

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 17, 2017

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Sharon Davis, Charles Cheney and Karl Kelly and Carina Park, Town Administrator, May Brosseau, Assistant to Town Administrator and Eleanor Dewey, Office Assistant and recorder. Selectman Wheeler was not present due to a conflict in schedule. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills. The Board signed 1 letter to Trustee of the Trust Funds, 2 Land Use Change Tax applications and 2 Current Us Land Change Tax Collector's Warrants and 1 Building Permit.

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: Russell Allard, and those on the agenda present were Chief Warn, and Robert Bain, Road Agent. The Minutes were being recorded this evening.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes of July 10, 2017. There were no revisions. **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 Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes were unanimously approved as written.**

Privilege of the Floor: None

New Business:

Chief Warn – Update on cruisers - Chief Warn stated that car 3 is unregistered and he gave a little history on the mechanical issues of the vehicle, i.e. one cylinder is gone, not fit for duty or transport purposes; however would be good for detail work. He explained that he was informed that there will be a lot of detail work in the future due to Northern Pass and he suggested to the Board that car 3 would be a good vehicle for detail work. Discussion ensued pertaining to taking the vehicle to auction, how well the vehicle operates with one cylinder, estimated revenue from same, maintenance costs, how the vehicle runs (at present) and the fact that one cruiser is down for maintenance. After discussion by the Board, the Board had no problem agreeing to registering car 3; however, Chair Laufenberg explained that just because the Board agrees to register the vehicle, it does not mean the Board is agreeing to alter the replacement cycle and add an additional vehicle. Chief Warn explained that he was just asking this evening to register car 3, it is not his intention to have a 5 car Department. **With that being said, the Board concurred to have car 3 registered with the understanding mentioned above.**

Financial Update – Chair Laufenberg called on Carina who stated the departments were in good shape and there seems to be no concerns, with all departments at approximately 50%, or less used of their budgets. Selectman Davis inquired about a total for all expenses that have been on the report in the

past; however, they are not on this report. Carina mentioned some glitches in the report when it was run, and she will run it again tomorrow and email the Board copies.

Old Business:

Snow Removal & Plow Contract Draft Review (Continued) – Chair Laufenberg called on Butch Bain, Road Agent. Butch explained that he drafted a recommendation for plow contractors with the proposed designated routes for each. Selectman Cheney requested the Board go into Non-Public Session to discuss the recommendations and present his questions. **A Motion was made to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, Selectman Laufenberg aye- Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:00 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:25 p.m.**

In Public Session Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who made a Motion to approve the plow contractors that the Road Agent has recommended, subject to inspection of vehicles, and a copy of the registration, upon the day of signing Plow Contracts. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued and Butch Bain will schedule the inspections of all contractors' equipment on the same day and Selectman Cheney and Selectman Kelly agreed to attend the inspections with Butch Bain.

Selectman Cheney clarified to Russell Allard that questions arose in the past from the public as to the size of the plow and concerns as to whether or not the truck is actually a 1 Ton. Russell Allard confirmed that he bought the truck from the Town, which truck was described by the Town as a 1Ton when he purchased it. Selectman Cheney discussed the issue that a different truck and plow was being used from the equipment specified when the bid was made by Mr. Allard to the Town. Mr. Allard stated that Butch had confirmed with him that the truck he switched to did meet all the criteria as a 1 Ton truck. Selectman Cheney confirmed that the Board was not made aware of that fact. It was explained to Mr. Allard that the concern of the public was that he was receiving hourly compensation (at a higher rate of pay than other contractors) for equipment noted in his bid to plow, and, in the middle of the season, that equipment was not the equipment actually being utilized.

On the matter of the flash flood emergency, Selectman Kelly inquired if Butch has been in touch with Tom Pfeifer regarding road damage calculations. Butch confirmed that he touched base with Mr. Pfeifer and, at present, all necessary information has been provided to him.

Selectman Cheney inquired if the road sign for Burhoe Way was going to be reinstalled. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Highway Department will place the sign back up, (for 911 purposes) with the designation that Burhoe Way is a private way. There being no further questions for the Road Agent, the Board thanked him for coming this evening and Butch excused himself from the meeting.

Old Business: Chair Laufenberg indicated that the Board received a Used Ambulance Proposal from Fire Chief Defosses. In reviewing the proposal Chair Laufenberg expressed that the used ambulance appears to be a really good vehicle in the approximate amount of \$90,000.00. His concern is that the three Boards do not meet until July 31, 2017 and the used ambulance in question might be sold. The company selling the ambulance agreed to put a hold on the vehicle for one week in order for the Towns to make a decision on the purchase. Discussion ensued regarding monies is available in the Capital Reserve for the Town to purchase at approximately its \$55,000.00 share. The Board agreed to notify the Town of Thornton that the Town of Campton is ready to move forward on this purchase with the understanding that the purchase of a new ambulance would not occur for at least two years. There was some discussion about a heavier chassis desired by the Fire Chief; however, the Board agreed the used ambulance is a good option at this time. **A Motion was made by Selectman Davis to approve the recommendation of the Fire Chief Defosses for Option #1 for the purchase of a 2012 Ford E450/Gas, Arrow Ambulance, upon the condition that a purchase of a new ambulance will not occur for 2 years, and the funds for the Campton's portion will be paid out of Capital Reserves. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Motion was unanimously approved.**

Chair Laufenberg inquired if the Board would give him permission attend the Thornton Board of Selectmen's meeting, with Chief Defosses, on Wednesday, to discuss the used ambulance purchase. The Board concurred. Carina will wait to hear from Chair Laufenberg on Wednesday, in order for her to move forward and draft a request for disbursement.

Correspondence: Carina informed the Board that they have in their packet an updated tax agreement list from Hannah Joyce. **After review, the Board concurred that the Tax Agreements are going great.**

Carina informed the Board that the old Campton Inn property sold at auction for \$45,000.00 and approximately \$21,000.00 of the proceeds will need to be returned to the former owners and the time frame for that to occur depends on how accessible the former owners are to reach.

Carina discussed the revised Personnel Policy with the Board and it was agreed that distribution of the policy to employees will occur on November 1, 2017.

A letter was received from Tammie Wooster regretfully resigning from the Campton Conservation Commission as she is no longer a Campton resident.

A letter was received from Dr. and Mrs. Robert Swift expressing complaints of excessive noise regarding a logger's chipper machinery, commencing work at 6:00 a.m. in the Meadow Lane area, specifically the Watson property. There were also phone calls from neighbors in the area. Carina and May explained to Dr. and Mrs. Swift and several neighbors that an Intent to Cut Timber has been complied with and the Forrest Service has been out to inspect and the Watsons and the logger are within their legal rights. The concern seems to be that the noise is occurring in the early morning hours; however, the Town has no regulations regarding this. Carina wanted the Board to be aware of the situation and that she was informed that the job will be completed within a week or so.

Board Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg inquired of each Board member. Selectman Cheney inquired about the Phinney property donation presented to the Town a while back. Carina informed the Board that she was in contact with the owner's daughter who informed her that she was "thinking about" giving property to the Town and she would be back in touch with the Town at some future date.

Selectman Cheney also stated that he was speaking to Marsh Morgan and Mr. Morgan inquired if an Excavation Permit had been filed by the excavator for his property and Greg Jencks property. It was confirmed that an excavation permit was filed for both properties by Mark Johnston.

Carina informed the Board that she received a copy of the draft audit and she will be emailing it to the Board tomorrow as she received it late today.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder