

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
June, 21 2021

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 5:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building on Monday, June 21, 2021. Sharon Davis, Bill Cheney, Dan Boynton and Nik Coates were present. Four members being present, a quorum (3) has been reached. Town Administrator Carina Park, Minutes Recorder Jade Hartsgrove, and Road Agent Ron Farnsworth were present. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests, reviewed the bills, signed 1 building permit, 2 driveway permits, and a timber intent.

**Call to Order:** Selectman Davis called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Members of the public Present included Nancy Mardin, Lisa Vincent, Mike Burnham, and Fire Chief Dan Defosses was present later in the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Selectman Coates made a motion to approve the amended minutes from June 7, 2021, both Public and Non-Public Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, Selectmen Davis, Boynton, Coates voted in favor and Selectman Cheney abstained as he was not here the prior meeting.

**New Business**

**New Treasurer Intro/Appointment:** Nancy Mardin gave the Board an introduction about herself. She retired in 2019, and now has some spare time. She worked in banking for many years and worked her way up. She has had lots of involvement with the town such as, the historical society, and she was a trustee of the trust funds. She will start July 1<sup>st</sup>. Selectman Boynton made a motion to appoint Nancy Mardin for a 1-year term for treasurer, Selectman Coates seconded, and the Board voted in favor.

It was brought up that we should have a celebration for the retiring Treasurer, Mary Durgin. After discussion, Carina stated that she would talk to Mary about having a luncheon celebration.

**Driftwood & Bootjack Betterment Bond Interest Rate Quote:** Carina informed the Board that she received quotes from Northway at 2.15%, Bank of NH at 2.25%, and MVSBS informed her that they would not be able to beat either rate. After some discussion, Selectman Coates made a motion to accept Northway Bank's quote, Selectman Cheney seconded, the Board voted in favor.

The contractor that gave the original quote can no longer complete the culvert work that needs to be finished before the paving starts. Mark Johnston gave a quote for the work and it came in at \$24,600.00. It is up from the first quote but Road Agent Ron Farnsworth, said that the prices on culverts have gone up and he thinks it is a fair quote. Selectman Cheney made a motion to accept Mark Johnstons quote for the betterment work on Bootjack and Driftwood Roads, Selectman Boynton seconded and the Board voted all in favor. Ron will get in touch with Mark to find out when the work can be completed and will let the Board know.

**Snow Removal & Plowing Contracts:** There was discussion on the upcoming renewal of snow plow contracts. The biggest topic that was addressed was the liability insurance requirements. Carina spoke with Primex and they informed her that although the 1 million/ 2 million aggregate is the industry standard, they know that it limits smaller communities' ability to hire subcontractors, and that the town is free to lower the rates based on business judgement and risk tolerance. After discussion Selectman

Cheney made a motion to lower the insurance requirement of 2 million to 1 million, Selectman Boynton seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

### Old Business

**Foothill Estates Mobile Home Park- Tax Abatement Request:** Mike Burnham the owner of the mobile home park forwarded a list of purchase and sales agreements. The purchase and sales indicate that the purchaser has 90 days from the date of the agreement to repair or restore the property or the title will not be transferred. The Board explained to Mike now that they have a process in place, they will abate once the transfers go through. Carina will draft up an abatement that will specifically say up to the 2020 taxes will be abated. Selectman Cheney made a motion for the Chair of the Board to be an authorized signer for the lien releases, Selectman Boynton seconded and the Board voted all in favor. Mike thanked the Board, and said he will stay in touch.

### Correspondence

**Tracking Report:** Selectman Davis had suggested some changes for the report. There was discussion on adding target dates for the projects. The Board discussed intergovernmental agreements, and would like to schedule a work session prior to the next meeting with Thornton and Ellsworth Boards. The joint meeting is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board reviewed and revised the report. Carina expressed that this is a living document and will continuously be revised.

Carina informed the Board that Thornton Town Administrator, Deb Shepard reached out to her and asked if the Campton Board talked about the truck again because she spoke to Grappone and they told Deb, likely, if the truck is ordered they won't receive it before 2022. After discussion, Selectman Coates made a motion to purchase the transfer station truck, Selectman Boynton seconded, the Board voted in favor.

**Campton Village Precinct (CVP) Request for ARPA Funds:** The CVP has submitted a request for a portion of the ARPA funds the town will be receiving. Carina informed the Board that Village Districts and Precincts are included in what the municipalities are granted, and it is up to the Town to disburse the funds. If the Board should agree to share the grant funds with CVP then the Town of Campton would be responsible for reporting and tracking where and how the money is being spent. Selectman Boynton asked Carina if the Board has to share the funds, and Carina stated no, they don't. The Board reviewed the correspondence and will take it into consideration.

**Upgrade Radio Communications:** Carina gave the Board an update on a grant that was applied for. The Town requested 225K and it is in the final round of reviewing. When they called Carina back to let her know about being in the final stages, they suggested 175K has a better chance of acceptance and would cover half of the project. She will keep the Board informed.

**COVID Protocols:** The Board went over a memo to be sent to all employees. Carina informed the department heads that they are no longer required to do daily wellness checks but Carina was looking for guidance regarding mask wearing, and also the use of Zoom. Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask inside when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained. Selectman Coates stated he thinks zoom is a great tool, and as long as there is a quorum in person, there is no reason to not use zoom. Carina informed the Board that the Planning Board does not want to broadcast via zoom anymore. The Select Board agreed to keep meetings broadcast via zoom. Furthermore, the individual

Boards can use their own discretion if they want public comment or utilize it just for broadcasting purposes.

**Police Department:** Carina wanted to inform the Board that Officers Recco, and Brady received compliments stating they are both very respectful and are assets to this community.

**Tiny Home:** Notice of violation and a cease-and-desist order went out via certified mail to the owner and will keep the Board updated.

**Jane Kellogg:** Updated Carina that the Conservation Commission was awarded \$75,000.00 from the aquatic resource mitigation fund, and shortly there will be \$25,000.00 from the moose plate fund. There is a holdup with the easement and the closing date will likely be pushed back a bit.

**NH DOT Paving:** NH DOT informed Ron Farnsworth that resurfacing on Ellsworth Hill Rd, and parts of NH RT 175 will be starting Tuesday, June 22. In addition, there will be a preconstruction meeting Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via zoom at 9:30am about the paving of NH RT 49 up to Waterville Valley.

**Facebook:** Carina informed the Board that the Town of Campton Facebook page is live. There are 3 admins for the page; herself, Jade and Corey. Commenting permission is turned off, and it is being used for informational purposes only. If department heads need to get a message out to the public, they can contact any 3 of the admins for the page.

#### Committee Updates

-None-

#### Board Concerns & Directives

**Selectman Coates:** Expressed that he has been working hard in his Town updating and making policies and would be happy to help or share ideas. Selectman Coates said he will be unable to attend a few meetings coming up because they conflict with some he has to attend for the Town of Bristol. After discussion, the Board agreed to have the 3 meetings at an earlier time for those meetings.

**Selectman Boynton:** Now that the Town has an official Facebook page, he would like the other page labeled "Campton New Hampshire" to not use the Town seal as it could confuse people which one is the official Town of Campton page. Carina and Jade will draft a letter respectfully asking for them to take it down.

**Selectman Davis:** None

**Selectman Cheney:** 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: Selectman Cheney, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Coates, aye; and Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of non-public session at 7:25pm.

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: Selectman Cheney, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Coates, aye, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of non-public session at 7:35pm.

Selectman Cheney made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, Selectman Boynton seconded, the Board voted all in favor.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Davis adjourned the public meeting at 7:37p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove  
Minutes Recorder