

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING – REGULAR MEETING
February 24, 2020

Call to Order. The meeting of the Town of Campton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2020 by Chairman Craig Keeney in the Campton Town offices.

The following Selectmen were present:

Craig Keeney, Chair

Karl Kelly, Vice Chair

Bill Cheney

Sharon Davis

Four members being present, a quorum (3) has been reached. Town Administrator Carina Park was also present. Department head in attendance was Butch Bain. An attendance sheet was passed for members of the public. During the work session, the Board signed manifests and permits.

Approval of Minutes. Selectman Davis made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public Minutes from February 10, 2020 as revised. Selectman Kelly seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

New Business

Deer Run Dam Bid Award.

Bob Durfee from Dubois & King Inc. discussed the process of biddings and the quality of the submitted proposals. While some mathematical errors were present in the submitted bids, after the errors were corrected, Caulder Construction LLC was the qualified and lowest bidder. Dubois & King Inc. recommends awarding the contract to Caulder Construction LLC. A general discussion followed with points of clarification given by Mr. Durfee.

Selectman Davis made a motion to accept the base bid of \$191,218 submitted by Caulder Construction LLC and Selectman Kelly seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Durfee stated that the next step in the process is for the Town to give a notice of bid award and provided one for the Board to sign; Chairman Keeney signed the notice. A pre-construction meeting will be scheduled with all involved parties in the next 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Durfee next discussed the bidding for the Deer Run Dam-Add/Alternate #1 project. Since the bid by Caulder came in significantly higher than the engineer's estimate, Dubois &

King Inc. is recommending that the Town not award a contract to Caulder Construction LLC. Selectman Keeney stated that the Town would pursue other options.

Beebe River Business Park- Deed Restrictions.

Jeff Andrews came before the Board with a written proposal listing specifications for the road improvements to be done on Shannon Drive. Carina Park confirmed that the specifications included in Mr. Andrew's proposal came from Campton's road requirements on record. General discussion ensued and Selectman Davis pointed out that Mr. Andrews' proposal clarifies the work he is going to do so that all parties agree before the work is done. The Board was split in their decision to sign off on the proposal and therefore declined to sign off on Mr. Andrews' written proposal but orally agreed that the process listed in the proposal seems to meet the Town Road Standards. Once completed, inspected and approved the remaining lots will be released from the deed restriction.

Mr. Andrews also inquired about the validity of the deed restriction put in place in 2001. Since not all members of the current Board were present at that time, none could factually address the inquiry and informed him more historical research would have to be conducted.

Correspondence

Carina Park provided sample OHRV ordinances from Gorham and Springfield for discussion. Selectman Kelly had previously read through both ordinances and shared that the Springfield ordinance was probably more appropriate for Campton than that of Gorham. A general discussion ensued about OHRV/snowmobile access to trails utilizing Class V and Class VI roads. The Board agreed to table this topic for a future discussion.

Privilege of the Floor

Craig Engel inquired about the status of the road survey. Chairman Keeney recapped the previous discussion about using T-Squared program (via North Country Council) vs the BETA Group (see 1/10/20 Board of Selectman's meeting minutes). The Board is leaning toward using BETA Group since its mapping software would interface with the mapping software currently used by Campton. The Roads Committee has been assigned this work.

Butch Bain brought forward several items for discussion.

1. A resident's recent inquiry about possibly digging a trench across a town road raises the issue of whether this type of activity should require purchase of a Bond. The Roads Committee is going to develop a policy to address this issue.

2. Deer Run Dam Culvert. Butch suggested that the Town could purchase culverts less expensively by using 4' smooth bore. The Board directed that specification needs to be written up by the Roads Committee and put out for bids.
3. Bo Dunham will become part-time employee during Butch's six-week absence. The Board agreed to this proposal to ensure continuity of road work.
4. The contract for road gravel needs to be sent out soon for bids. General discussion ensued. Carina will draft the proposal for Board review.
5. Road Weight Limit postings are going up now with full effect taking place Monday, 3/2/20.

Board Concerns and Directives

Selectman Davis discussed the Cemetery Fund that she had been directed to review. The Cemetery Trust Fund for perpetual care now has roughly \$209,000 in principal. The Town can remove only earned income from the fund. In addition to the Cemetery Fund, there is also a Cemetery CD that contains \$14,000 from sale of timber. Selectman Davis proposed that the Board consider using the CD funds to repair/replace the gazebo and fountain sprayer at Blair Cemetery. Funds from the sale of cemetery lots go into the general fund. This review revealed the need for a better trust company to earn higher interest/dividends for use in defraying the costs of cemetery maintenance.

Chairman Keeney raised concern about the amount of salt being used on roads and the potential of saltwater intrusion into wells. General discussion ensued with an agreement that the Roads Committee will begin to investigate ways to reduce salt use.

Selectmen Kelly and Cheney expressed no new concerns.

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 ~ the Board went into Non-Public Session at 6:42 p.m. The Board came out of Non-Public Session at 6:51 p.m.

Adjournment. There being no further business, Chairman Keeney adjourned the public meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Paula Woodward
Recorder