



Town of Camden Minutes of the Select Board Meeting October 27, 2015

Present: Chair John French, Select Board Members, Don White, Leonard Lookner, Martin Cates, James Heard, and Town Manager, Pat Finnigan. Also present were Camden citizens.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson John French.

A. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing: Proposed amendments to the Camden Zoning Ordinance

Chairperson John French said that in an effort to make the public more aware of the local election on November 3 and the proposed ordinances amendments, the Select Board invited Planning Board Chair Lowrie Sargent to come to the meeting to present an overview of the proposed zoning and subdivision amendments. The zoning amendments included defining terms in the zoning ordinance such as "commercial" and clarifying the requirements for business uses located on the first floor in certain zones.

There were no public comments.

2. Public Hearing: Proposed amendments to the Camden Subdivision Ordinance to add congregate housing

Planning Chair Lowrie Sargent explained the proposed amendments to the Subdivision ordinance regarding congregate housing that will be voted on at the November 3 election.

There were no public comments.

B. Citizen Comments (for items *not* on the agenda)

There were no citizen comments.

Comments from the Board:

- 1) Don White said that discounted season tickets at the Snow Bowl will end on the weekend, and about an article in the AAA Northern New England's Magazine on the Toboggan Races.
- 2) Leonard Lookner said that he had watched the finger floats being removed from the Harbor, as well as a test hole being dug by the Town's Public Works crew for the construction of the hoist scheduled for next spring. He praised the employees as working both "rapidly & efficiently."
- 3) John French said that he had been reading the latest MRC Agreement regarding solid waste disposal and wants the community to be aware that there is a need to keep themselves informed, as there will be a new solid waste disposal arrangement by the end of 2018.

C. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated October 6, 2015

James Heard made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Don White seconded this. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Select Board Member Reports

- 1) Don White reported on the Downtown Network Board's Meeting.
- 2) Martin Cates reported that the next CEDAC Meeting will take place on the November 16 at 4:00 pm.
- 3) James Heard called on Mark Ratner to report on the first meeting of the Energy Committee. The next meeting will take place on November 16 at 5:00 pm, at the Watershed School.
- 4) When asked about the Tannery Committee's next meeting, Don White reported that it would take place on Thursday, October 29 at 11:30 am.

E. Town Manager Report

Pat Finnigan reported that all went well with the recent PopTech conference, which included more events which were offered free to the community. She also thanked Tidewater Communications and Harbor Digital for installing upgraded equipment which provided more bandwidth and faster internet access at the conference.

F. New Business

1. Acceptance of State Local Road Assistance Funds in the Amount of \$54,696 for capital projects

The State sets aside a portion of the gas tax to provide funds to municipalities to pay for capital improvement road projects. The Town manager reported that Camden, like most municipalities, spends more on capital road projects than the amount funded by the State. This year, Camden spent more than \$200,000 on road projects, but will receive \$54,696 from the State.

Don White made a motion to authorize acceptance of Local Road Assistance Funds in the amount of \$54,696. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

2. Accept resignation of Jan MacKinnon from the Planning Board

Chairperson French reported that Jan McKinnon has decided to resign from the Planning Board. She served on the Planning Board since 2005 as a regular member and alternate. Her resignation created an opening for an alternate member of the Planning Board. Alternate members' terms are for one year.

Don White made a motion to accept Jan McKinnon's resignation from the Planning Board with regret and seek applicants to serve as an Alternate Planning Board Member. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

3. Appointment of Sarah Holland to the Energy and Sustainability Committee

James Heard made a motion to appoint Sarah Holland to the Energy and Sustainability Committee, and Don White seconded this. The motion passed, 5-0.

4. Acceptance of criminal forfeiture assets in the case of State of Maine vs. Cammi Colby and Justin Luszcki

The Town Manager reported that the State of Maine forfeiture statute provides that when local Police Departments assist the State Police in criminal cases where cash and other assets are seized, the State can share some of those funds with the local police department. The Camden Police Department assisted with a case involving possession and distribution of drugs. This case netted \$6,704.50 in funds which were being allocated to the Camden Police Department. The Select Board must authorize acceptance of those funds.

Don White made a motion to accept criminal forfeiture funds in the amount of \$6,704.50. Martin Cates seconded this motion. The motion passed, 5-0.

5. Request to approve renewal revocable license agreement for five years with Michael Askjaer to use town-owned property located on the Public Landing (10 Bay View Street)

The Town Manager reported that the owners of 10 Bay View Street have a license to use a brick patio that extends onto Town-owned property and a 3rd floor balcony that uses airspace over Town property. This revocable license allows the owners to continue to use this property for \$1,500 per year.

Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve the renewal of the revocable license agreement with Michael Askjaer (10 Bay View Street) to use town-owned property located on the Public Landing. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Approval to dispose of tax acquired property at 6 Gosses Hill Road

The Board discussed whether to offer this property for sale through a public bid or to offer it to Habitat for Humanity.

Don White made a motion to table this discussion so the Town Manager could contact Habitat for Humanity to determine if they had an interest in this property and to discuss this at the next Select Board Meeting. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn

Don White made a motion to adjourn as the Select Board and to convene as the Board of Assessors. James Heard seconded this motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Board of Assessors

Chairperson French called the Board of Assessors to order.

A. Tax Abatements

The Board considered 12 abatement requests recommended by the Assessors Agent, which amounted to \$9,962.21.

James Heard made a motion to approve the tax abatements recommended by the Assessors Agent, in the total amount of \$9,962.21. Don White seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Supplemental Taxes

The Board considered 2 supplemental tax adjustments which amounted to \$2,296.73.

Martin Cates made a motion to approve the supplemental tax assessments as recommended by the Assessors Agent in the total amount of \$2,296.73. Don White seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn

At 7:40 pm, Don White made a motion to adjourn and hold a workshop immediately following the meeting to discuss the schedule and topics for upcoming meetings. Martin Cates seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.