



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
December 23, 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 6:32pm.

2. Consideration of approving December 26th as an Employee Appreciation Day

Chairman Cates introduced the topic of a Town of Camden Employee Appreciation Day.

Don White made a motion to authorize December 26th to be added to the calendar of holidays for 2014 only, and to allow any employee who is required by his or her department head to work on that day to be credited a floating holiday to be used when authorized by the department head or Town Manager. James Heard seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Leonard Lookner asked what the daily payroll is. The Town Manager answered that daily payroll is approximately \$9200.

Lookner commented that the matter of the appreciation day had circumvented the process of democracy, in that a new meeting had been called to reverse a vote from a previous meeting. He added that there had been no vote to hold the current meeting.

Heard explained that he had not been present at the previous discussion and had requested to weigh in on it. French noted that if the Chair calls a meeting, three members of the Board may consent to hold the meeting.

Cates said there had been no formal vote on this issue, only a discussion after the last Select Board meeting to take a poll on how each member felt on the matter. Cates confirmed that the Town Manager had sought advice from the Town Attorney to find out the right way to handle this.

White noted that the Town of Camden very much appreciates its employees, and he expressed support for the proposal.

French said he felt that the Town treats employees very well, and that other appreciation days are in place. He outlined the benefits that Town of Camden employees are entitled to. French also pointed out that factors like revenue sharing and the Knox County budget will impact our taxpayers.

The motion was called.

The motion passed by a vote of 3-1-0, (French opposed, Lookner abstaining).

Adjourn

Martin Cates made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don White seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Brace
Recording Secretary