

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 6, 2017

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

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Minutes this evening were recorded.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public and Non-Public Minutes of February 27, 2017. There were no revisions and a **Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, the two sets of Minutes were unanimously approved.**

**Correspondence:**

Carina informed the Board that they have in their packet an updated Tax Agreement list from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. One of the taxpayers that is behind has discussed the issue with Carina and they have a plan to bring them up-to-date shortly.

Water and Sewer Liens regarding Beebe River – Carina informed the Board that she reached out to Town Attorney (as was suggested) regarding the best way to go about water and sewer liens. Town Attorney recommended the best option was for the Board to agree on an appropriate time line for overdue accounts. Then, create a warrant to be given to the Tax Collector to collect the past due amounts. Discussion ensued. Carina informed the Board that Town Attorney informed her this would be the best and simplest way to handle the liens. **The Board agreed on a 6 month time line, and agreed to have Carina draft 4 liens for the Board to review at the next Selectmen's meeting.**

Carina informed the Board that she received a copy of a Writ of Possession regarding a mobile home that has been taken over by Six Flags. The owner of the mobile home passed away in 2015 and at that time, the Veteran's Exemption was removed from the tax records (such exemption created a zero property tax liability). Consequently, in 2015 and 2016 property taxes commenced accumulating without the Veteran's tax credit. The park owners now have possession of the property and they are asking the Board for an abatement of the 2015 and 2016 taxes, totaling approximately \$432.91. **Discussion ensued and the Board agreed to abate and signed the abatement this evening.**

New Business: 2017 Deposit & Investment Policy - Carina informed the Board that the auditors informed her that the Deposit & Investment Policy needs to be reviewed and approved annually. The last approval was made in 2014. **Carina pointed out that Selectman Davis indicated that a paragraph was missing regarding the annual approval and Carina will include that paragraph. In addition, questions ensued pertaining to Capital Reserve and Trustee's Fund, NH Public Investments and issues on bonding. Carina will research further and inquire about what other Towns have done, and this matter will be revisited at the next meeting.**

2017 Town Meeting Preparation – Tim Scanlon, Town Moderator was present and the Board reviewed the Town Warrant Articles with Mr. Scanlon. Upon review, Article 18 was discussed and it was confirmed that the Alden Dam is the only dam that the Town owns. Selectman Cheney expressed that he would like to amend Art. 18 to remove the words, “and other Dams throughout Town.” and felt an amendment should be made at Town Meeting. There was no further discussion on the Articles, and the Board thanked Mr. Scanlon for coming this evening. Mr. Scanlon inquired if Diane Richards is still sworn in as Assistant Moderator? Mr. Scanlon will discuss with the Town Clerk.

Carina informed the Board that the Boy Scouts will be at Town Meeting, Lisa Ash will be supplying water bottles and a schedule of Board members present on voting day was arranged this evening. Carina stated that Selectman Davis confirmed with her that she could be present on voting day from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. and then she can come back to count votes after dinner. Selectman Kelly stated that he can be present all day (of course with some breaks) and Selectman Wheeler can come in and out as needed. Chair Laufenberg stated that he might be available in the a.m.

Carina stated that the RFQ's for the Alden Dam are posted on the NHMA website and she has sent out the RFP's to 6 engineering firms and she has gotten two additional firms that have reached out after viewing the website. Carina informed the Board that the deadline for proposals is April 1<sup>st</sup> and that will give the Town one month to review; however, the NH DES also has to approve the engineer to make sure the firm is licensed, etc. and Mr. Charlie Krautmann, at DES stated he will also review.

Carina informed the Board that she spoke with Stan Graton regarding the Blair Bridge and he will provide another quote on the braces, but warned Carina that there was a little discount for 10 braces; however, with only 4 braces being quoted, the price per brace may increase. He will also provide a separate quote for the side panels.

**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 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 7:13 p.m.**

Board Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Cheney and he inquired about the payroll check for the Road Agent. Carina confirmed that check amount includes Mr. Bain's longevity.

Selectman Cheney inquired about the auditor's report. Carina informed the Board that the auditors are awaiting necessary information from New Hampshire Retirement before they can complete the report; however, the report usually takes a few months anyway.

Selectman Kelly inquired about the cemetery flags. **Carina confirmed that the flags were taken off the cemetery by John Timson and that new flags will be ordered before spring, and the Boy Scouts will be able to place new flags in the cemetery this year.**

Chair Laufenberg inquired if Carina had anything scheduled on the agenda for the Selectmen's Meeting on March 13, 2017. She confirmed that she did not. **Chair Laufenberg suggested that the Board forego meeting on March 13, 2017 due to voting and the Election and Town Meeting next week. The Board agreed and Carina will post on the website that there will be no meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, and she will email Selectman Wheeler and Selectman Davis to inform them.**

Chair Laufenberg informed Carina that he has a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on March 15, 2017 (Town Meeting day); however, he will keep Carina posted as to whether he will be on time.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder