



# Town of Camden Select Board Meeting December 2, 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. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

### a) Request by Patrick Cazemajou to use public property (Snow Bowl) to locate a food truck

Patrick Cazemajou, former owner of Ephemere Restaurant at 47 Bay View Street, asked permission to locate a food truck at the Snow Bowl. Board members expressed concern that there is no ordinance or policy in place to regulate food trucks, and that this could set precedence. It was decided that the Planning Board should study the question of food trucks prior to accepting proposals such as this one.

*Don White made a motion that the issue of food trucks on public property be deferred to the Planning Board and administrative staff for consideration and that they would come back to update the Board within six months. The motion was seconded by John French. It was unanimously approved.*

John Scholz, Planning Board member, also spoke on this matter.

*John French made a motion to deny the request of Patrick Cazemajou to locate a food truck at the Snow Bowl. The motion was seconded by Don White. It was unanimously approved.*

### b) Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Update

Landon Fake, Parks and Recreation Director and General Manager of the Snow Bowl, gave the Board an update on the recent installation of ski lift towers at the Snow Bowl by a construction helicopter. In addition he updated the Board on other improvements that had been completed and described next steps for installation of the haul ropes and chairs. Fake said that preparations for the ski season had begun, with staff orientation scheduled as well as an information day for the public.

Fake said that weather would have a lot to do with the timing of opening day, as cold temperatures are required to make snow. Lastly he reported that the Ragged Mountain Ski Club had raised over \$44,000 at their annual auction, up from \$18,000 the year before. These funds will benefit the Snow Bowl, he said, by offsetting expenses, providing scholarships, and making the 4th grade learn-to-ski program possible.

Jim Heard noted that season's pass sales for the Snow Bowl were \$50,000 ahead of last year.

## 3. Citizen Comments

Lowrie Sargent, Chair of the Planning Board, suggested to Board members that descriptions be added to ballot items concerning spending. Secondly, he spoke on the topic of the new middle school, encouraging the school board to postpone the referendum from February to June so that

more information can be gathered and citizens can make an informed decision.

Martin Cates suggested that the Select Board could draft a similar letter to one the Planning Board had written in support of postponing the school vote.

**Agenda change: New Business item**

*John French made a motion to take an agenda item out of order. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

**A. Consideration of a request to approve a septic tank replacement variance and holding tank agreement for property located at 273 Beaucaire Ave.**

Steve Wilson, Code Enforcement Officer, explained that due to the location of this property near the lake, the property owner needs permission to replace the septic system by installing a holding tank.

*Leonard Lookner made a motion to approve the request for a septic tank replacement variance and holding tank agreement for property located at 273 Beaucaire Ave. The motion was seconded by Jim Heard. It was unanimously approved.*

**4. Approval of Select Board Minutes of November 18, 2014**

*John French made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Don White. It was unanimously approved.*

**5. Select Board Member Reports**

Don White said that Camden's Christmas By the Sea had been a success. White encouraged citizens to be careful driving since this is the time of year when snow banks often make streets narrower for pedestrians. Lastly he noted that the PAWS annual auction was coming up.

**6. Town Manager Report**

Pat Finnigan said that two local businesses had been recognized by the Small Business Administration as part of the "Small Business Saturday" event. Seth Goodall, the Regional 1 Director of the Small Business Administration plus members of the State Dept of Economic & Community Development, the local Chamber, and she visited Clean Bee Laundry to recognize the owners of that business as well as the creator and owner of Loo-Hoo Dryer Balls which is located in Camden.

The Town Manager thanked the Public Works department for their hard work following the recent storms. She also recognized Landon Fake and the other dedicated Snow Bowl employees who are putting forth a concerted effort toward the construction, some even electing to work on Thanksgiving Day. Finnigan added that the Snow Bowl had recently received some great media coverage of the installation of the ski lift towers.

**7. New Business**

**B. Set the date for a Special Town Meeting to approve a \$550,000 bond issue for a Capital Improvement Project consisting of upgrades to the sewer treatment plant, Sea Street pump station and Mt. Battie pump station.**

The Pat Finnigan reviewed the Select Board's approval last spring of upgrades to the sewer

treatment plant, Sea Street pump station and Mt. Battie pump station. She told the Board that the project is currently underway, with temporary funding in place. She explained that the proposed bond issue would provide permanent financing for the project and noted that the capital improvements are necessary to address stormwater pollution issues. The Town Manager said that the bond issue would require a Special Town Meeting, and that this could take place on December 16th.

*Leonard Lookner made a motion to schedule a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday December 16 at 6:30 p.m to authorize the issuance of a bond issue up to \$550,000 for the upgrades to the sewer treatment plant, Sea Street pump station and Mt. Battie pump station. The motion was seconded by Don White. It was unanimously approved.*

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Don White noted that a vote had not been taken regarding the suggestion for a letter from the Select Board to the School Board concerning the timing of the February vote.

*Don White made a motion to have Cates and Finnigan collaborate to draft a letter to the School Board urging them to change the date of the vote on the Middle School project from February to the June Town Meeting. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

C. **Public Hearings:** Consideration of the following liquor license renewals:

- 1) North Winds Inc., d/b/a **the Waterfront Restaurant** at 48 Bay View Street for a Class I Restaurant Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License

*John French made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal for North Winds Inc., d/b/a The Waterfront Restaurant. The motion was seconded by Don White. It was unanimously approved.*

- 2) Stuart Smith d/b/a **Lord Camden Inn** at 24 Main Street for a Class III Vinous Liquor License

*Don White made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal for the Lord Camden Inn. The motion was seconded by Jim Heard. It was unanimously approved.*

- 3) Brian Hill d/b/a **Francine Bistro** at 55 Chestnut Street for a Class I Restaurant Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License

*John French made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal for Francine Bistro. The motion was seconded by Don White. It was approved by a vote of 4-0-1 (Lookner abstained).*

D. **Consideration of renewal victualers and lodging licenses for the following:**

- 1) Application of Brian Hill d/b/a **Francine Bistro** at 55 Chestnut Street

*Don White made a motion to approve the victualers and lodging license renewals for Francine Bistro. The motion was seconded by John French. It was approved by a vote of 4-0-1 (Lookner abstained).*

- 2) Application of French & Brawn, d/b/a **Mike's Catering at the Camden Snow Bowl**

*John French made a motion to approve the victualers and lodging license renewals for Mike's Catering at the Camden Snow Bowl. The motion was seconded by Don White. It was unanimously approved.*

- 3) Application of Ellis & Zachary Cohn, d/b/a **The Inn at Camden Place** at 14 Tannery Lane for a lodging license

*Don White made a motion to approve the lodging license renewal for the Inn at Camden Place. The motion was seconded by John French. It was unanimously approved.*

**E. Consideration of extending the Town Manager's Employment Contract for 3 years**

*John French made a motion to to approve a 3-year Town Manager contract with Pat Finnigan. The motion was seconded by Don White. It was unanimously approved.*

**F. Nomination of a member of the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) Board of Directors**

Pat Finnigan said that the Municipal Review Committee oversees the regional solid waste “trash to energy” plant (Penobscot Energy Recovery Corporation) and that as a member of MRC, the Select Board votes on directors for the Board. John French recommended that more information be gathered about the candidates before a vote is taken.

*Don White made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by John French. It was unanimously approved.*

**Adjourn**

*Leonard Lookner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Don White. It was unanimously approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Brace  
Recording Secretary

*A Workshop immediately followed the Select Board Meeting. Topics were:*

- *Discussion of the Town Manager's performance evaluation*
- *Annual Goals*