

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 13, 2019

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 5:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building. Chairman Craig Keeney, Vice Chair Karl Kelly, Selectman Bill Cheney, Selectman Sharon Davis, and Selectman Dan Boynton were present. Town Administrator Carina Park and Fire Chief Dan Defosses were also present. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests and reviewed the bills.

Selectmen Work Session-Site Walk: The Board walked through 12 & 16 Gearty Way and made note of building maintenance issues.

Call to Order: Chair Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Davis made a motion to table approving the minutes from April 29, until the next meeting. Selectman Kelly seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to table minutes approval.

Privilege of the Floor:

Chief Dan Defosses brought a report back from the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. The Association did approve a motion to purchase a new radio system. It will cost less than the Chief presented at the last meeting, and the Association has about \$25,000 in the capital reserve fund that they plan to use to offset some of the costs. The project was quoted at \$813,800. The overall budget increase per year will start out with a \$1,400 and then raise to \$2,800. The Association has a committee in place to manage the spending of the capital reserves.

New Business

a. Building Permit Class VI Road – 47 Chandler Road

Selectman Cheney went out to the Raabe's property last week. He saw no problems with the emergency access or parking situation. Selectman Cheney said the only thing the Board would want is a release of liability and the Boundary Line Adjustment.

Mr. Raabe agreed to the waiver and the lot line adjustment. Carina will send him the forms to fill out.

b. Bid Opening – Mowing and Landscaping Services

The Board received two bids for mowing and landscaping. Macmillan Eco-Design's bid was \$7,225. Tuck Property Maintenance's bid was \$5,500.

Selectman Boynton said that he knows McMillan is a skilled landscaper and his specialty is moving towards a zero-maintenance landscape, to save money in the long term. For instance, he would replace the long grass behind the building with a wildflower seeding.

Selectman Davis said she would choose Tuck, as there is some open-endedness with McMillan. Selectman Kelly agreed that the Board is looking for maintenance of the current landscape.

The Board also suggested having the Becket School students do the spring and fall cleanup. As it is a little late for spring cleanup, they would support fall cleanup.

Selectman Kelly made a motion to accept Tuck Property Maintenance bid for \$5,500 with the exception of fall cleanup. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor, and the motion carried.

c. Department Head Update – Road Agent Paving Schedule

The Board looked over their updated 2019 paving schedule from Butch. One of the changes is that Butch moved Puckerbrush Road to the end of the schedule. This road also got cut in half because it must be done with the Deer Run Dam project.

Selectman Kelly asked about Cascade Rd., which is listed as total reclaim. He asked if the highway department could take it up themselves and save some money. Butch said that if they were to take it up themselves, he believes it would only save \$1200-\$1500.

Butch said he also considered taking up the pavement and putting down gravel, but in fairness to the homeowners on that road, he wants to keep it paved.

Selectman Cheney said Bump Hill also needs more work than paving and reclaiming, as there are sizeable rocks poking through. The Board agreed that it needs to be torn up and redone this year. They will meet on Wednesday at 1pm to form a plan for this road.

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

The Board reviewed the policy with Town Counsel's edits. The lawyer added a lot of references to private roads in the places she found appropriate. Carina removed the references to emergency lanes.

Chairman Keeney asked, if the first homeowner won't enter into the maintenance agreement, does that mean the second homeowner cannot build on that road, which would turn it into a private road? Carina said the second homeowner could still build on this road, but if the first homeowner refuses to sign a maintenance agreement, then he is solely responsible to maintain the road.

Selectman Boynton made a motion to approve the Building and Driveway Permit on Class VI and Private Roadways. Selectman Davis seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor, and the motion carried.

e. Financial Update

Carina presented the budget update. The town is approximately 40% through its fiscal year..

In the tax collector's budget, two lines are at 80%. Dog licensing is a one-time expenditure, and the other is public notices, which is an unknown and fluctuates year to year.

In the Board of Selectmen's budget, most of the highly used line items are one-time expenditures, including town reports (80%), auditors (82%), and merit pay (96%).

The cemetery electric cost is already at 50%, due to the co-op fee and the pump.

In the Police Department, office supplies are already at 64%. Carina will get a breakdown of the bills from this line item.

The fire department is at 57% for per diem, but they completed the first round of 24 hours shifts, which will start again in July. FD Expenses is over budget because of our refiling with Medicare and the associated fine. Heating fuel is at 71%. Vehicle maintenance is set to go over budget. Inspections make up a lot of this line item. The Board forecasts that if all the payroll lines are expended, the fire department will go over budget. Chairman Keeney asked what it would save to eliminate the 24-hour coverage for eight weeks in July and August. He would recommend eliminating the 24 hours coverage if the budget is set to be over expended. The Board will have Chief Defosses come in on Monday to discuss the budget.

Highway department's overtime is at 65.5%, due to winter and mud season.

Our welfare has been slow, which is good for the town, and is at 14%.

Correspondence

Carina discovered we will have to hold a public hearing to discuss the emergency expenditure for the fire department, which will authorize us to accept the revenue from Thornton and Ellsworth to over expend the amount we have budgeted for the fire department. For next year, the DRA will require us to include Thornton and Ellsworth's portions in our budget, making it look like a much larger yearly increase than it is.

Mikhail Metallikov received a lien notice letter from the tax collector. Metallikov claims he never got the bill and is asking the Board to abate all his interest. It appears in 2015, the property was transferred out of a trust and into he and his wife's name solely. The only address listed on both the deeds registered in 2015 is the address we have on file. The Board denied Mr. Metallikov's request to abate the interest.

Board Concerns and Directives

Selectman Boynton brought an update from the Conservation Commission (CCC). They have discovered a possible opportunity to invest their funds. This opportunity would be purchasing the property just north of here on Route 3, past the Greenlers' house on their side of the bridge. This property is 150 acres with possibly an additional 50.

The Conservation Commission would be able to conserve the snowmobile trail and the vernal pools by purchasing this land or assisting a third party to purchase the land, which also abuts the national

forest. Grants were discussed, as well as making sure that land remains in the public way. The CCC are gauging interest as far as who would like to invest in this land – whether the town should own it, or if they should find a partner who will protect the land, whether that be a nonprofit or individual. Taxes are also a factor, as this land in conservation would probably cost \$1,200 a year in taxes.

Selectman Cheney asked why the Board did not release the deed restriction on one of the lots down at Beebe River. Chairman Keeney said his reasoning was because it was on a private road, not on a road that we maintain.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Keeney adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellyn Franklin, Recorder