

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 20, 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, Sharon Davis 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 Report of Appropriation, 1 abatement and 1 Veteran's Exemption.

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

Members of the public who attended the meeting who were not on the agenda were: Shannon Avery, Alison Avery, Craig Keeney, Wayne Charron, and Butch Bain.

New Business: Selectmen's Assignments - Motions were made and seconded and the 2017 Selectmen's Assignments were unanimously approved as follows:

Chairman:	Peter A. Laufenberg
Vice Chair:	Karl E. Kelly
H R Representative	Carina Park
Planning Board Ex-Officio	Peter A. Laufenberg
Zoning Board Ex-Officio	Charles W. Cheney
Park & Rec	Sharon L. Davis and Charles D. Wheeler
Tax Assurance Officer	Sharon L. Davis
Voter Set-Up Coordinators	Sharon L. Davis and Karl E. Kelly
250 th Celebration Ex-Officio	Sharon L. Davis
Library Study Committee Ex-Officio	Sharon L. Davis

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public and Non-Public Minutes of March 6, 2017. After one revision made by Selectman Kelly to the Public Minutes and a **Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes as revised and the Non-Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, the two sets of Minutes were unanimously approved.**

Carina inquired with regard to Beebe River Water and Sewer Liens discussed at the March 6th meeting. She would like clarification if the Board would like her to submit Warrants to the Town Clerk for 2 quarters outstanding (6 months). The Board confirmed that the Warrants should reflect 2 quarters outstanding.

Privilege of the Floor: Chair Laufenberg called on Craig Keeney who inquired about an update on Blair Bridge. Carina explained that she is waiting for a revised quote from Stan Gratton to repair 4 braces only and a secondary quote for repair of the side panels.

Craig Keeney also inquired (as he had in the past) about the possibility of storing the special operations trailer at a different location rather than where it is, as it blocks the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors building. **Chair Laufenberg stated that the Board will follow-up on this matter.**

New Business Continued: White Mountain National Forest – New District Ranger Brooke Brown. Tom Giles, Assistant District Ranger of Recreation and Wilderness introduced Brooke Brown, Pemigewasset District Ranger as their newest addition to the staff. Mr. Giles also introduced Bonnie Woods, Assistant District, in charge of the Wildlife Program. Mr. Giles distributed to the Board a publication packet on the accomplishments of Pemigewasset Forest District for 2016 and he expressed that visitations figures were up in 2016 and he anticipates that the figure will rise in 2017. Mr. Giles also explained that the Pemigewasset District is introducing an integrated resource project that will touch on areas of Campton, together with other Towns. The objective will be to open up opportunities to improve recreation through infrastructure and improving wildlife habitat management areas and improvement on mountain bike trails and better identification of numerous mountain biking trails. Mr. Giles provided a handout to the Board explaining the project in more detail. The project will involve opening up communication with the public by an initial scoping package to encourage comments and suggestions, and Mr. Giles welcomed Board members to participate. He explained that this is a new concept for the District as usually the public was not notified until after the fact, and they now have gotten feedback that the public wants to be more involved. Mr. Giles explained that any decision on the project will not happen for at least two years and Pemigewasset Forest District will keep the Town updated. Mr. Giles asked if there were any questions this evening. The Board had no questions but thanked the District Rangers for coming and expressed appreciation for the heads up on the project.

Correspondence:

Carina informed the Board that she drew up a tentative Selectmen's Meeting Schedule for 2017- 2018, similar to what was followed last year. Starting with the April 3, 2017 Meeting, the Board would meet bi-weekly right through October 30, 2017, and then start back up on November 6, 2017 with weekly meetings, commencing with budget discussions. Carina stated that if the Board is in agreement with the schedule, she will post it on the website and post it on the bulletin board. It was confirmed that only one preliminary budget hearing will be held. Chair Laufenberg confirmed that he received feedback and one budget hearing appears to be sufficient. It was acknowledged that if there is a need for an additional hearing, there would be plenty of time to schedule it. The Board approved the 2017-2018 Selectmen's Meeting Schedule this evening and Carina will post.

Chair Laufenberg confirmed with Butch Bain, Road Agent, that discussion of the winter subcontractors schedule will be postponed to a future date.

Carina confirmed that “fans” needed for the 250th Celebration for the municipal buildings and bridges are as follows: Municipal Building – 6, Fire Department and Sub Station - 5, Town/Clerk Tax Collector – 2, Highway Department 1, and bridges 4. The fans are available for the public to purchase for \$21.00 each and may be purchased at the Selectmen’s Office. Selectman Davis also informed the Board that there are available for purchase “toppers” for the top of license plates and they will also be available at the Selectmen’s Office for \$12.00 each.

Carina drafted a revised Time Card for employees which itemizes more clearly vacation, personal time, sick time, etc. If the Board approves the draft, the Selectmen’s Office, Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s Office, the Highway Department and Parks & Rec will use this format. The Police Department has more itemized categories, so they will continue with their same Time Card. The Board concurred.

Carina informed the Board that Northern Pass has sent notice that they are in the final hearings stage and would like to reach out to Towns to come up with a Memorandum of Understanding with each individual Town as to how the construction planning will work as far as storing equipment, road closure, tax commitment, lighting, etc. (a whole wide range of items). With this in mind, a representative from **Northern Pass would like to meet with the Board to discuss the matter. Discussion ensued and a decision was not reached this evening. Carina will scan the letter to Board members and will be discussed at the April 3, 2017 meeting.**

Carina provided a copy to the Board of the revised Deposit Investment Policy (after items were previously discussed by the Board). Carina stated that Mary Durgin, Town Treasurer reviewed the policy and she is in favor. Discussion ensued regarding the New Hampshire Deposit Investment Pool (NHDIP) and the possibility of transferring the Campton Conservation Funds to NHDIP together with the revisions previously recommended. There being no further discussion, Selectman Davis made a Motion to adopt the Deposit Investment Policy as presented. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, the Deposit Investment Policy was unanimously approved as presented.

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative is proposing two new lights on Beaver Brook Road and the proposal needs to be signed by one Town Official. The proposal was signed this evening.

Discussion ensued regarding the ongoing lighting issue on the Route 93 exit 28 ramp and Route 49. Carina will, once again, follow-up on this matter with NH DOT.

Carina informed the Board that she received two letter from participants that came to Town Meeting. They expressed their concern about the Road Agent position and they both praised Butch Bain and his crew for the great job of maintaining the roads. They expressed that even though the position was voted as an appointed position they hope things continue as they have been for the past ten years. Carina distributed the letters to the Board for review.

Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II(c): A Motion was made and seconded to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c) regarding tax agreements, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Cheney – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:30 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:00 p.m.

Boards Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who suggested the Board have a discussion about the appointed position of the Road Agent that the Town voted upon at Town Meeting. Selectman Davis expressed that she would rather see the appointment happen now rather than a year from now. Selectman Cheney expressed that he would like to wait, and he would like to discuss this matter in Non-Public Session. **Selectman Wheeler made a Motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). The Motion was seconded, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, and Selectman Cheney – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:45 p.m.**

A Motion was made and seconded to seal the Non-Public Minutes, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Non-Public Minutes were sealed.

In Public Session Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who made a Motion to table any action on the appointment of the Road Agent until the Board has an opportunity for further discussion at the next meeting on April 3, 2017. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Kelly, and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, and Selectman Cheney – aye, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Laufenberg called on Wayne Charron who stated that he wanted to express that he felt it was difficult for the Town to vote on the position of the Road Agent being an appointed position rather than an elected position, but he understood that this needed to be done for the Town. However, Mr. Charron felt the message was very clear from the public that they want Butch Bain to stay on and take on the appointed position as Road Agent.

Chair Laufenberg called on Craig Keeney who inquired as to who managed the Water and Sewer in Beebe River and the Campton Village District. It was acknowledged that the management of Water and Sewer at Beebe River is contracted out to a third party and the Campton Village District is managed by 3 Commissioners and they have a superintendent. Mr. Keeney stated that he knows of a company who might be interested in the Water and Sewer management. It was acknowledged that the position is not open at the moment, but the company interested in the management is certainly welcome to leave their name with Carina Park. Discussion ensued regarding the position requiring water testing (among other tasks) and the skills needed to handle the tasks.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder