

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING - PUBLIC HEARING

March 4, 2019

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 4:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building. Chairman Craig Keeney, Vice Chair Karl Kelly, and Selectmen Bill Cheney, Sharon Davis, and Dan Boynton were present. Town Administrator Carina Park and Road Agent Robert "Butch" Bain were present, along with Police Chief Warn and Fire Chief Daniel Defosses. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills.

Call to Order: Chairman Keeney called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Boynton made a motion to approve the minutes from February 25, 2019 as corrected. Chairman Keeney seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Public and Non-Public Minutes.

Privilege of the Floor:

None.

New Business:

1. Building and Driveway Permits on Class VI Roads Policy

Members of the Planning and Zoning Board joined with the Selectmen to discuss the adoption of a policy outlining the criteria for approval of building and driveway permits on Class VI roads.

A member of the public expressed that mislabeled roads are an issue in Campton as well. The Board acknowledged the problem and informed the members of the public that the Board created a committee to review such issues and have already received the appropriate forms from the State to correct the NHDOT nodal maps.

The Board pointed out that part of the reason for such a policy is to ensure emergency vehicles have reasonable access to a property all 12 months of the year. Although, this does not negate the fact that the property owners would still have to declare by written notice, recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds, a statement to the effect that municipal services such as police, fire, ambulance and others may be unavailable.

Discussion amongst the Boards ensued regarding the new policy and the consideration that each individual case may be different.

The Select Board expressed that the policy is in itself a set of guidelines. In the second paragraph under "Purpose and Intent" it states, "therefore, this statement of guidelines is not intended to describe an exhaustive list of considerations." The Boards agree that with all the considerations that may exist, they must take it at a case by case basis. Between subdivisions, multiple lots, and more, there are many possible situations and this policy is meant to be a consistent guideline.

The Boards noted some important factors such as bringing a Class VI road up to Class V standards does not automatically make it a Class V road; changing the classification of a road requires the approval of town meeting. Similarly, if the Board chose to convey a Class VI road over to a landowner (total discontinuation), it would also require approval at town meeting. However, there is still an abutters' right of way, so if someone needs to get to their property, they can use the road. Carina stated that approved driveways cannot sit on top of a Class VI road. The driveway begins at the edge of the Class VI road.

Carina suggested that maybe the Planning Board subdivision regulations also need to be updated to reference Class VI road issues.

Chairman Keeney suggested the multiple town Boards work together to compile a list of questions to be presented to the town attorney, which can be incorporated into the policy.

2. Town Meeting Preparation

Moderator, Charlie Wheeler will be here on town meeting day, but only Chairman Keeney and Selectman Davis will be allowed to be present in the voting area. The other three selectman will be outside of the building campaigning.

Selectman Davis will read the general municipal budget breakdown at the meeting on the 13th. Selectman Cheney will read the advertising and regional budget breakdown.

Correspondence

The Board received an application to update our road system with the DOT. The deadline is June 28, 2019. It is the municipality's responsibility to keep its own documentation, which the state will request if needed. Selectman Davis suggested we start adding to our file as we go through our roads, so we are prepared to provide documentation. Carina suggested we include a coversheet with our report, explaining that there may be more discrepancies as we've done a full inventory on our roads. Chairman Keeney suggested we get started on this right away. The Committee will meet at noon on March 20 to have a work session on roads.

One of the postal workers has had some issues with her car. It has broken coil springs and she is wondering if the town can help replace it. It is not the town's practice to help fix personal vehicles, but she said if the issues with the roads / potholes are not fixed she will shut off delivery to those places. Chairman Keeney said this is a post office issue. Selectman Boynton said that he wants to be proactive as he is on this delivery route and will try to reach out to the postmaster.

There are updated tax agreements in the Selectmen's packets.

Shawn Eastman from Back Street recently called stating that she would like to be connected to the Beebe River water system. Carina told her that the homeowners own that system and she

should contact the homeowner's association. The Board agreed it is not their decision, that responsibility belongs to the homeowners' association.

Board Concerns and Directives

Selectman Cheney asked if we are all set on the issue regarding plowing snow across roads. He went and took some photos of Butch's concerns, and it was hard to distinguish whether the town or a resident was doing this. Chairman Keeney replied that for this winter it would be tough to implement new policy. Carina said that the majority of the town policies we looked at for comparison use the exact same wording we do, but some of them mentioned pushing snow across the road specifically. The Selectmen agreed they should leave the wording alone for this year and see how it goes. It is not the Road Agent's responsibility to enforce these policies, but it is his responsibility to alert the police.

The Board agreed the situation of cars parking on Mason Road should be addressed as it is illegal and it poses a hazard.

Selectman Cheney also noticed that Philip Bushaw's dumpster is right on the road, within the town setbacks. The Board decided to give Mr. Bushaw a verbal opportunity to remove this dumpster before sending written instruction.

Chairman Keeney addressed the potholes at the Campton Dam. Selectman Davis said that the potholes come back every year so they need a more permanent solution. Chairman Keeney asked Selectman Cheney to reach out to NHDOT and ask about the potholes and to ask NHDOT to clean out the approaches on Blair Bridge at both ends, as the approaches are a hazard.

Non-Public Session in Accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c)

In Public Session a Motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). The motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Chairman Keeney – aye, Selectman Davis – aye, Selectman Kelly – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye and Selectman Boynton – aye. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 5:59 pm. The Board came out of Non-Public session at 6:04 pm.

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Selectman Kelly made a motion to seal the Non-Public Minutes, and Selectman Davis seconded. The Board voted in favor and the motion carried.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Craig Keeney adjourned the meeting 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellyn Franklin, Recorder