

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
December 7, 2020

Call to Order. The Town of Campton Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00p.m. on Monday, December 7, 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
Bill Cheney
Dan Boynton

Five members being present, a quorum (3) has been reached. Town Administrator Carina Park was present along with Police Chief Foss, employees Jade Hartsgrove, Fire Chief Dan Defosses, Josh Fitz, Ian Halm, and Butch Bain. Members from the public were Craig Engel, Ron Goggans, and Jim Butler. Thornton Board of Selectmen, Marianne Peabody, Brad Benton, Joe Monti, Jack Gaites, Roy Sabourn and Town Administrator Debra Shepard was present along with employee Steve Chiocca. Ellsworth Board of Selectmen Steve Taves and Mike O'Brien, and Town Administrator, Donna O'Brien.

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: aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye; Selectman Cheney, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Keeney. The Board came out of non-public session at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Cheney made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public Minutes as corrected from November 23, 2020. Selectman Davis seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to accept.

New Business

Highway Dept. Winter Staff Shortage: Butch came before the Board to come up with a game plan to staff the department while he will be out due to a revision surgery on his ankle. He is unsure the exact amount time he will be out, he was told roughly 8-12 weeks. Finding a sub-contractor is challenging due to the Town's insurance requirements. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed unanimously to hire a full-time seasonal employee. Carina will post it in the paper and on the website ASAP.

Butch also expressed to the Board while he was out on vacation, he left Ryan in charge and commended what a great job that he did.

Correspondence

The Dam Brewhouse: The Dam Brewhouses' lawyer sent an email stating that the walls have been removed from the beer garden and provided a picture. The current state of the beer garden is a roof

with four wooden posts and footings as support. The floor is dirt with carpets placed on top. They are requesting that the Board recognize the effort put forth to work toward the solution. The Dam Brewhouse is also looking for the approval of the Board to leave what remains to stand. After discussion, Selectman Cheney made a motion to have the Dam Brewhouse remove the whole structure, Selectman Davis seconded, motion passes 4-1, Selectman Boynton abstained from the vote.

Committee Updates

Road Committee: Selectman Cheney passed out a diagram showing a typical cross section of road based on minimum geometric and structural guides for local roads. He would like a copy forwarded to the Road Agent as well so going forward we have guidelines to follow. The Board agreed to forward to Butch.

Campton Conservation Committee: Selectman Boynton stated that there are trees on the Pattee conservation land that need to be removed due to the State Forest being logged. An abutter to the Forest is worried about the trees falling over onto their home. There is a meeting coming up with the Forester and Selectman Boynton will fill the Board in after the meeting.

Old Business

BETA Report: Chairman Keeney asked if anyone had a chance to look over the report in detail. Carina stated that the Board is meeting with Beta representatives in January to go over the report and make sense of it.

Other Business

-None-

Board Concerns & Directives

-None-

Privilege of the Floor

-None-

Joint Meeting with Thornton and Ellsworth

Transfer Station

Schedule Change: Thornton Chairwoman Marianne Peabody started the conversation off by stating that the transfer station has been forced to close early on Sundays due to the high volume of trash and the hopper being filled to capacity. The schedule will be changing to Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00am to 6:00pm and closed Sunday, Monday and Fridays. Transfer Station Manager Steve Chiocca explained that the transfer station goes through 42 tons a week. Saturday and Sunday alone generate 25 tons and they ultimately close early pending on the time it takes to fill the hopper. Steve Chiocca said he has explored many options and believes this is the best option. Selectman

Boynton stated that people are still going to want to come on the weekend, and how will they handle the extra volume on Saturday? The Campton Board questioned getting another trailer. Steve said that they have thought about it however, it would mean the employees would then have to direct traffic and there is no lighting. Chairman Keeney said that this is going to cause a lot of contention but it appears the decision has already been made. Chairwoman Peabody stated the Thornton Board has already voted unanimously to make the change. The schedule change is set to begin January 2, 2021.

Transfer Station Budget

43210 Sanitation Administration discussion points

1. 2% COLA for all wage lines
2. Part-time position transitioned to full-time
3. Need concrete for the dumpster containers
4. Plastic heat barriers in recycle center are in bad shape and need to be replaced.

43240 Solid Waste Disposal level funded; Steve is hoping figures will go down

43220 Pemi Baker Solid Waste budget has not been approved yet from Pemi Baker, they meet this 12/10/2020 and Steve does not anticipate a change.

There was some discussion on taking credit cards to streamline and make it more convenient for the residents. Steve said that the state has signed another contract with the Bethlehem Landfill for another 6 years. Steve also explained that the scrap metal pile is being hauled out by Gilpatrick. Selectman Boynton said good job on increasing revenue.

Selectman Davis made a motion to approve the proposed budget, Selectman Boynton seconded, all voted in favor, motion passes.

Fire Station Budget

The discussion started off by Chief Defosses explaining that the department is busier than ever. Their busiest year was in 2018 with a record 853 calls. To date the department has responded to 830 calls in 2020. Also, with the shortage in call personnel nationwide the department is helping many other towns for calls and transports.

4220 Fire Department discussion points

1. The wage line went down, this year the department got on the same pay schedule as the rest of the Town, so they had 54 weeks of pay in 2020 and for 2021 it will be the 52 weeks. With the 52 weeks and a 2% COLA its down by \$4000.00.
2. There is roughly \$10,000.00 surplus in a Lieutenant line due to there being a vacancy.
3. F.D. Equipment line is not even half spent, and \$3000.00 was added to that line due to the department getting a new truck and Chief Defosses would like to be able to outfit it. There was some discussion as to proposing the outfitting's separate or as a whole. Chief says he has proposed it in the past with all the outfitting's included and was asked not to. Selectman

Keeney expressed for a one-time purchase would like to see it not in the budget, more so included in the overall price for said vehicle.

4. Chief Defosses explained to all 3 Boards the different proposals on scheduling.

Selectman Davis said she does not like to see things increase but she is concerned with the safety of our residents. She supports adding 2 full-time employees to transition to 24 hours coverage year-round.

Selectman Boynton was expecting this proposal in the next couple years, not this year, and he is concerned about Town revenues and the tax burden. He understands the safety factor but would like to have a public hearing for input from the Towns people.

Selectman Cheney said after the loss of personnel, he thinks Chief needs to find more help and to fill the positions.

Selectman Kelly stated that he is very proud of our Fire Department and emergency team. At this point in time, he is not ready to present a million-dollar budget, and agreed to a public hearing.

Chairman Keeney is also not in favor of a million-dollar budget. He knows the transition is inevitable but cannot support it as we don't know what is going to happen next year with revenues.

Selectman Davis made a motion to accept the budget adding two full-time employees, Selectman Cheney seconded; Selectman Davis -aye, Selectman Cheney-aye, Dan-abstained, Selectman Kelly-nay, and Chairman Keeney-nay. Motion fails.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Thornton Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the budget adding two full-time employees.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Ellsworth Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to approve the budget adding two full-time employees.

Selectman Davis expressed it's unfortunate that Campton can't agree with the other towns and move forward in unity.

Cardiac Monitors: Chief Defosses said the cardiac monitors are due to be replaced. The quote for two of them was \$62,000.00 and \$74,000.00 with a 5-year maintenance contract. Chief Defosses thinks there will be enough in surplus to make the purchase of one. Carina Park said that there will not be enough to purchase both of them. If there is enough surplus, it was suggested by Ray Sabourn that one is purchased and the second budgeted as a warrant article. The town of Campton has enough in CIP to pay for our share. Chairman Keeney said he would need to see where the budget is at the end of the year.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Keeney adjourned the public meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder