

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 29, 2019

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 4:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building. Vice Chair Karl Kelly, Selectman Cheney, Selectman Davis, and Selectman Boynton were present. Town Administrator Carina Park, Road Agent, Butch Bain, Police Chief Warn, Tax Collector Hannah Joyce, and Fire Chief Dan Defosses were also present. Chairman Craig Keeney was absent. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills.

Call to Order: Vice Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Cheney made a motion to approve the minutes from April 15, 2019 as corrected. Selectman Kelly seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Public and Non-Public Minutes.

Privilege of the Floor:

Fire Chief Dan Defosses presented a request from the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid (LRMFA). He is the representative for Campton, Thornton and Ellsworth. For several years they have had issues with their current, outdated radio system. LRMFA has received a few quotes to present to the thirty-five communities who are part of the Aid. The Motorola System they looked at is \$1.1 million. The Harris-Tate System is \$859,000. Both options would require LRMFA to finance the purchase. They have a CIP program in place that would offset the first and last year of the program, and currently the fixed factor is \$1,400 a year. In 2020, LRMFA would raise that number to \$2,857. For 2021-2025, it would raise it to over \$5,000. On 2026 it will drop back to \$2,857.

All the thirty-five communities involved get a vote for or against this system.

Selectman Boynton suggested financing it over ten years rather than five to reduce the impact of costs. He also suggested that they compile information about the system on paper for education purposes. Chief Defosses has a PowerPoint he will send to Carina, who will pass it on to the Board.

New Business

a. Bid Opening – Mowing and Landscaping Services

As the Board only received one bid so far, they decided to extend their deadline to the next meeting (May 13th) without opening the single bid.

b. Building Permit Class VI Road – 47 Chandler Road

William and Andrea Raabe have submitted a building permit for their property. They currently have 45 acres with a 30x60 foot barn with living quarters, and they are looking to build a house on the property. The Raabes believe the Class VI Road starts at the brook
Selectman Cheney said we need to look at the condition of the Class VI road to determine what must be done by the owner to bring it up to standard, how far is it from the Class VI road into the building, and if there a concern with getting emergency vehicles in there.

William Raabe said that the road is in better condition than the rest of Chandler Rd. He maintains it personally by plowing and grading when necessary and clearing the culvert. The Raabes expressed the fire department has accessed the area without issue. He has put some improvements into the driveway to make it accessible to heavy equipment as well. The gas company and Ashland Lumber come in on a regular basis.

Road Agent Butch Bain believes there is approximately 40 feet from the driveway to the brook and from the brook to the previous Class VI Road sign location is 76 feet. Although, he believes the Class VI road begins at the turnaround which is roughly another 40 feet. In total, he thinks the driveway is approximately 156 feet from the Class V road.

The Board will send a letter with what they would like to see happen and then the Raabes will write their response.

c. Department Head Update – Road Agent Summer Schedule

Road Agent Butch gave the Board the roads and distances of gravel he proposed to accomplish this summer. He also received two quotes for the gravel.

Selectman Cheney made a motion to accept Mark Johnston’s quote. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor, and the motion carried.

Selectman Cheney asked about the paving schedule. Butch said he wants the paving done by August 1 and will put it out to bid as such. However, Puckerbrush will probably not be done by then due to the construction at the Deer Run Dam.

Carina reported that we got an extension for cutting brush around the Beebe River tanks until June 1.

d. Policy Review – Building on Class VI and Private Roads

The Board decided to wait for Policy Review on Class VI and Private Roads until the May 13th meeting when all members are present.

There were no big changes on the Emergency Closure policy or the Procurement Policy.

Selectman Davis made a motion to approve the Emergency Closure Policy and the Procurement as presented. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, the Board voted all in favor and the motion carried.

Correspondence

Bob Durfee sent a revised quote for Dubois & King, which is not significantly different from the previous quote. He added the \$9,800 from Phase 1, but he removed the paving cost and the contingency lowered slightly. It is still at \$357,500.

The Board did hear from the NHDES about their wetlands permit. NHDES had some comments they would like Dubois & King to respond to within that application.

The Board received a letter from the White Mountain Forest Service. The Wanosha integrated research project had a preliminary finding that no significant impact would be had on the area resources. There is a formal 30-day public comment period for this project. Carina will forward the link to the website for the Board to review the project.

The town buildings had their annual boiler inspection from Primex. We need to remove a hose gasket from the boiler in the town building. The boiler at the substation in the fire department needs a new pressure tank and a new release valve. Chief Defosses replaced the pressure tank in hopes that will fix the release valve issue. We also need to replace the covers on the air compressor on the highway department's boiler.

The Board received our 2019 equalization from DRA. In 2018 without utilities the town was at \$407,852,000. In 2019 the town is valued at \$450,210,564. The equalization rate is 85.8%. As the equalization rate is so low, Carina believes we will see increases to the property values once the reval is completed.

The Beebe River Committee met this week, and they want to open a conversation with the Board about applying for a CRF loan. This would possibly be used as a match for the CBDG grant. This week, the committee decided they are going to move forward and have the sewer lines flushed and camera pinned. This is a good first step to discovering the state and condition of the lines.

Carina heard from Hometown Heroes Banners, who said they can create the banners at the same size as the Campton 250th banners for an additional ten dollars.

Carina met with someone from Easter Seals, who mapped out all the floors in the town building. He is confident he can get the floors to brand new condition in a full two-day process. He would strip the floors to their original layers, buff them, clean them, and put four coats of sealant on all floors. He would also do all the tiles and the public restrooms. He gave Carina a quote for 50 cents per square foot which he said is the maximum price. The Board approved this quote.

Board Concerns and Directives

Selectman Boynton received an email from Ed Summerfield, who stated that his culvert was filling in and his backyard was turning into a lake. Selectman Boynton drove over there and agreed with Summerfield's diagnosis; however, the culvert is on Summerfield's property and so he will have to clear it himself.

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

In Public Session Selectman Davis made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). Selectman Davis seconded the motion and with a roll call vote: Vice Chair Kelly – aye, Selectman Cheney – aye. The Board went into Non-Public Session at 5:46 pm. The Board came out of Non-Public session at 5:52pm.

Vice Chair Kelly informed the Board that Selectman Cheney, Butch Bain and himself have found a used grader to purchase. It's a 2012 John Deere with approximately 4000 hours. The grader is located in Virginia and will need to be shipped here. The grader, scarifier and trucking comes to \$130,000.00.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Vice Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 5:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellyn Franklin, Recorder