

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 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, 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 Building Permit and 1 Warrant for Collection of Taxes – Water and Sewer.

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 were: Butch Bain and Police Chief Warn.

Correspondence: Chair Laufenberg called on Carina who updated the Board regarding the light issues off I-93 and Exit 28. She received an email response from Mr. Roger Appleton at NH DOT. He confirmed the issue is the responsibility of Eversource rather than NH Cooperative and he confirmed a work order has been requested, and he, himself, will follow up on the matter.

Carina informed the Board that she spoke with Tom Mcglaufflin, Auctioneer regarding the Campton Inn and he offered to secure the building if the Board was interested. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed (upon Chief Warn's suggestion) to put up no trespassing signs and agreed to have Carina notify the previous owner regarding option to repurchase prior to auction, and she will include the penalty fee in the notification. Carina will also discuss with Town Attorney the deadline date for demolition of the building or construction as this date will need to be included in the auction advertising.

Carina explained to the Board that Redimix Companies appealed the abatement that the Town granted and the appeal went before the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. An agreement was finalized on the assessed value from \$432,001.00 down to \$307,500.00. It was discovered, through the process, that the Town Assessors used an antiquated system of assessing pertaining to this type of property (Marshal & Swift Cement Plant Per Ton method) in the 2009 revaluation. The Board of Selectman expressed disconcertment regarding the antiquated system used in evaluating the property. **With all this being said, Carina inquired if the Board would agree to roughly a \$6,000.00 abatement for 2015 and 2016, by approving the approximate amount of \$6,000.00, to be broken up as approximately a \$3,000.00 refund and approximately a \$3,000.00 credit on 2016 taxes. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed to the approximate refund of \$3,000.00 and the approximate credit of \$3,000.00 and the abatements were signed this evening.**

Carina inquired if the Board was in agreement to have the representative from Northern Pass visit with the Board. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed to listen, but made it perfectly clear that the

Board was not going to commit to a Memorandum of Understanding. Carina will invite the representative to a Selectmen's Meeting and she will inform the representative that the Board's stance is that the members will not sign a Memorandum of Understanding. It was also noted that the Town voted unfavorably to Northern Pass and the Board will stand firm with public's request.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public and Non-Public Minutes of March 20, 2017. After one revision comment made by Selectman Cheney to the Public Minutes, discussion ensued. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Public Minutes as written and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye and Selectman Cheney – nay, the Public Minutes were approved, by majority, as written. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2 sets of Non-Public Minutes as written, and with a roll call vote, the two sets of Non Public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Privilege of the Floor: Chair Laufenberg called on Police Chief Warn who gave an update on a meeting he attended regarding the Emergency Action Plan for the Campton Dam which meeting was organized by the new Forest Ranger, Brooke Brown to review the notification process in the manual. Chief Warn indicated that the Police Department serves as the Campton Dam monitor (should an emergency occur) and then the Emergency Management Director (EMD), presently Selectman Karl Kelly, is notified and then calls are made down the line. Chief Warn stated there is no procedure in the manual for notifying the Campton Town Administrator, nor the Board of Selectmen and Chief Warn suggested that the Board appoint an individual to be notified, i.e. Town Administrator, (an individual other than a Board member, just in case the next EMD is not a Board member). Chief Warn stated that there was also discussion at the meeting of available grant money to eliminate the Dam, and Chief Warn suggested that the Town keep apprised of any further meetings, etc. as the elimination of the Dam would have an impact on the Town.

Chief Warn also stated that "car 3" has some mechanical issues that could reach a couple of thousand dollars; and he will keep the Board aware as soon as he has more details.

Old Business: Road Agent Discussion – Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Cheney who indicated he received a call from Brian Buonamano, from the State Attorney General's Office, who stated he received a call from a concerned citizen regarding this matter, and Mr. Buonamano recommended that the Board should discuss the matter with Town Counsel before proceeding. Discussion ensued and Chair Laufenberg stated that he presented two questions to Town Counsel regarding this matter: (1) Can the Board move forward with the process of appointing the Road Agent before March? (2) Does the Board have to advertise for the position? Town Attorney emailed a response to those questions and Carina distributed a copy to the Board this evening.

Chair Laufenberg acknowledge Robert "Butch" Bain's presence this evening and thanked him for coming. Chair Laufenberg explained to Butch that the Board previously had a general discussion concerning the appointment and had some concerns and questions to clarify. Selectman Cheney indicated that it was not so much questions that he had, it was examples brought to the Board's

attention that were of concern. Discussion ensued pertaining to the conversation with the Attorney General's Office and the fact that Town Counsel confirmed in his email to the Board what was conveyed to the public at Town meeting.

A Motion was made and seconded to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) regarding the appointed Road Agent position, 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 7:12 p.m.

Board's Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Kelly who stated that he should have asked Butch to stay as he was concerned about the condition of Tower Road and Southmayd Road (going into the Post Office). Discussion ensued and it was agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

It was confirmed that the next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday, April 3rd.

Carina Park gave the Board a heads up that a gentleman from Granite State Water will be coming in to give a presentation. He received an EPA grant to map small waste water systems and he is coming to the Board to inquire if he could do Beebe River.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder