

## MINUTES

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 6, 2017

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 7:45 p.m. (directly after the first 2017 Proposed Budget Hearing 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. The Board signed 1 Intent to Cut.

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes and Non-public Minutes of January 30, 2017 Meeting. After several revisions made by Selectman Davis, a **Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes as revised and the two sets of Non-Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, the Public Minutes were unanimously approved as revised and the two sets of Non-Public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.**

Privilege of the Floor: Fire Chief Dan Defosses discussed with the Board the possibility of the Fire Department applying for a \$6,000.00 grant offered by the State for EMS training to protect his employees while participating in an emergency situation and will also provide some gear protection and emergency supplies. Discussion ensued, expressing concern of Fire Department staff entering an unsafe area. Clarification was made that the Fire Department would be entering the "Warm Zone", which is an area already cleared by law enforcement before the Fire Department enters to assist. **After further discussion the Board unanimously agreed that Chief Defosses should move forward with applying for the grant.**

Chair Laufenberg inquired if Chief Defosses had heard from the Thornton Board regarding the ambulance decision. Chief Defosses confirmed he has not heard. Chief Defosses did inform the Board that he started the process of getting price quotes for a new ambulance for next year.

New Business: 2017 Budget Hearing Review: Merit pay was discussed and inquiry was made by a member of the public at the first Budget Hearing to not lump the amount but, to specify the amount in each specific department. **Discussion ensued, and the Board unanimously agreed to leave the merit pay as a lump sum.**

1% increased compensation was questioned at the first Budget Hearing and a member of the public expressed that in the Police Department Budget it did not seem to calculate out. Carina will recheck the figures as she mentioned that when rounding off figures the system carries the decimal point out further which may have caused the discrepancy; however, not a huge significant difference. Also, the

holiday pay in the Police Department Budget was questioned. Carina stated that Police Chief Warn will check the figure and get back to her.

The Conservation Commission reserve fund (acquired by 50% of the Land Use Change penalties) has over \$200,000.00 in the account. It was suggested that the Board revisit this discussion with regard to placing a cap on the amount received by the Conservation Commission, as suggested by members of the public.

Correspondence: Carina informed the Board that Friends of the Pemi will be meeting in the Community Room on February 16, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., to discuss the construction plans for Mills Falls, on the Campton side. Lunch will be provided.

New Business Continued: Warrant Articles: Carina explained that Selectman Davis made some changes to the Warrant Articles pertaining to language, but all the figures remain the same. Carina suggested the Board vote on the Warrant Articles this evening. The results of the Board's votes are as follows:

Article 3: 5-0

Article 4: 4-1

Article 5: 5-0

Article 6: 5-0

Article 7: 5-0

Article 8: 5-0

Article 9: 5-0

Article 10: 5-0

Article 11: 5-0

Article 12: 5-0

Article 13: 5-0

Article 14: 5-0

Article 15: 5-0

Article 16: 5-0

Article 17: 5-0

Article 18: 5-0

Article 19: 0-5

Article 20: 5-0

Article 21: 5-0

Article 22: 5-0

Article 23: 5-0

Correspondence: Carina stated that NH Municipal Association House Bill 413 was voted on to have the State start contributing to retirement again, as they have in the past. NH Municipal Association is asking for Town support for this Bill. **The Board unanimously agreed to have Carina draft a letter of support.**

Carina informed the Board that she did speak with the property owner regarding the tax agreement discussed with the Board last week in Non-Public Session. The individual stated she would be able to pay \$30.00 per month. It would take two years for her tax debt to be paid off. **Discussion ensued, and the Board unanimously agreed not to enter into a tax agreement at this time.** Carina stated that the other property in question was discussed with a relative, who is one of the owners, and it was acknowledged that the delinquent property taxes would be paid off on that property.

Boards Concerns and Directives: Selectman Cheney inquired about the notation on the Agenda, "Please Note Time Change". Carina indicated that the notation was made that the Board of Selectmen's Regular Meeting was directly following the 2017 Proposed Budget Hearing, as we are required to post a time and a specific time could not be established under the circumstances.

Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Kelly who inquired if the Board would consider discussing again the issue of making the Road Agent position an appointed position. Selectman Kelly stated that he has been approached by the public and Carina stated that she also has been approached. Selectman Cheney also confirmed that he received feedback from individuals. Lengthy discussion ensued, and each member of the Board expressed their concerns and reasons for their change of view. **Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Cheney who made a Motion for a Warrant Article to be drafted to make the Road Agent Position an appointed position. The Motion was seconded, and with a roll call vote, the Motion was unanimously approved. Chair Laufenberg will telephone Butch Bain this evening.**

Adjourned: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder