

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING /Public Hearing on Keno

February 26, 2018

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

Chair Laufenberg opened the Public Hearing on Keno.

No discussion.

Public Hearing closed.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Budget Hearing and Public Minutes of February 12, 2018. Mr. Kelly stated Line 26 of the meeting minutes should read "commissioner", line 26 should be "but" not "butt". **A Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes and Budget Hearing Minutes of February 12, 2018. The Motion was seconded. Public Minutes and Budget Hearing Minutes of February 12, 2018 were unanimously approved with amendments.**

Privilege of the Floor:

Tammy Hickey of Chandler Road spoke about the condition of their road the previous week. Another resident commented the material used in rebuilding the road after both severe storms last year was improper. Tammy Hickey continued there was 8" plus of mud in the road last week. Margie Norton said her 4-wheel drive vehicle was mired in mud. Another resident commented over the past five years the road has deteriorated greatly. Chair Laufenberg asked if the road agent had been consulted. The answer was several times. Mr. Kelly commented he would have hoped the road agent was present so he could have some input at this meeting.

It is determined the message will definitely be passed along to the road agent. The residents would like something done before "mud season" really hits.

New Business

Chair Laufenberg introduced Bob Durfey of Dubois & King and asked him to walk them through the information regarding the dam. This will help the Board be prepared for questions at town meeting.

Mr. Durfey reported they are in the final design phase of the process. The information he shared with the Board shows their findings. They are preparing plan specs and are submitting a permit application. Two are needed – one from the dam bureau to reconstruct an existing dam; the

other is a wetlands permit as they will be working in wetlands. Final plan and specs will be submitted at the end of March (to the town, wetlands bureau and the dam bureau). The dam bureau is mandating permits be issued by August; another mandate is they complete repairs by August of 2020.

Mr. Durfey explained the existing site plan. Town road runs along the top of the dam. A major problem of the dam is the outlet structure which consists of a corrugated metal culvert with a metal inlet structure with a place for water level regulation boards. Both metal sections have rusted and failed causing excessive erosion undermining the roadway.

The solution is to replace the failed metal structure with a pre-cast concrete box structure. The stone erosion protection on the pond side of the dam is loose and they will reset and add more stone. There will also be an area of erosion stone added to the east of this section of the dam. They also recommend other road improvements due to the steep side slopes. They recommend guard rails on both side of the road along the dam area as well as improvements to the dry hydrant as the inlet may not deep enough into the pond. There is also some ditching needed on the east side and a culvert has collapsed and failed in this area which can be replaced while they are doing the work there.

They will also install a gate valve leaving them able to lower the water for future work on the dam. This new feature will allow them to lower the pond level 6.5' if it were ever needed.

A budget estimate, which includes permitting fees and engineering fees along with construction costs. Funds for design phase have been allocated. Total project cost with a 10% contingency is \$307,000.

This information will be available at the town meeting.

Chair Laufenberg asked about simply draining the pond. Mr. Durfey said, in his opinion, draining the pond will cause that area to become a wetland. It is fed by upstream drainage and they do not know if the pond is spring fed.

Chair Laufenberg then asked if they decided to not repair the dam but drain the pond will they run into other costs such as having to deal with wetlands, the road on top of the embankment, etc. Mr. Durfey said yes in order to drain the pond and keep it drained they would have to replace a culvert with a bridge. They would need to ask DES (Dept. of Environmental Services) if they could drain the pond. NH DES have jurisdiction on certain water bodies (based on size). Then they have to consider wildlife. They would also need approval from Fish & Game and other wildlife agencies in NH DES does have a grant program for removing dams but this grant is very competitive. When they get an application they evaluate each project request. They are looking for dams that have environmental or recreation opportunities. Mr. Durfey said he didn't think this project would rate very high on their criteria.

Chair Laufenberg asked about the water flow into the pond, if the engineers had looked into that. The road is partially caving in. Mr. Durfey answered they did a hydraulic study to look at the flow going through the culvert and how it would impact the pond and the output.

The project could start June 1st.

