



Town of Camden Select Board Meeting 10 November, 2015

Minutes

Present: Select Board Members, Don White, who chaired the meeting, Leonard Lookner, Martin Cates, James Heard, and Town Manager, Pat Finnigan. Select Board Chair John French, arrived at 7:00 pm. Also present were citizens and a new member of the press, Liz Hebert of the *Camden Herald*.

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

B. Communications, Presentations, and Recognitions

1) Christmas by the Sea Committee: Presentation and request to close Atlantic Avenue on Dec. 4.

Community Development Director, Karen Brace, along with Christmas by the Sea Committee Members, Patty Siegenthaler, and Cindy Lampley, reported on the schedule for the Event which is taking place on December 4-6, 2015. Karen Brace asked the Select Board to consider closing Atlantic Avenue on Dec. 4, 2015 from 4 to 8 pm. An initial motion was made and Leonard Lookner amended this motion.

Leonard Lookner amended a motion to extend the hours of the Atlantic Avenue closure to be in affect from 3pm until 9 pm on Friday, December 4, 2015. James Heard seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.

2) Ragged Mountain Redevelopment/Snow Bowl Report

Snow Bowl General Manager Landon Fake updated the Select Board regarding preparations for the upcoming ski season. He said season pass sales are strong: up 17% over last year at this time. He reported on the data tracking that is now implemented, the double chairlift is up and awaiting inspection, and the parking lot and storm water management system that performed well after the recent heavy rains. He said the Ski Club's pancake breakfast which was held every Sunday in October, and the chair lift rides had been very popular. Despite the last weekend getting rained out, revenues exceeded the budget. He said the expansion of the free 4th Grade Learn to Ski program may soon include the Towns of Belmont, Searsmont, and Morrill.

B. Citizen Comments (on topics which are not on the agenda)

There were no citizen comments.

C. Approval of Select Board Minutes dated October 27, 2015

James Heard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Martin Cates seconded this, and the motion carried 5-0.

D. Select Board Member Reports

John French reported that he has been told by several citizens that they were not pleased with the rise in sewer costs. He said that people have to understand that the infrastructure is very old (100 years in some places) and that it needs to be upgraded. He wanted the citizens to know that the Town is doing its best to keep things running.

Leonard Lookner wanted to say Happy Birthday to the United States Marines who have celebrated 240 years in service.

Don White noted that Wednesday November 11th is Veterans Day and asked people to remember the sacrifice veterans have made. He also reported that he has heard concerns from citizens regarding the fact that there are no "ties" in the new solid waste bags. Mr. White then reported on his attendance at the Historic Resources Committee Meeting. He also said that the next meeting of the Tannery Committee would take place Tuesday, the 17th November, 2015, at 4 pm in the Tucker Room.

E. Town Manager Report

Town Manager, Pat Finnigan, thanked all of the volunteers and staff who helped make the Nov 3rd Election Day go very smoothly. She said that in the future there could be more on the ballot to help clarify the issues before voters.

The Manager then showed everyone the "Award of Excellence" for the Annual Town Report which the Town had received. She said the Annual Report is a group effort, but the credit for this award goes to the Town Manager's Assistant, Janice Esancy for the wonderful job she does producing the Town's Annual Report.

Ms. Finnigan spoke of the live performance of the Nutcracker by the Atlantic Ballet Company that will take place at the Opera House during Christmas by the Sea, and the Pecha Kucha that will take place in the Opera House next weekend.

G. Licenses (Public Hearings)

1. Consideration of application of Brian Hill d/b/a Francine's Bistro at 55 Chestnut Street for renewal of a Class I Restaurant Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License *John French made a motion to approve the renewal of a Class I Restaurant Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License for Francine's Bistro at 55 Chestnut Street. Martin Cates seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.*

2. Consideration of application of Stuart Smith, d/b/a Bay View Street Inn at 16 Bay View Street for a Class I Hotel Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License and Hotel Mini- bar. *John French made the motion to approve the Class I Hotel Malt, Spirituous, and Vinous Liquor License and Hotel Mini-bar for Bay View Street Inn at 16 Bay View Street. Martin Cates seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.*

H. New Business

1. Consideration of applications from Stuart Smith, d/b/a Bay View Street Inn, LLC at 16 Bay View Street for a victualers and lodging license.

John French made the motion to approve the applications from Stuart Smith, d/b/a Bay View Street Inn, LLC at 16 Bay View Street for a victualers and lodging license. Martin Cates seconded this motion, and it carried 5-0.

2. Consideration of abatements for prior year real estate and personal property accounts.

The Town Manager said these were not finalized and asked that these be tabled.

3. Approval of sale of Wastewater Department truck to MSAD 28.

John French made a motion to approve the sale of the 2006 GMC pick-up truck with plow to MSAD 28 in the amount of \$13,500. James Heard seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

4. Review of bids to purchase Town-owned property (Belfast Ave).

John French made a motion to accept the highest bid of \$5,000.00 made by the Laite Family. Leonard Lookner seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.

5. Request State action regarding a logging operation occurring on Hosmer Pond Road.

Martin Cates made the motion to send a letter to the Department of Environmental protection (DEP), Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF), Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) and to the legislative delegation to work with the Town to enforce applicable laws and regulations, and to require the property owner to take necessary corrective action. John French seconded this and the motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn

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

Convene as Board of Assessors

1. Consideration of abatements for the following real estate and personal property taxes for the year 2015-2016 in the amount of 2015-2016 in the amount of \$3,572.62.

RE 3028	164 Chestnut St	\$16.64
Assessment Error – deck		
RE 3301	42 Timbercliff Dr.	\$543.17
Assessment Error – valuation		
RE 2128	Sea St	\$2,762.74
Assessment Error – valuation		
PP 602	Various	\$0 .42
Assessment Error – rounding error		
PP 771	Beaucaire Ave	\$249.65
Assessment Error- property listed in error		

James Heard made a motion to approve all five abatements as recommended by the Assessors Agent. John French seconded this and the motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn

At 7:45 p.m. John French made a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into an executive session to discuss the Town Manager's performance evaluation. Martin Cates seconded this. The motion carried 5-0. The Select Board adjourned the executive session at approximately 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora E. McGrath, Recording Secretary