

## MINUTES

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 27, 2017

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Charles Wheeler, Charles Cheney, and Karl Kelly and Carina Park, Town Administrator and Eleanor Dewey, Office Assistant and recorder. Selectman Davis was not present due to being out of State. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills. The Board signed 1 Blind exemption and 1 Veteran's Disabled exemption.

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A member of the public present at this meeting was Tiffany Johnson, NH State Rep. Grafton District 7. The Minutes this evening were recorded.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the two sets of Minutes for February 21, 2017. After one revision made by Selectman Cheney to the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes and no revisions to the Second 2017 Proposed Budget Hearing Minutes, a **Motion was made to approve the Selectmen's Minutes as revised and the Second 2017 Proposed Budget Hearing Minutes as written.. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, the two sets of Minutes were unanimously approved.**

Privilege of the Floor: Chair Laufenberg acknowledged that Tiffany Johnson, State Rep. was present this evening and he asked that Ms. Johnson keep the Board apprised of any State activity that would affect the Town of Campton. Chair Laufenberg also mentioned, on behalf of the Board, that there is HB 413 before legislature, which proposes to restore a portion of the State contribution towards the retirement costs for certain municipal employees. HB 413 would lower the retirement costs for the Town and therefor, lessen some of the tax burden on taxpayers. Chair Laufenberg asked that Ms. Johnson keep this in mind. Ms. Johnson acknowledged the Board's interest and concerns.

#### New Business:

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Review – Deer Run Dam. Carina indicated that she provided the Board with a copy of the RFQ which she drafted and the Department of Environmental Services has reviewed and gave their approval. Carina indicated that, if the Board is in agreement, she will start contacting engineering firms. **After review and discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to have Carina move forward with the process of contacting engineering firms.**

Blair Bridge Repairs – Carina reminded the Board that they previously discussed putting the whole project out for bid once again (after the bid from Primex came in and the bid from Stan Graton). Carina compared both quotes again and discussion ensued. **The Board concurred to have Carina get another quote from Stan Graton for structural repairs only and to do the side panels.**

**Carina informed the Board that Chief Warn would like the Board to think about purchasing 2 infrared cameras for the Blair Bridge as the cameras currently on the bridge are inadequate for Police investigation purposes. Carina stated that Chief Warn agreed to procure price quotes. Discussion ensued as to the need and cost issues. The Board agreed to review quotes and to discuss this matter further. Carina will research what the expenditure was for the present cameras.**

Correspondence: Carina stated that Northern Pass sent an informative letter on their progress and quoted an estimated first year municipal and local school tax payment of \$1.08 million to the Town of Campton together with an estimated 20 - year schedule of tax payments to the Town. Discussion ensued as to the benefits, and then, questions arose as to how the current law suit with public utilities and surrounding Towns will impact the Town, and, if it will have an impact in determining Northern Pass's obligations to the Town.

Carina informed the Board that NH DES has provided a conditional approval regarding a wildlife pond construction on Mason Road which includes a list of specifications that the property owner will need to complete relating to wetlands.

Carina stated that the auditors completed the audit and it went smoother than last year. Selectman Cheney inquired if there was any information regarding bookkeeping issues previously discussed. Carina confirmed she had no information.

Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). A Motion was made and seconded to go into Non-Public Session regarding tax agreements and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:03 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:10 p.m.

Board Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg confirmed that he would draft a summary explanation of certain Warrant Articles for Town Meeting; i.e. the Library Warrant Article, the Road Agent Warrant Article, the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Warrant Article; and the Dam Warrant Article.

Selectman Wheeler reminded the Board that he will not be at the next Selectmen's meeting; however, he will be at Town Meeting, but might be a little late as he has a meeting in Boston scheduled on that day.

Chair Laufenberg asked Carina to contact Tim Scanlon to invite him to the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to review for the Town Meeting.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder