

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 16, 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, Charles Wheeler and Charles Cheney and May Brosseau, Assistant to Town Administrator and Eleanor Dewey, Office Assistant and recorder. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills. The Board signed 5 Building Permits, and 1 Application for Current Use and 1 Employee's Request for Leave.

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public present at this meeting were: Hannah Joyce, Robert Bain, Police Chief Warn, and Carol Lenahan. 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 3 sets of Non-Public Minutes of September 25, 2017. **After two revisions to the Public Minutes by Selectman Davis, a Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes as revised and the 3 sets of Non-Public Minutes as written. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote the Public Minutes were unanimously approved as revised and the Non-Public Minutes (3 sets) were approved as written.**

Old Business: Estimate on Campton/Thornton Transfer Station - Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who indicated she provided a copy to the Board of an estimate from the Town of Thornton Highway Department to repair the retaining wall at the Transfer Station in amount of \$3,699.25. Discussion ensued pertaining to a price previously discussed in the approximate amount of \$37,000.00. After discussion, **Selectman Davis made a Motion to approve the estimate from the Town of Thornton Highway Department to repair the retaining wall (for the dumpster) at the Campton/Thornton Transfer Station in the total amount of \$3,699.25. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote the Motion was unanimously approved. May will notify the Thornton Board of Selectmen of the Campton Select Board's approval.**

Correspondence: Chair Laufenberg called on May who informed the Board that a letter was received from Gardner, Fulton & Waugh, PLLC (Town Attorneys), notifying the Town that Jane Taylor, Esq. has joined their law firm to practice municipal law and will be working on a part time basis. Discussion ensued pertaining to hourly rate and also setting up a meet and greet meeting with Attorney Taylor.

Board Concerns and Directives – Selectman Cheney mentioned a wound to the elm tree on the Pattee Conservation property and if the problem had been addressed as the wound could kill the tree. Selectman Davis indicated that the wound was caused by lightning and an arborist has been contacted; however, Carol Lenahan would have more information on this matter.

Selectman Davis inquired about the Campton Village Precinct (CVP) status. Chair Laufenberg stated that he spoke with Commissioner Gyger and he acknowledged the paperwork was filled out incorrectly and that CVP has reached out to the State; however, has not heard back. Discussion ensued pertaining to acquiring proper procedure for filing an amended application and possibly getting direction from the State as to how this could be accomplished and then discussing with CVP. **Chair Laufenberg will follow-up on this, as the delay will cause the tax bills to go out late.**

Selectman Davis inquired about the utility values. May indicated that the Assessors stated that we should have some information this week. **May will follow-up on this matter.**

Chair Laufenberg informed the Board that he spoke with Carina and indicated to her that on the top of her agenda when she gets back from maternity leave is the filing for a TANS. Also, Chair Laufenberg mentioned to the Board that a necessary discussion will have to take place between the Board and CVP if the tax rate is held up again this year and the fact that the Board will seek compensation if a delay occurs. Chair Laufenberg inquired if any member had a problem with him seeking a legal opinion.

Non-Public Session - A Motion was made by Selectman Cheney to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II(c) regarding two tax matters. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Cheney– aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Wheeler - aye and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 6:50 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business: Chief Warn – Camera System Blair Bridge – Adams Security - Chair Laufenberg called on Chief Warn who informed the Board that Adams Security is here this evening at the Board's request to address a camera system that will meet the Town's needs, what costs would be involved and the possibility of upgrading to a camera system that would send signals to the Police Department rather than on site viewing and to present an example of clarity of picture with the current quoted new camera system. Adams Security stated that they reviewed equipment systems equal to what they have at Chelsey's and it was acknowledged that daytime viewing of license plates would be readable; however, night time would not be possible and camera to read at night would be very expensive. Chief Warn did express that he is more concerned with identifying the driver than a camera that reads license plates. Adams Security discussed internet activity and possible options are being researched and the possibility of monthly fees going through Adams Security rather than the phone company to save the Town money. Adams Security gave a live picture on the Community Room monitor this evening of camera activity at Chesley's. Permission was given by Wayne Charron in order for Adams Security to provide this camera clarity sampling. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Chief Warn will work with Adams Security in acquiring as many options as possible for the Board to review; i.e. more clarity of the picture for identifying drivers, possibly reading license plates and internet capability, and compatibility of the equipment if purchased in phases and costs involved. Funding was also mentioned pertaining to using funds from the State grant given to the Highway Department and the possibility of further funding being voted upon at Town Meeting.

Privilege of the Floor - Chair Laufenberg called on Carol Lenahan regarding Pond Road flower garden and a storage shed for the Garden Club. Mrs. Lenahan provided a description and picture of the wood storage shed for the garden club in the amount of \$1,442.80. The placement of the shed will be along the side of the Police shed at the end of the Municipal Building and will be facing Gearty Way. **The Board approved the installation of the shed.**

Carol Lenahan then discussed the flower garden that the Garden Club would like to create on Pond Road; however, permission was needed by the Board for the Highway Department to use the loader to prepare the ground and hauling material to the site. **It was acknowledged that the project will enhance the beauty of the Town and serve as a tribute to a Garden Club member. The issue of liability of the Town using Town equipment was discussed and Mr. Bain stated that the present waiver language now in existence does not pertain to this particular issue. Selectman Davis volunteered to work on modifying the language of the present Waiver to fit the situation and May will provide a copy of the present waiver to Selectman Davis. Chair Laufenberg expressed that if all Town liability was waived, he would have no problem approving the project and the Board was in favor of the project as long as the drafted waiver is signed by the owner of the property. Dig Safe issues were discussed as far as the Town being added for work performed on the property. Mrs. Lenahan will take care of the Dig Safe issue.**

Selectman Kelly inquired, on another subject, (while Butch Bain was present), on an update for preparing the ground for the trailer that is parked in front of the Town Clerk's Office, in the Fire Station parking lot, (previously discussed by the Board). **Butch stated that now is a good time to get it done as grading, etc. is complete and his staff is available, and he believes it could be accomplished this week.**

May stated that Arlene Osgood must have forgotten about the meeting this evening to discuss lowering the speed limit on Perch Pond Road.

Non-Public Session - A Motion was made by Selectman Davis to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) regarding tax deeding. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Cheney– aye, Selectman Davis – aye Selectman Wheeler – and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session 7:50 pm. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:37 p.m.

Board Concerns and Directives continued - Chair Laufenberg called on Selectman Davis who indicated when she was planting mums at the Fire Station, a section of the exterior wall located (near the water faucet) needs to be addressed for repairs. **She notified Fire Chief Defosses to get some estimates on repair.**

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor M. Dewey, Office Assistant and Recorder