

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 31, 2017

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Charles Wheeler, and Karl Kelly and May Brosseau, Assistant to Town Administrator and Eleanor Dewey, Office Assistant and recorder. Selectman Davis and Selectman Cheney were not present due to conflicts in schedule. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills. The Board signed 2 Land Use Change Tax applications 1 Veteran's Exemption, 1 letter to Trustee of the Trust Funds and 3 Petitions and Pole licenses.

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: Jay C. Harrington, and Chief Warn was also present on an agenda matter. The Minutes were 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 17, 2017. After one revision by Selectman Kelly, a **Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes as revised and Non-Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote, the Public Minutes, as revised and Non-Public Minutes as written, were unanimously approved.**

Privilege of the Floor: Chair Laufenberg called on Jay Harrington regarding Pond Road issues. Mr. Harrington explained that he has noticed a greater percentage of commercial vehicles utilizing Pond Road as the short cut to Waterville Estates and he is also concerned about high rates of speed on the road. Because the road is narrow, and with no shoulders and not designed for the heavy traffic it is receiving, he fears safety issues and his neighbors have also expressed concern. Mr. Harrington asked the Board this evening if they could post the road as, not a through traffic road for commercial vehicles. Discussion ensued. The Board sympathized with the issues, however, the Board explained that they cannot allow some vehicles to pass and not others vehicles, but certainly the Town can assist with high rate of speed issues. Police Chief Warn stated that his Department will pay special attention to speed issues and the electronic speed sign is already placed on Pond Road. However, Chief Warn confirmed that this will help, but will not alleviate the problem. Chief Warn confirmed that the Town cannot limit some individuals and not others from using the road, unless there is a weight limit on the road, or, possibly an easier alternative road way to get to where the public is going. However, both the Board and Chief Warn suggested perhaps going through the process of petitioning, by concerned residents, and perhaps a Town vote, establishing an ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Pond Road. The Board expressed that they would be in favor of reducing the speed limit on Pond Road. The Board also recommended that Mr. Harrington contact Corey Smith, at Waterville Estates to inquire if he could contact the various commercial vendors servicing Waterville Estates to request that they possibly use

the Winterbrook Road access rather than Pond Road. Mr. Harrington expressed his appreciation for the good options from the Board and Chief Warn, and he will speak with his neighbors and Corey Smith.

New Business: None

Old Business: Chair Laufenberg called on Chief Warn. Chief Warn explained that over the weekend a vehicle burned out on the Blair Bridge and laid down 165 feet of rubber. Again, Chief Warn expressed the ineffectiveness of the camera on the bridge and the problems encountered without more up-to-date camera equipment. Chief Warn inquired if the Board would be willing to look at a quote for an upgraded camera system which will enable viewing the images from the Police Department rather than having an officer physically going to the Blair Bridge. A new system will give the Department the ability to prosecute the cases. **Chief Warn believes a ball park cost will range from \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. The Board agreed that an upgraded camera system is needed and agreed to review any quote that Chief Warn can acquire.**

Chief Warn also discussed briefly some issues with the recent auto show that was held at Waterville Estates this past weekend. He expressed the cooperation of the auto show organizer in recognizing the issues and he assured Chief Warn that he will make certain that some particular auto owners are not invited back next year.

Correspondence: Chair Laufenberg called on May who explained to the Board that in their packet was a service quote from Milton Cat in the amount of \$267.22 for replacement of the battery for the generator at the Municipal Building. **Discussion ensued, and there was confirmation that the cost of the battery will be deducted from the Emergency Management line item. The Board unanimously approved the purchase of the battery from Milton Cat in the amount of \$267.22.**

Spectrum (Time Warner Cable Company) has forwarded notice of rate increases and all services customers have been notified.

Northern Pass has sent an update stating final hearings will continue throughout the summer including discussion on property values, aesthetics; the U.S. Department of Energy is expected to release its final Environmental Impact Statement in August; additional 15 final hearing dates scheduled in August and September; and the fact that Northern Pass will continue to reach out to landowners and businesses to gather feedback.

Vachon Clukay & Company, PC, Town Auditors sent notice that Greg Colby is leaving the company, and they will be assigning a new contact person for the Town of Campton shortly.

The Campton Congregational Church has sent an invitation to the Town of Campton personnel and their families to a special Sunday Worship and BBQ on Sunday, September 10, 2017 "to thank the Town, who care for us and keep us safe". RSVP's are to be sent to the Pastors by August 28, 2017, or by phone at 603 986-8850 or 603 986-8849.

Tom McGlaflin, auctioneer regarding the Owl Street property, sent an email update that the buyers are awaiting the title work on the property; however, the expiration of the bid is noon time on Thursday, August 3, 2017.

Mary Durgin gave an update on the George V. Durgin Trust account whereas the Trust has given \$267,640.00 to the Town since its inception, with the most recent contribution of \$8,574.23.

May informed the Board that in their packet is the "Explore Campton Day" activities for August 5, 2017, as part of the Campton 250th Celebration. Selectman Davis is looking for volunteers to devote some time for all the upcoming events.

Update on Deer Run Dam - Chair Laufenberg informed the Board that he spoke with Robert Durfee of Dubois & King, Engineers. Mr. Durfee informed him that they should have a quote by the end of September for the reconstruction of the dam. Testing for flood level has not been done, as yet, but will be soon. Abutters have been notified and he expressed that Mr. and Ms. Petrycki are willing to cooperate with the Town to repair and reconstruct the portion of the dam which is on their property. Chair Laufenberg stated that Mr. Durfee was not willing to give any ball park figure at this time; however, things are moving along.

Non-Public Session – None

Chair Laufenberg called on Chief Warn who gave the Board a quick up-date on cruiser repairs and informed the Board that the cruiser discussed at a previous meeting has now been registered and is now being used as a backup duty car and when the other cruiser is back in service, it will then be used, once again, as a detail car.

Board Concerns and Directives – None.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder