



**Town of Camden
Select Board Meeting
December 8, 2015**

Minutes

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

1. Call to Order

Chair John French opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and called upon the Town Manager. The Manager noted the sudden passing of William “Fitzzy” Fitzcharles on Thanksgiving evening. She said that Fitzzy had served the Town well for 10 years; he was a dedicated employee and his work had made Camden a better community for which we all should be grateful. The Board then held a moment of silence for Fitzzy and his family.

2. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

Geoff Scott, Chair of the Pathways Committee, reported on the completion of the second section of the Riverwalk which stretches along the River from Mt. Battie St. to the Seabright Dam. Geoff commended all the people who worked on the project including the Maine Conservation Corps, Parks & Recreation Department, the Public Works crew, the Pathways Committee and other volunteers, and the Select Board.

Mr. Lookner commended the Pathways Committee, with special recognition to Geoff Scott and Anita Brosius Scott, for their persistence and years of work to make the Riverwalk a reality. He and Jim Heard said they had walked along the newest section of the path and were very pleased with how it had turned out. They said it was a real community asset.

Mr. Scott said the next phase of the project would be from Knowlton St to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He asked the Select Board to support applying for a grant to fund the next section of the Riverwalk and to authorize the staff to submit a grant application. The Board said they had authorized the grant previously, but would reaffirm their support. Don White made a motion, seconded by James Heard to reaffirm the Board’s prior support and authorization to apply for a grant to help fund the next phase of the Riverwalk. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments

No citizens wished to make any statements.

Select Board member Don White had several comments including:

- Thanked and complimented the volunteers and participants of the Christmas by the Sea holiday celebration on Dec. 4 through 5;
- Reminded people that there is a winter parking ban in effect until April
- Requested that people be considerate of other walkers and scoop up after their pets;
- Encouraged drivers to be aware of pedestrians after it gets dark, in order to keep everyone safe.

Chair John French said that he had been contacted by the Pathways Committee regarding a list of sidewalks that need maintenance and repair. He wanted the Select Board to know that he had told Geoff Scott, Chair of the Pathways Committee, that he would support funding for those sidewalks in the FY17 budget.

4. Approval of Select Board Minutes of November 10, 2015

Martin Cates made a motion to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Don White. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Select Board Member Reports

Donald White reported on the following:

- The Tannery Committee had met earlier that day. The group had elected Roger Moody as the group leader;
- The Historic Resources Committees is working on establishing an historic district on Bayview St
- The Opera House is in the midst of its annual fundraising appeal. There will be a Family Film series starting in January

Leonard Lookner said that he heard from people concerns about litter in the downtown and the lack of trash cans. He requested having trash cans in appropriate locations. He also said that Laite Beach needed trash cans to help pet owners.

Martin Cates reported that he had met with Rockport Select Board member Owen Cassas to discuss joint efforts regarding parks and recreation facilities and programs. He said this was in response to the charge they received from the Joint Select Board meeting in November to explore ways promote recreational opportunities, fully use the facilities we have, and inventory existing facilities and programs, and identify additional; programming or facilities that would benefit the community. He said they are working on as joint committee modeled similar to the Pathways Committee.

6. Town Manager Report

The Town Manager thanked everyone who worked to make the Christmas by the Sea weekend such a success. She noted that Parker Laite had the idea of having a banner hung on a fire truck that was a simple message of "Thank you" to Charles Cawley who had recently died. She said Mr. Cawley had made many contributions to our community but never wanted any recognition, but she didn't think he would object to this simple expression of thanks.

7. New Business

A. Consideration of the 2016 Harbor Fees recommended by the Harbor Committee (Harbor Ordinance Article IV Section 1)

Harbor Master Steve Pixley said the Harbor Committee had recommended the 2016 Harbor fees unanimously. He said the fees remained the same except for an increase in the non-resident mooring fee for boats over 30'.

James Heard made a motion to approve the 2016 Harbor Fees recommended by the Harbor Committee. The motion was seconded by Donald White. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Consideration of 2016 Commercial Fishermen's Float Permit Applications (Harbor Ordinance Article V Section 2)

Harbor Master Steve Pixley reported that the Town had received 11 applications from commercial fishermen: 10 renewals and 1 new applicant.

