



Town of Camden
Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
May 7, 2013
6:30pm

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PRESENT: Chairperson Martin Cates, John French, Jr., James Heard, Leonard Lookner, Donald White, and Town Manager Finnigan. Also present were members of the press and public.

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.

B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

1. Obstacle Race at the Camden Snow Bowl September 21- Reade Brower, Beth Ward

Reade Brower, Beth Ward and Diana Castle spoke about an obstacle race that is being planned for the Snow Bowl, to take place on September 21st. Ward said the course would be a three-mile loop along the trail called the "Tacks Trail".

Reade Brower told the Board that Courier Publications would be donating the funds to construct the course. He emphasized that the event's goal is to bring people into the region as well as to offer a fun activity for area residents. Beth Ward said that the planning group had presented their proposal to the Parks and Recreation Committee and that the committee was in full support.

Safety and liability issues were discussed.

Pat Finnigan noted that any material drafted as a proposed agreement would come back to the Select Board for final approval.

Donald White made a motion to direct the staff to work with the Town Attorney to draft a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Courier Publications regarding the "Obstacle Race." James Heard seconded the motion. It was unananimously approved.

2. MSAD 28/CSD Update - School Superintendent Elaine Nutter

Elaine Nutter presented an overview of the MSAD 28 and CSD 19 school budgets to the Board.

Nutter reviewed the elements of the budget. She told the Board that a physical plant assessment would be performed on the middle school and for the purpose of possible buildings systems upgrades. Nutter said they are always looking to improve the instructional services offered.

There was discussion regarding the Midcoast School of Technology and the number of

52 students who participate in these programs from our district.

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54 The average cost of educating students was also discussed. Nutter said that the state
55 average is approximately \$9000 per secondary school student, while the average for
56 elementary students is about \$7000. Costs in our district, she said, which include debt
57 service, amount to approximately \$13,000 per year for our secondary school students and
58 approximately \$11,000 per year for elementary-age students.

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60 In sum, Nutter said that on the MSAD side, total expenses had increased by .41%. For the
61 CSD, expenses had risen by 2.15%, she said.

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63 The Superintendent informed the Board that future considerations would include looking
64 at whether or not it is cost-effective to outsource custodial services, as well as whether
65 another fuel source other than oil could be used in the schools.

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67 Other topics discussed were the Zenith program, special education, supervision by a
68 police officer, the Windplanners Group, and the geo-thermal well that had failed and
69 needed repairs.

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71 Nutter said a particular concern of hers had to do with non-resident students being
72 allowed to attend school in our district without paying tuition. She said that this happens
73 through agreements between districts, and told the Board that while several of those
74 requests that had been denied, some had been appealed and reversed.

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76 **3. Proclamation for Arbor Day, Sunday, May 26, 2013**

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78 *Donald White made a motion that the Select Board proclaim Sunday, May 26, 2013 as Arbor*
79 *Day, and to thank Nancy Caudle Johnson for her dedication to conservation and raising*
80 *awareness about Camden's trees. The motion was seconded by Leonard Lookner. It was*
81 *unanimously approved.*

82 **C. Citizen Comments**

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84 There were no citizen comments, so the Chair opened the floor two comments from the
85 Board.

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87 Donald White spoke about the Chamber Business After Hours event planned for May 15,
88 hosted by the Camden Fire Department and co-sponsored by PAWS. He also spoke about
89 the Camden Public Library's "Poetry Express" event.

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91 **D. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated April 16, 2013**

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93 *John French made a motion to approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting dated April 16,*
94 *2013. James Heard seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

95 **E. Select Board Member Reports**

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97 Donald White said that the Library Book Sale had gone very well and told the group that the
98 next book sale would be held on the weekend of July 19th.

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100 White reported that the Planning Board had affirmed five-year terms at their recent
101 meeting instead of the three-year terms that had been proposed. He said the Opera House
102 Committee was in the process of applying for 501(c)3 status for the purpose of organizing a
103 “Friends of the Opera House” group to raise money for renovations.

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105 White said that the Cemetery Association had authorized the purchase of boulders, and that
106 the Historic Resources Committee had discussed digitizing documents at their most recent
107 meeting.

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109 Lastly, White told the Board that the Mid Coast Transit Committee would be conducting
110 information sessions on June 24th and 25th.

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112 James Heard reported as liaison to the Ragged Mountain Redevelopment Committee, that
113 their fundraising effort was hovering very near the \$4 million mark. He commended the
114 Committee for meeting every Thursday for the past several years.

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116 Heard also said he had attended a Harbor Committee meeting at which they discussed the
117 hoist at the harbor at some length.

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119 **F. Town Manager Report**

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121 Pat Finnigan told the Board that the Town of Camden's grant for a sidewalk extension along
122 Washington Street to connect to Shirttail Point has been approved.

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124 The Town Manager thanked those citizens who had paid their taxes by May 1. She noted
125 that voting day was exactly 5 weeks away and informed the Board that the staff was putting
126 the finishing touches on the Town Report.

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128 **G. New Business**

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130 **1. Public Hearings**

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132 Chairperson Cates opened a public hearing.

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134 *John French made a motion to address items a through i together as a group. Donald White*
135 *seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

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137 a) Camden Harbour Inn at 83 Bay View Street for a Class 1 Restaurant/Hotel & Mini Bar
138 liquor license serving malt, spirituous, and vinous beverages

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140 b) Camden Harbour Inn at 83 Bay View Street for a Special Amusement Permit

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142 c) Elm Street Grill at 115 Elm Street for a Class I Restaurant/Hotel liquor license serving
143 malt, spirituous, and vinous beverages

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145 d) Elm Street Grill at 115 Elm Street for a Special Amusement Permit

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147 e) Fresh Restaurant at 1 Bay View Landing for a Special Amusement Permit

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149 f) Hartstone Inn at 41 Elm Street for a Class I Restaurant/Hotel liquor license serving malt,

150 spirituous, and vinous beverages

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152 g) Norumbega Inn at 63 High Street for a Class V Bed & Breakfast liquor license serving
153 malt, spirituous, and vinous beverages

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155 h) Quarry Hill at 30 Community Drive for a Class I Restaurant liquor license serving malt
156 and vinous beverages

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158 i) Fromviandoux at 20 Washington Street for a Class I Restaurant liquor license serving
159 malt, spirituous, and vinous beverages.

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161 *John French made a motion, seconded by Donald White, to approve the requested licenses for*
162 *the above-named establishments. The motion passed unanimously*

163 **2. Approval of Victualers and Lodging License for the Belmont Inn at 6 Belmont Ave.**

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165 *John French made a motion to approve the Victualers and Lodging License for the Belmont*
166 *Inn. Leonard Lookner seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

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168 **3. Designation of the Registrar of Voters' office hours for the upcoming June 11-12,**
169 **2013 Annual Town Meeting.**

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171 *John French made a motion to establish the Registrar of Voters' office hours as the regular*
172 *business hours of the Town Clerk/Finance Office. Martin Cates seconded the motion. It was*
173 *unanimously approved.*

174 **4. Confirmation of the Town Clerk's appointment of Election Warden for the June 11-**
175 **12, 2013 elections.**

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177 *James Heard made a motion to confirm the Town Clerk's appointment of Selkie O'Mira as*
178 *Election Warden. John French seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.*

179 **H. Select Board Closing Comments**

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181 There were no closing comments.

182 **Adjourn**

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184 *Donald White made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John French seconded this motion. The*
185 *motion passed unanimously and the Board adjourned at 7:54pm.*

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Respectfully submitted,

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Karen Brace

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Recording Secretary