

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 13, 2017

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 12:00 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Karl Kelly, Sharon Davis and Carina Park, Town Administrator. Selectman Charles Wheeler was present via telephone. Selectmen Cheney was not present. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests, reviewed the bills and a tax abatement and jeopardy warrant.

New Business: 2017 Tax Rate Setting

Chair Laufenberg called on Carina who informed the Board that the preliminary tax rate has been received from NH DRA and the figure is \$24.90. This is a \$1.01 increase. This increase is due to a \$.53 increase by the local school and a \$.48 by the Town. Carina pointed out that although the Town portion appears to have increased it must be remembered that the Town used roughly \$190,000 in the previous year to drop the tax rate by \$.50. When taken into consideration, the Town's tax rate has remained flat, even dropping by \$.02. Discussion ensued as to decreasing the fund balance to reduce the tax rate. The State recommends between 5% to 17% of the total evaluation to be kept in the fund balance. At the present time we have \$722,436 or roughly 7% of the total evaluation. There was discussion concerning the amount of surplus used last year to fund Capital Reserves and whether or not those funds would again be available to use this year. **Selectman Davis moved for a Motion to reduce the fund balance by \$38,212, in order to reduce the tax rate by \$.10 to keep the increase under \$1.00. The Motion was so moved and seconded by Selectman Kelly and with a roll call vote, the Motion was unanimously approved.** This sets the Town tax rate at \$24.80. The Board also discussed including a slide during the Public Budget Hearing that would outline the tax rate and the Town's portion in comparison to the other entities the tax rate funds.

2017 Holiday Party-The Board discussed the Holiday luncheon to be scheduled on December 12th at noon.

Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (a): A Motion was made by Selectman Laufenberg to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) regarding personnel. The Motion was seconded by Selectman Davis and with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Wheeler – aye, and Selectman Kelly – aye, the Board unanimously voted to go into Non-Public Session. The Board came out of Non-Public at 12:40 p.m.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carina Park