Carina Park told the Board she had drafted a Warrant Article explanation sheet for the town meeting. If the Board has any suggestions they can bring to Carina at the next Select Board meeting and Carina will have them ready for the Town Meeting.

Privilege of the Floor:

With the Road Agent being present Chair Laufenberg reopened the Mason Road issue from above.

The residents asked the road agent to work with them to come up with a solution on the condition of the road.

Road Agent reminded the Board they had personnel issues last fall and were unable to go back to put finishing touches on the road. The road had been ditched but they didn't get back there before it froze. The pass at risk signs were put up to warn people that they have either minor mud or major mud. Upon consulting the attorney in the past, it was advised for the town to put those signs up during mud season.

Chair Laufenberg asked Butch what the short-term fix might be. Butch answered they could put some stones on the road. Chair Laufenberg suggested a short-term fix and they could look at something long term later on. Butch replied they could haul some stone up there but he would have to hire a truck.

Karl Kelly suggested Butch put together a plan for the future and present it to the Select Board at a later time. Butch agreed but warned the Board that it will not be that easy of a fix and will cost a significant amount money.

The Board has agreed they will put stones on the road when it's time (gets warm again).

Correspondence

Attorney General correspondence regarding Intergovernmental Agreement for the Fire Dept they require they strike out the statement allowing a Thornton Commissioner be present by phone. Thornton is on board and they have created an amendment striking that from the agreement.

An agreement hasn't been made if they are going to sign into Primex CAP program for property and liability. This would limit the increase to 9% per year. The Board agrees to sign up for this.

Tax Agreement spreadsheet reflects no change.

Received a quote from Pemi Glass for the Town Clerk building. It was \$3,000 more than Granite State Glass. The Board said to go with Granite State Glass and schedule for spring.

The Town Clerk would like three unbound clean copies of the town report to be included in the restoration and preservation of town archives. The Board speculated why these can't be saved digitally but agreed.

DOT is paving a portion of Route 3 this upcoming summer.

DOT is releasing a Quit Claim deed for the Chamber building parcel. They have agreed to have it recorded and filed again. John McCormack will draft a Corrective Deed. Carina said they should be warned that there are people who don't want to see new owners get the charitable tax rate any longer. This will be re-evaluated by assessors as the new owner is a sale-for-profit business.

The Forest Service is proposing a project that will encompass portions of Campton/Thornton/Waterville Valley/Woodstock redoing some trail systems (Smarts Brook and Campton Campground as well as Waterville Valley Campground). They would like information and are looking for public comment.

The Town Clerk forwarded a letter regarding a property on Beebe River that was sold at auction a few years ago. A neighbor has put up signs and a gate to attempt to stop the new owner from going through his property. This is just a heads up for the Board.

Board Concerns and Objectives

Chair Laufenberg asked if there were any updates on the ambulances. Carina reported one is back in service (red one).

Chair Laufenberg asked if any of the members would like to discuss the dam. Mr. Kelly said the portion of the dam that was being talked about is the area they wanted to replace but were told not to by FEMA. Butch answered they have the culvert for the dam.

Mr. Kelly asked about the paving and it sounds like they will only pave what they cut. He asked if the town would have to put a finish coat on there. Butch replied they could put a 3" top coat on there.

Chair Laufenberg asked if any of the members would like to discuss the dam. Mr. Kelly asked the Road Agent if the culvert at the north end of the pond, discussed tonight, is the one considered for replacement after the October 31st 2017 storm. Butch affirmed it is and also affirmed that after looking into it, it would be unlikely to be approved by FEMA. Butch stated if this project moves forward, he already has a culvert for that location. Mr. Kelly asked about paving and it sounds like they will only pave what they cut. He asked if the road agent would recommend paving all of the affected area. Butch said he would.

Butch said he finds the Mason Road issue to be very frustrating. They put a major amount of work into that road. He's been waiting for the road to harden up. They could do nothing to that road and not have a problem next year. Roads that normally have a mud problem haven't this year. There is no way to predict which roads are going to have mud issues year to year. Every town is having the same problem this year, it's not just Campton.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pelchat, Transcriber

Approved by:

Date _____