

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 14, 2020

Call to Order. A regular meeting of the Town of Campton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020 by Chairman Craig Keeney in the Campton Town offices and via Zoom.

The following Selectmen were present:

Craig Keeney, Chair

Karl Kelly, Vice Chair

Sharon Davis

Dan Boynton

Four members being present, a quorum (3) has been reached. Town Administrator Carina Park was present along with employees Hannah Joyce, Fire Chief Dan Defosses, Butch Bain, and Police Chief Kevin Foss. Harry Bentino, Lauren Ely, Rich Sidor, and Paula Woodward attended as a member of the public.

Approval of Minutes. Selectman Davis made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public Minutes as corrected from September 1, 2020. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to accept.

Public Hearing-Amendments to Parking & Traffic Ordinance

Chairman Keeney opened the public hearing and asked Chief Foss if he had any corrections/amendments to the ordinance. There were none. Selectman Kelly asked why the list of intersections with stop signs are included as part of the ordinance. Chief Foss said that in order to write a violation citation, the intersections must be included with the ordinance. There were no comments from the public. Selectman Davis made a motion to accept the ordinance as revised, Selectman Boynton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Citizen Concern-Drainage Eastern Corner Road: Debbie Stohn, of 292 Eastern Corner Road, attended the meeting to discuss issues she is having with water in her basement. She believes the water is coming off Eastern Corners Road. Selectman Keeney stated that he had been to the site three times to view and didn't understand how that much water could be coming off the road. Butch Bain also stated the same. Ms. Stohn said that it was suggested many years ago by a previous Road Agent that a drainage ditch be constructed on the opposite side of the road. Chairman Keeney said that Butch Bain and one or two Selectmen will inspect the site when the property owner is home.

Highway Layout & Betterment Petition- Bootjack & Driftwood Roads: Prior to the meeting, Carina Park distributed a revised quote for the grade work and paving associated with the Bootjack/Driftwood Betterment Petition. When the proposal was submitted last winter, it did not include the reduction in grade and they were asked to come back with a more comprehensive quote. Rich Sidor attended the

meeting as a representative of the association. There are currently 6 houses and 3 empty lots on the road. A portion of the road grade is currently 13%, exceeding town code. In addition to reducing the grade, road shoulders need to be cleared and ditches installed. Butch Bain said that he also recalled additional culverts needing to be installed since there is only one in place currently. Carina Park said that the tax impact upon residents would be approximately \$700-\$1000 annually. Chairman Keeney asked for Board comments:

Kelly: doesn't see a benefit to the town; just the small number of homeowners.

Davis: doesn't have a problem with the proposal.

Boynton: wanted to make certain that the town would take over maintenance only after the road was up to the town specifications.

Keeney: his research indicates a customary advisement *against* towns taking over a road if it doesn't go anywhere.

Carina Park stated that the project would need to be put on the town meeting agenda as its own warrant article.

Fire Department Equipment Purchase Request: Chief Defosses attended the meeting to propose purchasing four Personal Air Purifiers that would be 100% reimbursed by the GOFERR grant. The total cost is approximately \$5,000. The Chief explained that upkeep of the equipment would be similar to what they have currently. Selectman Boynton suggested purchasing a reasonable number of replacement cartridges, keeping in mind the shelf life and use pattern. Chief Defosses said that fulfillment would probably take 2-3 months. After a couple of points of clarification, the BOS agreed unanimously to approve the purchase.

As to the potential purchase of the truck described during the past BOS meeting, Chief Defosses said that the department is no longer interested in pursuing the opportunity. There were too many features that didn't fit our use. Chief Defosses is now considering a "mini" or "midi" pumper for the lower station with an eye toward replacing a truck that has had numerous mechanical problems in 2-3 years.

Old Business

Additional Support TC/TX Office: Hannah Joyce presented to the Board her request to hire additional staff to process absentee ballots. Approximately 280 ballots have currently been requested. A grant was obtained to pay for the processing of absentee ballots which amounts to roughly \$12/ballot. The Board members asked numerous questions about how the grant dollars would be administered (how many staff hours per week, do the ballots have to be processed in the town clerk's office, where would a temporary employee be seated, etc.). The BOS asked Hannah to return with a detailed written plan and job description and assured her that all of them are willing to have an emergency meeting to consider the request and vote.

Correspondence

Cory Smith from Waterville Estates stated that they did not receive any GOFERR funds. He has spent several thousand dollars on PPE, etc. and would like Campton to reimburse Waterville Estates Village District from the grant funds. The BOS are inviting Mr. Smith to attend the next meeting to detail the expenses and discuss further.

Lisa Ash sent a letter regarding her COVID-19 Afterschool Program plans in order to keep the BOS informed.

Primex has sent a COVID screening form that they wish the Town would use. Carina stated that she will add a space on the form so that an employee's daily temperature can be included.

NH Retirement System new rates have been approved. The new rates apply for their fiscal year beginning July 2020 through June 2021. Carina estimates that it will cost an additional \$20,000 for the second half of 2021.

A wetlands permit was received concerning the Spencer Brook Forrest.

A public hearing regarding a cell phone tower installation in Thornton was continued to September 17, 2020.

Carina stated that it is now time to begin the budget schedule including budget submissions by department heads and employee evaluations. Carina is going to request that budgets be submitted by the end of September. Employee evaluations will be due by the end of October. The first budget meeting for the BOS will be October 13 at 1 pm.

Thornton Board of Selectmen has requested a joint meeting of the full BOS to be held for the purpose of discussing an intergovernmental agreement. Thornton requested an October 7th meeting but the Campton BOS would like the meeting to be held sooner – September 28th in the Campton Community room.

Michael Sharp has concerns that the state logging is going to cause blow down in the Campton owned woods. Selectman Boynton suggested that a member of the Conservation Committee be included in a discussion about prevention.

Wilbur Coffey is requesting a "blind drive" sign be placed near his driveway. Chief Foss feels that drivers obeying the speed limit should have no difficulty seeing the driveway. Chairman Keeney is going to inspect the site.

Carina stated that the PD Durango will be going to White Farm Auction.

Chairman Keeney asked if the BOS objected to skipping Committee Updates and Board Concerns given the time and non-public agenda. There were no objections.

Committee Updates

none

Board Concerns and Directives

none

In Public Session a motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). The motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye; aye; Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of non-public session at 7:44pm.

In Public Session a motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a). The motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye; aye; Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of non-public session at 8:04pm.

Chairman Keeney stated he sees no reason why the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is not open to the public. The renovations to the office have been completed to include additional office space and a glass protective barrier. Hannah expressed she will not open until she is fully staffed with 2 full time employees and will continue to operate by appointment only. The Board questioned how operating by appointment only is any different than how she is operating currently? The Board expressed that they feel she is adequately staffed and strongly encouraged her to open to the public.

Adjournment. There being no further business, Chairman Keeney adjourned the public meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Paula Woodward

Recorder