

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 21, 2018

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 6:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Selectboard members Chair Peter Laufenberg, Vice-chair Karl Kelly, Bill Cheney, Craig Keeney, and Carina Park, Town Administrator.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Peter Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes of May 7, 2018. **A Motion was made to approve the Public Minutes of May 7, 2018 with amendments. The Motion was seconded.**

Privilege of the Floor:

Discussion on the speed limit for Bog Road. Chief Warn explained he received a complaint from a resident in regards to the speed limit and the signage which indicates the change in speed. The resident who brought this up is not in attendance. The speed limit was reduced at a public hearing in October of 2014. The speed limit was changed from 35 mph to 25 mph at the corner of Beaver Brook Rd and continues down Bog Rd. in its entirety. Additional signs have been placed along the road in more visible areas.

New Business

Mark Johnston – Highway Vendor Concern

Mark Johnston approached the Board regarding a statement made at a previous meeting that the quality of his product was substandard. Mr. Cheney remarked he had brought this up due to the material placed at Eastern Corner Road being soft and would not compact. A resident had been in a few times to complain about it. Also a police chief from another town had commented about the material. There were comments there was too much clay and silt.

Mr. Johnston responded the material is NH DOT certified and the issues had more to do with the timing. He continued the material was put down last fall after the October storm and froze shortly after. Where there was good gravel underneath there were no issues. He added there needs to be something good to put the gravel on to start out with. If one puts good material on mud it is going to become mud.

Mr. Johnston reminded the Board that during the July 2017 flood he worked extensively with the town as well as letting the town put stumps in his pit at no charge. He would like the opportunity to mix a batch of gravel that would be more suited for the needs of the Town, whatever that may be.

Citizen Concern Class VI Road Letter – Brian Jastrebsky

Mr. Jastrebsky approached the Board regarding a letter he received from the board regarding a public right of way over the property he recently purchased. He believes the Town is mistaken in their acknowledgment of this roadway as a class VI road.

Mr. Cheney discusses the history of the roads with Mr. Jastrebsky and discussion ensued regarding how to change “ownership” of the road.

Police Chief Warn explains the nodal map that the property owner is using and how it is common that roads are listed incorrectly or not at all.

Discussion on what type of vehicles are allowed (by RSA) on Class VI roads and his desire to have the ATV usage stopped. Mr. Jastrebsky is told if he sees someone using ATV on the road he should call the police.

The Board is in agreement this is a Class VI road. Mr. Cheney read the state’s description of what a Class VI road is and he will consult with John March on finding the exact location of where the road in question is. Carina will reach out to John March.

Municipal Building Key Inventory

Carina mentioned the key inventory and how some keys were missing. Chief Warn supplied Carina with an extensive printout of the key inventory along with what was missing. There is a set that opens the majority of doors and that is missing. Chief Warn added that the keys can be duplicated but they were originally told they couldn’t be. A cleaner had copies made at the hardware store but she did return two keys when she left but it is unknown how many there are. Keys have been misplaced or been destroyed.

Chief Warn suggested a different type of entry be looked into – card reader or key code. These can be tracked.

The Board requested Chief Warn get pricing on installing keypads on exterior doors.

Old Business:

None

Correspondence

Carina told the Board they would not have another meeting until June 11th due to the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.

Two meetings ago they signed jeopardy tax warrants for two properties. The Board has determined they will sign the permits after the taxes are paid.

Peter Valliancourt inspected the town office property and the condition of the grass is a concern. He will seed the area if the Board wants him to. This is in front of where employees park and is due to plowing. Karl Kelly offered to take care of it.

The ½ door in the Board of Selectmen’s office needs repair. It can be turned into a “barn door”. The Board told Carina to have the door checked and one of the fire department personnel has offered to see if he can repair it.

UNH Road Scholar program is May 31st at PSU 8am to 2:30. This is for town administrators and elected officials. Bill Cheney would like to attend.

Grafton County Farm is holding their farm and forestry day on June 23rd. No registration is required.

Carina addressed the Board in regards to the concerns Hannah Joyce’s expressed at the last meeting pertaining to her retirement account; Carina was able to determine payments are being made and has supplied copies of the canceled checks to Hannah.

In Public Session a Motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) regarding personnel. The Motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Chair Laufenberg, Selectman Kelly– aye, Selectman Keeney – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye ~ the Board went into Non-Public Session at 7:41 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 8:12 p.m.

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In Public Session a Motion was made to seal the minutes of the non-public session. The Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

New Business (con’t)

Butch updated the Board about ongoing work being performed by the Highway Department. He reported he is on target with budgeted quotes on road work. He also gave the Board his proposed schedule for paving this summer. Discussion ensued on the need to pave Page Hill.

Karl Kelly told the Board that during storms where the power is lost the doors cannot be opened at the Highway Garage. The Fire Sub-station has a generator and there is concern that the Highway Garage should have one as well. Nothing fancy, just something that will be enough to open the doors.

Mr. Kelly continued that the Deputy EMD position needs to be made official. Chair Laufenberg made a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Bain, Road Agent, as the Deputy EMD; motion seconded by Mr. Keeney. All in favor of making Butch the EMD.

Carina asked the attorneys about removing North Atlantic Distribution from the tax warrant. It is recommended to not do that. An alternative would be to lower their rate/assessed value, however if that is done and the property is purchased the assessed would be at a lower value.

Furthermore, it is not recommended to abate the property taxes either. The amount owed at this time (casket factory \$61,509 and on other properties \$10,000 +/-). Another option is to take the property for non payment of taxes and deal with the buildings thereafter. In its current condition there are concerns from the Board that the property would not be marketable. Discussion on whether to “take” the Back St. property for back taxes.

Chair Laufenberg inquired on the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s ability to take a property for tax deed. It was confirmed that the Board of Selectmen have the right to refuse the Tax Collector’s tax deed.

Carina shared job descriptions that she has received back from the department heads; she has not yet received any from the town clerk. Carina would like these to be reviewed in the next couple of weeks and discuss at the next SelectBoard meeting.

Board Concerns and Directives

Mr. Cheney asked about the safe that was located at the old town office. Carina reported she knows nothing about this. None of the combinations worked. The safe remains in the old building. Mr. Cheney thinks there might be a box with deeds to all of Campton’s town roads in the safe.

Chair Laufenberg asked if a building permit had been received from Beckett. Carina responded she doesn’t recall having seen one.

Adjourn: There being no further business; Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pelchat, Transcriber