

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 25, 2017

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Karl Kelly, Sharon Davis and Charles Cheney and 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 2 Building Permits, and 1 Notice of Intent to Cut.

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public present at this meeting were: Joann Moser, Scott Pulsifer, Hannah Joyce, and Craig Keeney. The Minutes were audio recorded this evening and Selectman Cheney audio and video recorded the meeting for his own personal use.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes of Sept 11, 2017. **After one revision to the Public Minutes by Selectman Kelly, a Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes as revised. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote the Public Minutes were unanimously approved as revised.** Selectman Davis indicated that she had a revision to the Non-Public Minutes; however, it would need to be discussed in Non-Public Session as the Non-Public Minutes were sealed. **After Selectman Davis' revision was reviewed, a Motion was made to approve the Non-Public Minutes as revised, and with a roll call vote, the Non-Public Minutes were approved as revised.**

Privilege of the Floor: Chair Laufenberg called on Scott Pulsifer. Mr. Pulsifer indicated that he would like to transfer ownership of property parcel # 10/13/11, on NH RT 49, to the Town of Campton. Mr. Pulsifer stated that he first went to the Conservation Commission and they were not interested in the property as public use of the property or other conservation related uses would not be feasible; hence, a memo was drafted to the Board of Selectmen from Mr. Pulsifer and the Campton Conservation Commission and the Board has a copy in their packet this evening. The Campton Conservation Commission addressed some possibilities for the property in the memo. After review of the memo and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to suggest that Mr. Pulsifer contact the Campton Village Precinct (CVP) to see if they would be interested in the property as it seems to be a better fit (rather than the Town owning the land) because CVP has a water main that runs along the property and the land serves to protect the Mad River's water quality along a stretch of river upstream. The Board also recommended contacting the NH Department of Transportation to inquire if the State was interested in ownership as suggested by the Campton Conservation Commission. Mr. Pulsifer agreed he would contact Mr. John Whitney of the CVP and thanked the Board for their time. Chair Laufenberg did inform Mr. Pulsifer that he would be welcome to come back to the Board to discuss further if there was no interest by the CVP or the NH DOT as the Board is not completely opposed to the idea.

Old Business: Beebe River Community Association and Town of Campton - Chair Laufenberg indicated that in the Board's packet is a copy of the Town Attorney's questions that arose when the Beebe River Community Association Agreement was forwarded to him for review. Chair Laufenberg expressed to Town Attorney that it be best if his questions be presented in writing so the Board could review as Chair Laufenberg stated he did not know the history relating to Beebe River. Discussion ensued pertaining to the actual formation of the "Community Association", the reason it was formed and the responsibility of the Association, as owners. **It was confirmed that (as to one of the questions posed by Town Attorney) that the Town does not assume any form of ownership. The Town has assumed management and collection of water and sewer fees, not ownership. There were several unanswered questions, so upon Selectman Cheney and Selectman Davis' recommendation, it was agreed that the Board should meet with Town Attorney and members of the Beebe River Community Association, (after Carina returns from maternity leave) before any determination is made on the draft agreement. May will pass this information on to Kathy Rodgers, NH State Lead, Private Well Project Coordinator.**

Correspondence: Chair Laufenberg called on May who informed the Board that in their packet is notice for requests for bids for the old Campton/Thornton fire rescue truck. Fire Chief Defosses wanted the Board to be aware that he has put the truck out for bid.

Also in the Board's packet is a letter from Jacqueline Arzouian who has expressed concern about the "excessive tree cutting by the Town" along Mason Road and Quimby Road, etc. and concerning that cutting has stopped the flow of the brooks running into the large marsh/wetlands at 8 Morris Lane. **It was confirmed that the tree cutting has been hired out by the utility company. The Town is not doing the cutting, nor has the Town hired any service to cut the trees. Selectman Kelly stated that there are some facts spelled out in Ms. Arzouian's letter that are incorrect and he informed the Board that he will speak with Ms. Arzouian to resolve the matter, and he will update the Board at the next meeting.**

Non-Public Session - A Motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c) regarding a tax matter. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Cheney– aye, Selectman Davis – aye, and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 6:56 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:50 p.m.

Old Business: Chief Warn – Camera System Blair Bridge – Chair Laufenberg called on Chief Warn to give the Board his thoughts on the quoted updated camera for the Blair Bridge in the proposed amount of \$4,110.00. Chief Warn explained that the new camera is digital rather than analog to give a clearer picture and will increase capabilities in the future. He mentioned the fact that analog is going to be phased out. It will not read license plates, but Chief Warn is more concerned with a clear picture of the drivers and the vehicles which will better assist the Police Department in their investigations. Planning in the future, this updated camera can be connected to a phone line to monitor at the Police Department rather than having to go on site. Discussion ensued pertaining to the cost of the updated camera, wireless monthly fees, and if there are any legal issues as far as access. There was also concerns of the upgrade not being sufficient enough and then further upgrades down the road would be requested. Chair Laufenberg mentioned, as far as the cost, there is some surplus left from the grant money received from the State and some of that money could be used for the bridge, possibly by not doing the crack

sealing and put it into the camera. **The Board was divided as to purchasing the upgraded camera. Chair Laufenberg called on Craig Keeney, a member of the public present at this meeting. Mr. Keeney suggested that the Board have J.S. Adams Security Systems, LLP (the company who provided the quote) to come in and present examples of the quality of images that the upgraded camera would provide. The Board concurred that this was a good suggestion. Chief Warn agreed to arrange to have J.S. Adams Security System come to speak with the Board and provide sample clarity of images at the October 16th Board meeting.**

Non-Public Session - Chief Warn requested a Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) regarding the hiring of a Town employee. A Motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b). The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Cheney– aye, Selectman Davis – aye, and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:35 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:00 p.m.

A Motion was made in Public Session to seal the Non-Public Minutes. The Motion was seconded and with a unanimous roll call vote, the Non-Public Minutes were sealed.

In Public Session the Board agreed to allow Chief Warn to discuss the prosecuting needs relating to the Town of Campton with other agencies

Non-Public Session – A request was made for a Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c) regarding a reputation issue. A Motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c). The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 8:01 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:15 p.m.

A Motion was made in Public Session to seal the Non-Public Minutes. The Motion was seconded and with a unanimous roll call vote, the Non-Public Minutes were sealed.

Board Concerns and Directives: Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who indicated she has a print out of the non-operating expenses that the Town has to pay and she is concerned about cash flow. She reviewed non-operating expenses for October, November and December and added that total figure and then added the operating expense balance and there seems to be an approximate negative 1.5 million dollars. With that being said, the need for a TAN's will be necessary as the tax bills will not go out on time due to the utility pole values not available and precinct issues. Selectman Davis suggested that as soon as Carina returns from maternity leave that the process begin for a TAN. Selectman Davis said she will keep an eye on funds in the future.

Chair Laufenberg gave an update on the Campton Village Precinct (CVP) reporting to the State. The State informed him that the CVP filed the paper work incorrectly. Chair Laufenberg spoke with Commissioner Gyger who informed him that the State was called; however, the State has not responded to the call. Chair Laufenberg suggested an e-mail be forwarded to the State so there will be a paper trail. Chair Laufenberg informed Mr. Gyger that if this is not rectified, the tax bills will be late again this year.

Selectman Davis gave an update for the 250th Celebration regarding the grand gala to be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Selectman Davis encouraged the entire Board to attend. She informed the Board that the Campton Conservation Commission members have volunteered to monitor parking, keeping in mind safety. She presented the map of how the event will be laid out at the Pattee Conservation property. There will be a 160 person tent, parking for 160 vehicles, pony rides, wagon rides provided by Mr. Avery, dancing, vendors and fireworks, a BBQ sponsored by the Sunset Grill and plenty of food, kids activities, and the Peppersass Train will be accessible, just to name a few of the activities. Selectman Davis provided the schedule to the Board. Selectman Davis informed the Board that the Proclamation is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. at the Pattee Conservation property. Selectman Davis will read the Proclamation from the Governor and Chair Laufenberg has prepared a Proclamation for the Board that he will read on Saturday. Selectman Davis encouraged the entire Board to be at the Proclamation as John Anderson will be taking pictures and it will be a good opportunity for a group picture of the entire Board to contribute to the history of the Town. There will also be a rededication of the Liberty Elm tree. The Record Enterprise will also be covering the event on the 30th.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder