

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 19, 2018

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 6:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Peter Laufenberg, Vice Chair Karl Kelly, Selectmen Craig Keeney and Bill Cheney. Town Administrator Carina Park, Road Agent Robert "Butch" Bain, and Recorder Ellyn Franklin were also present. Selectman Sharon Davis was excused.

During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills.

Call to Order: Chair Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members of the public present included Catalina and Richard Celentano, Paul Yelle, Shannon Garnsey, Robert Durfee, and James Hall.

Approval of Minutes: Chair Laufenberg inquired if there were any revisions or concerns regarding the Public Minutes of November 5 and November 7, 2018. Selectmen Kelly made a motion to approve the Public Minutes as revised. Selectmen Keeney seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Public and Non-Public Minutes.

New Business:

2019 Budget Discussion – Conservation Commission, Historical Society and Cemetery

Shannon Garnsey, Treasurer, presented for the Conservation Commission. Shannon explained that the Commission has kept the budget exactly the same as last year. The Commission has had a good year and they were able to send two kids to camp in Maine with money from the conservation fund. The Commission is now partnering with the Boy and Girl Scouts programs to provide nature guided hikes and other activities.

A few years ago, the Commission completed the NRI, which let people know about the town of Campton. They are now looking into creating a handbook or guide for landowners, so they can stay informed on how to care for their own land and the environment, as well as the resources available to them.

Shannon said they currently only use the conservation fund to send kids to camp and mow Pattee field. The main purpose of this fund is to one day purchase land and help landowners who are interested in putting their land into conservation. The Commission is actively looking at land for sale and have had land offered to them, although it's never been the right fit. One day they hope to have a town forest or town conservation area.

Paul Yelle presented the Historical Society Budget. The Historical Society's budget is part of the General Government Buildings budget, and the Town gives them \$7500 every year for the building. He reported that the building is in pretty good shape and Bill Huckins filled in around the foundation last fall. There were a couple boards to keep an eye on, but otherwise very minor issues.

Carina Park updated the Board on the Cemetery Budget. After reviewing the budget with John Timson, Cemetery Sexton, she raised the budget for the electricity bill to \$800. Over the last few years, the town has spent around \$700-800 dollars and we only budgeted \$330. The Board remarked that the bill

seemed high for a site with nothing going on. Chair Laufenberg knows that \$360 of the budget automatically goes to the co-op for their member service fee.

As far as the general operating budget, Carina said we can probably expect a small surplus between \$50-70,000. Carina met with the health insurance broker Jennah Partington, and she came in with firm numbers for the plans in 2019. There was a 5.66% increase for our current plans through Tufts Health Freedom.

Introduction of Catalina Celentano from Eversource

Catalina is the community relations specialist for Campton, and she has taken over Donna Keeley's position. She is also a relatively new Campton resident.

Catalina reported that Eversource has done a lot of vegetation management tree trimming through Asplundh this season. She has not heard any complaints or issues about this and asked if the Board had, which they replied negative.

Eversource is also doing some transmission work in town, in 2019. She said they currently do a lot of line inspections with helicopters. They try to warn the townspeople ahead of time so people and animals who are nearby know what is going on. They have also begun inspecting with drones and will begin here in Campton in 2019. They hover right over the lines and are much quieter and less invasive than helicopters.

They will also be replacing some wooden poles with brown metal poles. They will look very similar, but are much more resistant to the pileated woodpeckers. There is a plan to change one pole this December which is right in the Beebe River.

They also have a new, more interactive emergency outage map on the website which allows pin pointing locations and shows the restoration time.

Catalina wanted to make sure they have all Campton's critical facilities on file so they can up the restoration time on these facilities. The Board believes there are a few missing from the list, so they will discuss that and then contact Catalina.

Bob Durfee came before the Board to give an update on Deer Run Dam.

Bob reported that they met with the abutters who the Town is seeking an easement from, and got some feedback from them. He pointed out what has changed in their drawings.

They eliminated the guard rail on the western side. They also looked at the property line behind the town's right of way and the Petrycki property. They also increased the fence from four feet to five feet at their request. For the fence, the engineers have proposed a vinyl coated chain link fence (\$25/ft.), but the affected abutters are interested in a fence that would provide more privacy. The maintenance easement from the Petryckis, requires the Town to have access to the property but the Petryckis would still own their property. They would like to maintain some of the privacy they had before and keep the public off their private property. Chair Laufenberg said we are removing a fair amount of trees, which is what provides their privacy. A chain link would not provide privacy. Bob Durfee asked the Board to discuss this with the Petryckis.

Durfee also presented plans to replace two culverts. Selectman Cheney asked if they would look into semi-elliptical culverts. Durfee replied that he doesn't think they can get it in smooth bore and he's not a fan of corrugated plastic.

As far as the right of way plan goes, Dubois and King has gotten all the information from abutters and provided it to Jane Taylor (Town Counsel). Ms. Taylor researched all the deeds and found a subdivision plot plan for this area, and informed Dubois and King that the property lines are wrong and hence the Town's tax map is wrong. She will send Durfee the information to update the property lines. All this really changes is that more of the abutters are identified as common areas rather than individual properties. Once we get these lines accurate, then Ms. Taylor can process the easement documents with the abutters and file the right of way plan at the registry, which is a requirement of processing the easements. Once the right of way plan is updated, they can file the permit application to DES. Dubois and King is intending to file this next week. In addition, they will be filing the permit application to reconstruct the dam with the dam bureau around the first week of December. This application process takes about two weeks. The plan is to go out to bid in January, which should be very timely for the construction community.

As a recap: Dubois and King updated the estimates for the dam reconstruction, changed the fencing issue, added more fence, reduced some guardrails, made some other minor changes and the estimate went up \$3,000. They've presented a separate estimate for the two culverts, which comes to \$22,000 for both. Our total for both projects is \$383,000.

Carina said that even if we only spend \$363,000 we will have to budget \$17,000 in 2019. One solution is to remove the paving from the project as the road is forecasted to be paved in 2019 as part of the Road Agent's budget.

Action items: The Board will discuss the fence with the Petryckis, and also whether they want two culverts replaced at the same time. Bob Durfee will get information on the semi-elliptical culverts and whether we can get them in smooth bore plastic.

Correspondence:

- Carina has two versions of the 2019 schedule. The Board decided in favor of meeting every other week, alternating 4:30 and 6:30 times.
- The Board agreed to hold the public Budget hearing on January 28th, 6:30 pm.
- They received the GMI paving bills for the paving that was done. They separated out the road paving, and the work that was done at the fire station. Carina wanted to clarify that the fire station money is coming from the municipal building fund, and the Board affirmed. This is because this work was not classified as road paving.
- Nancy Bell from the Conservation Fund has reached out regarding the Fund's interest in purchasing the town owned cabin on Eastern Corners Rd. (taken last year by tax deed). The Board would like to use a sealed bid process for the sale of the cabin. Carina will find out how the sealed bid process works.
- The Board received a tax agreement spreadsheet in their packets and Carina will contact the people who are behind.
- Certified Computers (CCS) will charge us \$1185 per month for adding the police department to the town's package plan. The Board will decide whether to take this estimate later.

- The Board set a date for department head evaluations: December 3rd.
- The Board discussed the selectman vacancy and the procedure to fill it. The Board was in agreement that anyone interested should attend a few meetings before being appointed in the interim.
- The "Welcome to Campton" sign needs repair. Marvel Sign estimates roughly \$1500. Lisa Ash could find it in her budget, but the Board discussed using the Durgin Fund. Carina will have Lisa get quotes from other companies and make the replacement a spring project.
- The Board agreed to work with the Hometown Heroes banner project for the town, which will honor families of veterans and those from our area who have passed away in service.

Board Concerns and Directives:

Selectman Cheney said there are a couple town bridges / culverts up on Miclon Road that will need to be reinforced if there are logging activities on that road. Selectman Kelly said the logger asked Butch about it, but he never got back to them.

Selectman Cheney also would like to examine the expense for \$2000 from the police department for holsters and lights. He would like to see what the Chief is replacing and where that money is going.

Chair Laufenberg and Vice Chair Kelly met with Brian Jastrebsky about the class 6 road. Jastrebsky still believes it is not a town road, however, it is clear to the Board that it is. Coming out of our conversation, he wants to petition the town to discontinue the road in its entirety. If this petition comes through it will be placed on the warrant. The other part of that discussion is that it is a town road and there shouldn't be any snowmobiles or motorized vehicles, so Mr. Jastrebsky asked that we post those signs. Carina will ask Butch how many class 6 road signs he has and look into how many roads would need signage if installed.

Vice Chair Kelly said the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector building's furnace quit so we should get quotes for another one to be installed in the spring. It should also have a sensor or gauge on it. The Board agreed this should be a spring project. They will also get a quote for the lock boxes for all the town buildings.

Vice Chair Kelly said that Dean Johnston from the snowmobile club approached him. They have been talking to Pike about using the back lot for a parking lot and would like a Selectman to be present during the conversation.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chair Laufenberg declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellyn Franklin, Recorder