James Heard made a motion to approve the 2016 Commercial Fishermen's Float Permit Applications. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Consideration of the 2016 Daysailer Licenses (Harbor Ordinance Article V Section

Harbor Master Steve Pixley reported that the Town had received application renewals from 4 Daysailer Captains to dock 5 boats at the Camden public dock. He said the Captains had all worked together and agreed to the schedule for 2016.

Donald White made a motion to approve the 2016 Daysailer Licenses. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Bid Award: Wastewater Department 2500 HD Truck

Town Manager Finnigan reported that the Town had received two bids. One from O'Conner GMC and one from Quirk Chevrolet. She said the bids were very close with only a \$2 difference, however, the low bid did not meet all specifications. Therefore, staff recommended awarding the bid to O'Connor GMC for a 2016 GMC/Chevrolet 2500HD

Donald White made a motion to award the bid for a 2016 GMC/Chevrolet 2500HD to O'Connor GMC in the amount of \$34,300. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Bid Award Parks & Recreation/Snow Bowl Utility Terrain Vehicle

Parks and Recreation Director/Snow Bowl General Manager Landon Fake reported that the Town had received two bids for this 4-season, all terrain utility vehicle which can be operated on land and in the snow. Staff recommended awarding the bid to Power Equipment Plus of Sidney bid in the amount of \$21,740. Which included parts to meet the manufacturer's warranty and power steering.

Donald White made a motion to award the bid for a 2015 Polaris XP 900 UTV to Power Equipment Plus of Sidney in the amount of \$21,740. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

F. Vote to nominate one member to the Municipal Review Committee (MRC) Board

The Town Manager reported that MRC, the organization that represents 187 municipalities including Camden, Rockport, Hope and Lincolnville regarding solid waste management and disposal, has a nine member Board. Each member town is allowed to cast one vote to elect the Board Members. She said that Jim Guerra, Manager of Mid-Coast Solid Waste, suggested supporting the re-election of Karen Fussell (the Finance Director of Brewer and Chair of the MRC's Communications Committee).

James Heard made a motion to cast a vote for Karen Fussell of Brewer to the MRC Board. Martin Cates seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

G. Consideration of renewal victualers licenses for the following:

1) Francine Bistro at 55 Chestnut Street for a victualers license

Leonard Lookner recused himself from this vote because he owns the property.

Donald White made a motion to approve the victualers licenses for Francine Bistro and Mike's Catering. Martin Cates seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1

2) French & Brawn, d/b/a Mikes Catering at the Camden Snow Bowl for a victualers license

Don White made a motion to approve the victualers licenses for Francine Bistro and Mike's Catering. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0

Adjournment. Martin Cates made a motion to adjourn as the Select Board and convene as the Board of Assessors. The motion was seconded by James Hears. The motion passed 5-0.

Board of Assessors. The Board convened as the Board of Assessors considered the following abatement requests for the year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$2,992.71.

RE 3323 Neillehaven \$727.75
Assessment Error – development Restrictions

RE 3281 107 Start Road \$340.43
Assessment Error – deed restrictions

RE 1918 Millay Road \$1,519.05
Assessment Error – development restrictions

RE 3237 2 Lupine Lane \$405.48
Assessment Error – unrecognized AHP

Don White made a motion to approve property tax abatements as recommended by the Assessors Agent. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

The Board considered the following requests for a Supplemental Tax Warrant for personal property taxes for the year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$160.38:

PP 472 – Townhouse Estates I - \$95.32
Assessment Error: mistakenly removed

PP 473 – Townhouse Estates II - \$65.06
Assessment Error: mistakenly removed

Martin Cates made a motion to approve personal property tax abatements as recommended by the Assessors Agent. James Heard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn. The Board then made a motion to go adjourn and go into Executive Session as the Select Board pursuant to Title 1 MRSA section 405.6.E. The motion was made by James Heard and seconded by Martin Cates. The motion passed 5-0.