

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March, 15 2021**

Call to Order. The Town of Campton Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021 by Chairman Craig Keeney via Zoom. Due to the ongoing emergency orders in place, the Board is operating under RSA 91-A:2 that allows for remote participation by Board Members.

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 as well as Jade Hartsgrove, Recorder. Members from the public were Ron Goggans, Craig Engel, Dick McGrath, Claire & Dan Desjardins, Jane Kellogg, Greg Jencks, Anthony Puntin, Peter Dadarria, and Tony Garo.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Davis made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes and as corrected from March 1, 2021. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to accept.

Correspondence

The members from the Beta group were having some technical difficulty so the Board decided to go over correspondence first.

Grant Authorization: Carina explained to the Board they needed to vote to authorize Selectman Boynton to enter into a contract with NH State Conservation Committee, Dept of Agriculture, Markets, and Foods and to accept all funds and to execute all documents. Selectman Davis made a motion to authorize it, Selectman Kelly seconded it, the Board voted all in favor.

Library Study Committee: The Board received an update from the Committee going over what they have done over the past year. The Committee would also like to get together with the School Board, and the Select Board to talk about the future of the Library.

Equalization Rate: The Town's equalization rate has dropped to 91.08. Carina suggested to the Board that the Board may want to talk with the assessors t about performing a sale based or statistical re-val. Selectman Keeney said it's something to think about. Carina said that the 91.08 percent is still within DRA percentage acceptable range.

Livermore Falls: The Board got notice that the State will be doing a large timber harvest down at the Livermore Falls area.

Abatement Request: The Board received an abatement request for the interest on taxes for a brand-new home in Waterville Estates. The homeowner says he was out of the country for a few months last year, and was unable to pay his property taxes. He said he didn't get his mail while he was out of the country. Carina also explained to the Board that she was very transparent with the homeowner in saying that she doesn't think the likelihood of this being approved as the Town has resources to pay taxes online. After discussion, Chairman Keeney asked for a vote, the Board voted no unanimously.

BETA Group Road Management Study

Peter Dadarria, and Tony Garo from the BETA group had a brief presentation on the benefits of the program, the science behind it and how to maximize the budget. They conducted a roadway condition assessment to help develop a prioritized plan and provide foundation for decision making. They explained that it is a 5-step project.

1. Road Inventory & Mapping
2. Field Inspection (paved and gravel)
3. Existing Condition
4. Capital Planning
5. System Development & Training

There are 59.59 miles of roadway that were inspected in this program. 28.53 of paved, and 31.06 in gravel roads. Also, within Campton there are 38.58 miles of private roads, and 38.68 miles of state roads. The pavement distresses are scored on a 0-100 scale. 0%-50% would be "poor", 50%-80% would be "fair" and 80%-100% would be "good" condition. The overall average for the paved roads came in at 77.32%, which is slightly above average for New England paved roads.

The gravel distresses are scored on a 0-10 scale. 0-3 would be "poor", 4-7 would be "fair" and 8-10 would be "good". Out of all the gravel roads, 2.38 miles are considered "good", 23.62 miles are "fair" and 5.06 miles are "poor". Selectman Boynton said that he thinks the word "fair" is a broad range and do these roads need to be reclaimed? The members from the Beta group explained that is determined moving into the next step of the project in the stabilization program. Selectman Keeney stated that they need more recommendations for the gravel roads. They will work to prepare a more detailed report.

The next step is capital planning and to define the needs of the Town. The demo showed the website, how to use it, and what tools are available. Examples were shown. The people who have access to the login can potentially make revisions. There is also a "read only" version that can be presented to be public. Selectman Kelly said that there were a few roads that were listed wrong in the report and needed to be corrected before the more detailed report is completed. He will show them to Carina so she can forward them on. There was also discussion on adding the culverts into this program and adding another layer of data to keep track of them and to have a culvert analysis. The Board thanked the group for coming in and presenting and that it helped a lot in understanding the report better.

Committee Updates

Conservation: Selectman Boynton told the Board that on April 7th is the annual land management meeting. Furthermore, he gave them an update on the Pemi-Baker Land Trust. There is a requirement of an easement to purchase of property. The Town will remain the land owner, but the easement needs to be purchased.

No other Committee updates

Board Concerns & Directives

Selectman Cheney: None

Selectman Boynton: None

Selectman Kelly: None

Selectman Davis: Continuing concern is about Blair Bridge

Selectman Keeney: He spoke with Arnold Graton about Blair Bridge and they are putting a quote together with the height restrictor bar, however they are advising against it as it takes away from the historical vision. It also limits SUV's with tullys or bike racks on them driving though the bridge. They suggest putting up signs on RT 175 and RT 3 saying "no thru trucks". Carina told the Board she spoke with NHDOT today about the no thru truck signs and it will ultimately be up to them as the are both NH State roads.

Privilege of the Floor

Selectman Keeney asked if there was anyone for privilege of the floor, and Carina said she had a couple more things for the Board and also, if anyone else has something for the Board that they are all muted so they would have to unmute themselves.

iPad: Carina said that she and Ron Farnsworth, Interim Road Agent of the Highway Department have been talking about getting a discounted iPad for him to use while he is out inspecting and maintaining the roads. This will also be helpful with the new road study and the online tools. Selectman Boynton said that iPads have a really good measuring tool on them as well. The Board said they think it's a great idea, and to go ahead with the purchase.

Road Complaint: A homeowner on 319 Beech Hill Rd sent in a detailed list and pictures about how bad the road is currently. He suggested test sites to address the drainage. His main concern was getting the water off of the road. Carina said that she has talked with Ron about doing the test sites and she will talk to Ron more about it.

Office 365: Selectman Boynton briefly mentioned about getting office 365 for emails, shared folders for the near future and would like to further discuss soon.

Jane Kellogg: Jane wanted to thank the Board for their interest and support in the conservation commission on the 154-acre Miller property, along with all of the grants. She expressed that Carina and staff have been most helpful. The Board thanked Jane.

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: Selectman Keeney, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Cheney, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of non-public session at 7:10pm.

In Public Session a motion was made to seal the Non-Public minutes the motion was seconded and with a roll call vote: Selectman Keeney, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Cheney, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Keeney adjourned the public meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder