

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March, 29 2021

Call to Order. The Town of Campton Board of Selectmen meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m. on Monday, March 29, 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
Bill Cheney
Dan Boynton

Four members being present, a quorum (3) has been reached. Town Administrator Carina Park was present as well as Jade Hartsgrrove, Recorder along with interim Road Agent Ron Farnsworth, and Ryan Erazo, and Lisa Vincent. Members from the public were Ron Goggans, Craig Engel, Jane Kellogg, Stuart Pitts, Chris Kelly, Jessie Bartlett, Tim Scanlon, Liana and Michael Frances.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Boynton made a motion to approve the Public and Non-Public minutes and as corrected from March 15, 2021. Selectman Cheney seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to accept.

New Business

Landscaping & Moving Services Bid Opening: The Town received two bids. The first one opened was from Elite Pro Landscaping, the breakdown is as follows:

- Mowing/Trimming: \$3910.00
 - Mulch: \$1250.00
 - Fall/Spring Cleanup: \$2130.00
 - Beebe Leach field: \$250.00
 - Deer Run Dam Mowing: \$200.00
- Total: \$7740.00**

The second bid was from Tuck Property Maintenance and the breakdown is as follows:

- Mowing/Trimming: \$2600.00
 - Mulch: \$1000.00
 - Fall/Spring Cleanup: \$2600.00
 - Beebe Leach field: \$500.00
 - Deer Run Dam Mowing: 500.00
- Total: \$7200.00**

There was some discussion on what was budgeted for the landscaping, and that the Beebe River leach field will be paid from the Beebe account. Selectman Kelly made a motion to accept Tuck Property Maintenance bid, Selectman Cheney seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept.

Gravel Bid Opening: The Town received two bids. The first one opened was from Mark Johnston, the breakdown is as follows:

- Pickup Price: \$12.00
- Delivery to East side of Town: \$17.00
- Delivery to West side of Town: \$17.00

The second bid was from NH Central Aggregates and the breakdown is as follows:

- Pickup Price: \$11.50
- Delivery to East side of Town: \$17.50
- Delivery to West side of Town: \$16.50

After some discussion on samples, and the product that the Town had last year. Interim Road Agent, Ron Farnsworth expressed his thoughts and suggestions. The Board thanked him. Selectman Boynton made a motion to accept Mark Johnston's bid contingent upon samples, Selectman Kelly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to accept.

2021 Board/Committee Appointments: The Board invited incumbents whose terms are expiring in 2021 to discuss their interest in remaining on their respective boards. The Select board explained that what stemmed the letters and the meetings was because there have been multiple people expressing their interest to be more involved and being on a board or committee. Selectman Keeney said the jobs have been being more demanding, more detail oriented, technical and time consuming. Stuart, Chris, Jane and Tim all expressed how they would like to continue their current positions. Carina also said Jess Halm couldn't attend in person but she sent an email stating she would like to keep her position as well. Jessie Bartlett came before the board to express that she is interested in being on a board and being involved. Selectman Keeney encouraged her to attend some meetings and learn about what the different boards do. Craig Engel said he would like to be involved with the CIP or a road committee. The Selectmen didn't make any decisions but they thanked everyone for coming in and discussion will continue after the next meeting when new people come in to speak to the Board about interest.

Highway Department Summer & Gravel Plan Update: Interim Road Agent Ron Farnsworth provided a proposal for work to be performed this summer and improvements for the future. Ron went over the biggest problem area roads, Bog being one of them and how most of the gravel will be going over there. There will be some left to use on other roads. There are several culverts that need replacing throughout town. Selectman Kelly asked if Ron would be open to working with him and Bill on coming up with a game plan, Ron agreed.

Discussion ensued and there was talk about how to do things differently than in the past to help for the future. Ron and Ryan both stated that the calcium that was put down last year seems to be working and has helped the integrity of the roads it was used on. Selectman Boynton brought up geotextiles, and how effective they can be and that it stabilized the road. Ron is open to learn more about it. The Board and highway guys went over the problem areas, and Selectman Kelly, and Cheney will get together and they are going to come up with a plan.

Ron brought up to the Board that he has the opportunity to purchase a 2-post lift for the highway garage. Changing the oil and tires on the big rigs is just not safe. The price for the lift, and installed without the power is \$14,350.00. Selectman Kelly agreed that it is unsafe. Carina said that there are remaining funds in the municipal aid, and the town can use it until its depleted and suggested paying for the lift from this line item. Ron said for the total installation including power would be roughly \$15,000.00. Selectman Kelly made a motion to have the lift installed and pay for it out of the municipal aid fund, Selectman Boynton seconded, the Board voted unanimously all in favor.

Ron told the Board that the frame on the white dump truck got bent and the dump body doesn't work. The truck can still be used, just not for the dump. Carina asked Ron to get a quote on the repairs for the insurance company.

Perch Pond Rd Culvert Bid: The bid is to removal of one existing 4' corrugated metal pipe culvert that is 20 ft, and the installation of a new 4' PE pipe smooth interior culvert that is 30 ft. Ron said they already have the culvert. Selectman Keeney asked Ron why bid this out? Ron explained that it is not safe for the department to do it first and foremost, and second, the backhoe can't do it. Ron said his estimate for this would be \$4000-\$4500. Selectman Keeney said no problem, and they will get it out to bid.

The Board thanked Ron, and Ryan for coming in and going over updates, and plans. They also thanked the department for doing a great job.

Correspondence

F-150 Purchase for the Transfer Station: Carina received an email from Deb in Thornton in regards to purchasing a new F-150 for the transfer station. Carina explained to her that the Campton Board may not be in favor to this as it hasn't been discussed in well over a year. The email stated that the transfer station crew needs it because it takes a couple guys a few hours to get the snow clean up done with the backhoe. Also included was a quote Thornton got in 2019. Deb also said, Thornton highway department plows when they can, and they help get fuel for the transfer station at no extra cost to the other two towns. Selectman Keeney said it's on CIP but they did not fund it this year. Carina said there is \$10,000.00 set aside and that's it. Thornton is very disappointed, and they were under the impression the Campton board unanimously agreed to get this truck. Consensus of the Board is to have Carina to reach back out and get an updated quote.

American Rescue Stimulus Package: The Town as a whole will be getting approx. \$300,000.00. The money has to be shared with the village districts. It is based off of population and will be disbursed as such. Carina said there are really no specific guidelines on what it can be spent on yet. It was laid out that it can however, be spent on payroll for police and fire, Investments on water and sewer, or for broadband. The town will see half of it within the next 60 days and has until 2024 to spend it.

Richard & Mary McGrath: The McGrath's sent a letter to the Board about the BETA group road study. They had comments, and concerns. Selectman Boynton said he agreed with a lot of what the letter said. Carina wanted to make it clear that the report is still in the draft phase, and not completed. The group still has revisions to make on the gravel portion.

DOT: The Board got a letter from NHDOT and the green bridge on RT 49 is red listed. It is #47 out of 106, and the state has it on their radar and plan work for 2027. The only other red listed bridge in Campton is on Perch Pond over Ryan Brook.

Committee Updates

Conservation: Selectman Boynton gave the Board an update on the purchase of the 9-1-1 property. He explained there are a lot of things going in the easement and the rest of the Board asked for him for forward them what will be going into the easement.

No other Committee updates

Board Concerns & Directives

Selectman Cheney: None

Selectman Boynton: None

Selectman Kelly: None

Selectman Keeney: Would like the price for portals on Blair Bridge. Carina said she didn't follow up because she thought that the headache bars were off the table and they were just going with the signs. Carina said she will follow up with Arnold Graton.

Privilege of the Floor

Jessie Bartlett: Selectman Keeney expressed to Jess that he was not trying to discourage her from any of the Boards, he just was suggesting to check in with the different boards and learn. Jess asked when the next CIP meeting was, Carina said the 3rd Wednesday in May at 1p.m. The Board thanked Jess for her interest.

Craig Engel: Craig would like a follow up on the BETA report, and if there was a timeline on the revisions? Selectman Keeney said they were not given a timeline, and Carina said she will follow up. Craig also asked who was the one talking about the roads earlier, Selectman Keeney told him it was Ron Farnsworth, interim road agent.

Liana Frances: Liana attended the Board meeting for a civics class, and Selectman Keeney said they were about done and were headed into non-public session, so he could sign off on her paper for her and asked if she had any questions. The Board thanked her for coming in.

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 7:35pm.

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder