

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 12, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met for their bi-weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Charles Wheeler, Sharon Davis, Charles Cheney and Karl Kelly and Carina Park, Town Administrator and Eleanor Dewey, Office Assistant and recorder. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills. They signed 1 exemption for Assessors, 1 Notice to Excavate, 1 Warrant for Collection of Property Taxes, 2 Building Permits, 1 Driveway Permit and 1 Elderly Exemption.

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public present at this meeting were: Richard Osbourne, John Dantonio and Hannah Joyce. The Minutes were recorded this evening.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes and Non-public Minutes of August 22, 2016. There were none. **A Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes of August 22, 2016 and the Non-Public Minutes of August 22, 2016 as written. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, the Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.**

Privilege of the Floor: Chair Laufenberg welcomed Richard Osborne back, who is campaigning for State Representative. Mr. Osborne explained that he came back to ask the Board if there were any recommendations or suggestions that they would like to point out to him. Selectman Davis responded regarding the State Education Tax. This tax will adversely affect the Town tax rate as a considerable percentage portion goes to the school budget and the Board has no control, causing a further burden on property owners. While it was acknowledged by Selectman Davis that school education is important to our children and our State, there needs to be a better way than burdening Towns and then the burden trickles down to property owners. Mr. Osborne agreed that the burden cannot keep coming down to property owners as he acknowledged that he spoke with a number of property owners who are fearful of losing their property due to the increased property tax burden. Selectman Davis also expressed that the Rooms and Meals Tax has been greatly reduced and the Town is now looking at possibly contributing a portion of it to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Osborne concurred that Towns have been expressing their concerns about income "melting away" due to cuts from the State and he agreed that the legislature need to come together to find the most effective solution. Another concern expressed by Selectman Davis pertained to the opioid crisis. Mr. Osborne acknowledged the incredible complex problem and felt that children as young as first grade need to be educated about drugs. Mr. Osborne agreed that the 3 issues discussed this evening are high priority items and he will do his best, if elected, to address the recommendations. The Board thanked Mr. Osborne for coming and wished him good luck in the Primary Election.

New Business:

Citizen Concern - Chair Laufenberg called on Mr. John Dantono who wished to discuss the condition of Miclon Road. Mr. Dantono explained that he lives on Whitehouse Circle but has to travel the short one tenth of a mile stretch on Miclon Road to get to Whitehouse Circle. Mr. Dantono explained the poor condition of Miclon Road and the fact that he discussed the matter with Butch Bain, Road Agent who suggested he come before the Board to express the need for paving Miclon Road. The Board acknowledged Mr. Dantono's concern and explained that his timing is good because the Board will be starting the budgeting process soon. Chair Laufenberg assured Mr. Dantono that Miclon Road will be addressed to the Road Agent, when addressing the Highway Department Budget, but he gave no guarantees on what roads will be paved and the amount that will be allocated to such paving. The Board thanked Mr. Dantono for coming in and encouraged him to attend the budget meetings.

Tax Collector – Tax Deeding. Chair Laufenberg called on Hannah Joyce, Town Clerk/Tax Collector regarding Tax Deeding. Mr. Joyce presented a preliminary packet of properties up for deeding for the Board to review. Mrs. Joyce explained that she will be back in on October 3rd for a final review by the Board. Mrs. Joyce informed the Board that she set the deeding date for October 14, 2011. Mrs. Joyce expressed that she hoped there will be no surprise emergency agreements made after the decision is made for the final list of tax deeded properties on October 3rd. The Board thanked Mrs. Joyce for coming and presenting the preliminary packet for their review.

Preliminary CIP Discussion. Chair Laufenberg acknowledged that, technically, the CIP is the Planning Board's obligation, but he felt that the Board of Selectmen should have an initial review of the Plan before it goes before the Planning Board and the CIP Committee. Chair Laufenberg indicated that Carina has drafted a spreadsheet, after speaking with all Department Heads, (Fire Department, Highway Department and Police Department) addressing their future needs ,and "wish list", for equipment. Also infrastructure for Transfer Station renovations, Alden pond Dam and the Municipal Building were included in the preliminary plan. It was suggested that Technology for each Department be added (as a whole figure) and a specific road paving plan be added. Carina confirmed that regarding the item of portable radios, (in the Fire Department section) she discussed the need with Chief Dan Defosses and he expressed that the radios were not necessarily needed in 2017, but in the near future. Keeping this in mind, she added them as a place holder in 2017. It was also confirmed that the Fire Department figures are the total figures, not the Town of Campton's portion alone. The Board concurred that this was a good start for the CIP.

Preliminary 2017 Budget Discussion. Chair Laufenberg inquired as to what the Board would like to convey to the Heads of Departments to focus on while preparing their 2017 Proposed Budgets. The consensus of the Board was to keep the budgets as flat as possible. If increases are needed, justification will need to be prepared. The Board expressed that they were not necessarily referring to salaries remaining flat, but meant all other items. **Carina inquired if the Board would like to keep on track with Chair Laufenberg's schedule regarding the Heads of Departments to come before the Board in October regarding proposed budgets. The Board agreed.** Chair Laufenberg stated that it will be the anticipation of the Board to have the budgets all set before Christmas.

Correspondence: Carina stated that the Board has a copy of the updated tax agreement payments provided by Mrs. Joyce. Carina confirmed that she would be sending 2 reminder letters to the delinquent accounts. Carina did mention that some recent payments have been received even though the accounts have not been kept current.

Fire Chief Defosses dropped off the tentative budget for the Lakes Region Fire and the Town of Campton's cost portion is \$32,001.24 which is a \$637.00 increase from last year. Chief Defosses expressed to Carina that he will be voting yes to approve the budget, unless he hears differently from the Board. Carina confirmed that the increase is a 1.96% increase in valuation. **The Board was in agreement with the proposed budget.**

Carina distributed to the Board a Campton Parks and Recreation packet that Lisa Ash, Parks and Recreation Director, prepared for the Board's review of events held from last fall until present, together with questions and comments prepared by participants.

The Campton Historical Society provided a flyer regarding a talk by F. Schuyler Mathews and Other Local Historic Notable, presented by Daniel Heyduk. The event will be Monday, September 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Campton Historical Society.

In response to comments received from Mrs. Joyce and the public regarding demolition of buildings, Carina explained that she drafted a form entitled, "Demolition Permit" to be used for demolition purposes rather than the Building Permit which has been used in the past. There seemed to be a lot of confusion, because the buildings in question were being destroyed not built. **Consequently, the need arose for a "Demolition Permit". Carina stated that Charles Brosseau has reviewed and approved the form and if the Board approved, moving forward, the form will be used. The Board concurred.**

The Department of Environmental Services sent a notice regarding a Shoreland Program Permit Application for property on NH Route 49 has been filed.

Privilege of the Floor: There was none.

Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a-i): **Chair Laufenberg called for a Motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a-i) regarding personnel and legal correspondence. The Motion was made and seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Cheney, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:15 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at approximately 7:30 p.m.**

In Public Session Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who made a Motion to seal the Non-Public Minutes. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectmen Cheney – aye, the Board unanimously voted to seal the Non-Minutes.

Carina stated that she had some additional Correspondence to discuss with the Board. Tom McGlaulin provided an agreement between the Town and Thomas McGlaulin of McGlaulin Group Auctioneers for an up-coming auction of Town owned property, scheduled for November 26, 2016. Carina stated that

Mr. McGlaulin confirmed that he could set a reserve amount for the Merrill Road property, as requested by the Board. There was also discussion about the 10% penalty. Mr. McGlaulin agreed to forego the 10% penalty regarding the Merrill Road property; and he offered the suggestion that the Board not sign the agreement until the 30 day time period has elapsed on owners' notices for possible repurchasing properties.

There was discussion regarding Board members' floor coverage at the Primary Election on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

Board Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Wheeler who stated that the public expressed concern about the edges on Bog Road after the recent paving. Carina confirmed with Butch Bain, Road Agent, that the top coat of paving has not been done, but will be done shortly. After that second coat, the edges will be addressed.

Chair Laufenberg stated that the Dollar General Store application has been accepted by the Planning Board and requests have been made by the Board and the public concerning some aesthetic improvements which Dollar General has complied with; however, there are still some issues the public is not satisfied with. Dollar General is coming in for another meeting on September 13, 2016 for final approval and has expressed their budget has reached its maximum expenditures.

Carina has volunteered to attend the meeting regarding the Livermore Falls project which is scheduled for noon time on September 14, 2016 as Selectman Wheeler and Selectman Laufenberg will not be able to attend.

Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Wheeler who inquired about previous Town election results information not being available to the public. It was acknowledged that the request needs to be made to the Town Clerk for the specific number of votes received by each candidate.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant in the Selectmen's Office and Recorder