board that the photograph on the cover of the current issue of Down East magazine featuring the chairlift at the Snow Bowl has brought a great deal of interest from the public.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a 3-Year Agreement with Courier Publications/ RFB Advertising to hold the “Ragged Mt. Scuttle” at the Snow Bowl. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

B. Consideration of a request from Pop!Tech to use the Village Green for a special art installation from the morning of Wednesday, October 23 though the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013.

Donald White made a motion to approve the request from Pop!Tech to use the Village Green for a special art installation from the morning of Wednesday, October 23 though the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

C. Consideration of Nominating Jim Guerra, Manager of the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation, to the Municipal Review Committee Board of Directors

James Heard made a motion to nominate Jim Guerra, Manager of the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation, to the Municipal Review Committee Board of Directors. Donald White seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

D. Public Hearings

Martin Cates opened a Public Hearing.

- 1) Application of *Cappy's of Camden* LLC d/b/a ***Cappy's Chowder House*** at 1 Main Street for a Class IX Restaurant/Lounge Spirituous, Vinous and Malt Liquor License
- 2) Application of *Cappy's of Camden* LLC d/b/a ***Cappy's Chowder House*** at 1 Main Street for a Special Amusement Permit
- 3) Application of *Perseid Corporation*, d/b/a ***Camden Windward House*** at 6 High Street for a Class V Bed & Breakfast Spirituous, Vinous & Malt Liquor License

Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve the liquor licenses requested for Cappy's Chowder House and Camden Windward House, and the Special Amusement License for Cappy's Chowder House. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Approval of Certification of a Lodging License Transfer for Siobhan Kelly and Katja Hawlitschka, d/b/a Towne Motel at 68 Elm Street

John French made a motion to approve the transfer of the Lodging License for Towne Motel, LLC from Richard & Jane Ellis to Siobhan Kelly and Katja Hawlitschka. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

F. Consideration of Victualer & Lodging licenses:

- 1) Application of Ellis Cohn, d/b/a ***The Inn at Camden Place*** at 14 Tannery Lane for a renewal lodging license
- 2) Application of Heather Smith d/b/a ***Elm Street Grill*** at 115 Elm Street for a renewal victualer license

- 3) Application of Gerald Gabriele, d/b/a **Marriners Restaurant** at 35 Main Street for a renewal victualer license
- 4) Application of Peter Masin-Peters, d/b/a **Peter Ott's** at 16 Bay View Street for a renewal victualer license

- 5) Application of Cappy's of Camden, LLC d/b/a **Cappy's Chowder House** at 1 Main Street for a renewal victualer license
- 6) Application of Siobhan Kelly and Katja Hawlitschka, d/b/a **Towne Motel** at 68 Elm Street for a lodging license and victualer license

Donald White made a motion to approve the Victualer & Lodging licenses for The Inn at Camden Place, Cappy's Chowder House, Elm Street Grill, Marriner's Restaurant, Peter Ott's and Towne Motel. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

Adjourn

Donald White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 7:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary