

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 5, 2018

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 4:30p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Charles Wheeler, Bill Cheney, Karl Kelly, Bill Cheney and Town Administrator Carina Park.

Absent: Sharon Davis SelectBoard member.

The Minutes were audio recorded for the Town this evening.

During the work session, the Campton SelectBoard signed the manifest and reviewed the bills.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes of January 22, 2017. Carina Park told the Board Hannah Joyce (town clerk) had asked if both sets of public minutes had been sealed. Ms. Park explained she could not confirm from the recording as the audio file was shut of when the board went in & out of non-public but her notes from the stated that the minutes were sealed. All members of the Board present agreed that a motion by Charlie Wheeler to seal the minutes was made and approved. **A Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes of January 22, 2018. The Motion was seconded. Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes of January 22, 2018 were unanimously approved.**

Privilege of the Floor:

Terry Kurdzionak addressed the Board as a volunteer with a program called Day Away. This is held in the basement of the Bristol Holy Trinity parish. They service up to eight people suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia. This offers them time away from their caregiver. There are 45 volunteers in the program. The only funding they receive is \$25 from participants. Their fiscal year starts July 1st and ends June 30th. Chair Laufenberg told the speaker as they go over the budget they will take their donation request into consideration.

Virginia Miller asked about the Deer Run Dam. She wanted to know when the Board would be discussing the dam again. Chair Laufenberg said they, as a Board, have not made a decision as to which way they will be going on this issue. The engineer, who did the report, has been asked to attend a meeting on this. Once they meet with the engineer they will have more information as to where they will go on this.

New Business:

Carina Park informed the SelectBoard the contract with White Mtn. Propane ended December 31 and a new price was sent. The increase was 30¢ to 50¢ and Ms. Park wanted to know if they would prefer this be sent out to bid or renew the contract. Mr. Cheney suggested getting other prices for comparison.

A Wetland Utility Maintenance notice was sent from Fairpoint. Fairpoint and Mitchell Municipal group have come to a final agreement that the towns do not have the right to put an evaluation on public access ways. Attorneys are recommending the town amend their current pole license. Public hearings need to be held to do this. If the pole licenses aren't amended they cannot tax as they have been (per DRA). This needs to be done before April 1st so it can be on the next tax cycle.

The Campton/Thornton Fire Dept's Treasurer sent a letter explaining how she reconciles at the end of the year. Thornton's Town Administrator reached out to Carina to find out what the Campton SelectBoard's feelings are on this. Thornton feels it should be on a quarterly basis rather than a yearly. The Campton BOS feel the same. They will need to reach out to the commission on this issue in order to ask the treasurer to reconcile quarterly. It is decided they will request this be done on a monthly basis.

2018 Budget Discussion – Board of Selectmen's Work Session:

Chair Laufenberg said there were two items where they had left off from their last meeting. One was their pay as SelectBoard. They currently get paid \$3250 with the Chair getting an extra \$100. They rounded it up to \$4000 each but considering where the budget currently is he feels they should not give themselves a raise. It is agreed upon to not do the raise.

The Highway Dept. Manager told the Board they are down one truck and this has taken a bite out of the sand volume. He asked the Board to meet him somewhere on sand. He hopes to get \$5,000 toward it. He has about \$15,700 in sand bills coming in. He was told part of the concern is this amount was for ditching. The answer is in light of this they had about \$8,000 left. They can discontinue using that money for ditching and take some to put into sand.

Discussion ensues regarding cost of sand and ditching.

Mr. Cheney suggested grant money be used for ditching unless it was already budgeted for something. He continued if they have \$8,000 already plus the \$4,000 budgeted that should be sufficient. Chair Laufenberg agreed.

They do advise the sand line be updated. They currently have \$27,000 proposed but are requesting \$32,000. It is agreed the sand line will increase to \$32,000 with the subcontractor being at \$12,000.

Chair Laufenberg asked about the ditching. He asked for a standardized definition of ditching. He was told run off is cleaned out with a backhoe or excavator removing the material. Continued discussion on ditching.

Chair Laufenberg mentioned the letter sent by Carina Park regarding the Deer Run Dam's bond. The bond isn't calculated into the overall budget for this year. It is recommended they get the authorization for the funds this year. This leaves them with the opportunity to "jump on things" if they decide to go that route. But they don't have to take the money if they don't want to.

Ms. Park suggested they have a bond hearing. The Board is fine with that.

Petition Warrant Articles:

Carina told the Board two petition warrants articles had been received

1. \$15,000 for the library. This has been put on the warrant.
2. One for Keno which will also go on the warrant.

The town has to make specific recommendations for the warrants.

A notice was received from the town's attorney that two of the proposed zoning amendments are not legal. They will be trying to come up with whether they will be scrapped or be reworked to be made legal.

Carina continued if they want to make a warrant article making the Treasurer be appointed. The current treasurer is in favor of that change. The Board agrees this would be a wiser choice. Carina asked if they are going to do this with the Cemetery Sexton as well. Chair Laufenberg believes it is the right thing to do but they have not had a conversation with the current Sexton yet. Carina polled some towns to see what they did and she found that approx. 80% contract this service out and approx. 10% have their highway dept. do the work. It is decided this issue is not something the Board will address this year.

Carina asked the Board if they would like to vote on which warrant articles they would recommend. The Board prefers to read them more before coming to a decision. Board members will email Carina with their decisions.

Carina asked the Board how they would like to divvy up the following week's budget presentation. It is decided that Carina will do the slides and the SelectBoard members will split up various other sections to present.

Chair Laufenberg asked the Board members if they had any further concerns with the budget. Everyone was all set. He continued there was a budget request they did not talk about. They agree to donate \$250 to the Day Away group.

In Public Session a Motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) regarding personnel. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Laufenberg – aye, Selectman Kelly– aye, and Selectman Wheeler – aye and Selectmen Cheney-aye, the Board went into Non-Public Session at 5:44 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 6:01 p.m.

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Board Concerns and Directives:

Chair Laufenberg asked the Board if they would be agreeable in exploring the option of using the attic for storage. He is requesting approval from the Board to expend \$5,000 from the Municipal Building fund as a first step to uncovering if this is a viable option. He hopes the \$5,000 would help to address some of the previous concerns with the use of the attic such the fire prevention and construction of a staircase.

A Motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 from the Municipal Building Fund to explore the option of using the attic as storage space. The Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pelchat

Transcriptionist

Approved by:

Date _____