

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
July, 6 2021

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Karl Kelly, Bill Cheney, Dan Boynton and Nik Coates were present. Five members being present, a quorum (3) has been reached. Also, present were Town Administrator Carina Park, Minutes Recorder Jade Hartsgrove, Fire Chief Dan Defosses, Police Chief Kevin Foss, and Town Clerk Tax Collector Hannah Joyce. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests, reviewed the bills, signed 3 building permits, 4 abatements, and a timber intent to cut.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** Selectman Coates made a motion to approve the amended minutes from June 21, 2021, both Public and Non-Public Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, Selectmen Davis, Boynton, Cheney, and Coates voted in favor and Selectman Kelly abstained as he was not present at the prior meeting.

**New Business**

**Tax Deeded Property Auction Extension Request:** Rick Dowling purchased 9 properties at the town auction. He closed on 6 of them and is requesting a 10-day extension on the closing date for the remaining 3. If the Board denies the extension, Rick would like his deposit returned. The Board is not obligated to grant an extension, or return the deposit money. Carina informed the Board that Tom Mcglaufflin the Auctioneer suggested he could approach the second highest bidder in line and offer the properties to them. After discussion, the Board agreed to authorize Tom to do so, and agreed to not return deposit money, or grant an extension for closing.

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; Selectman Kelly, aye; and Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of non-public session at 3:50pm.

**Work Session**

**Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Schedule:** Fire Chief Dan Defosses came before the Board to go over the current fleet and the potential replacement options. After discussion, Chairman Davis asked the Fire Chief what his overall recommendation is. The Fire Chief recommends a new full size at the main station, a mini pumper at the lower station, and a demo pumper for the Thornton station. The Board thanked the Fire Chief, and will pick this conversation up at the joint meeting with Thornton and Ellsworth scheduled for July 19.

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## Correspondence

**Police Chief Kevin Foss-** Police Chief Kevin Foss informed the Board that the radar trailer is not working. The battery will not keep a charge. Chief Foss is going to reach out to an electronic company to have them look at it. He did look at new ones and he said they range from \$9,000.00 - \$13,000.00. He will keep the Board updated.

**Driveway Permits:** Corey Davenport has made some revisions to the Driveway permit in regards to the process. The major change would be introducing a construction approval, and a final approval. The current permit allows Compliance Officer to go out and determine where and how the driveway should be constructed. At that point there is nothing stopping the applicants from ignoring the instructions and putting the driveway in however they want. The only way to find out if it was done incorrectly is by the road crew finding it during their maintenance of the roads. The proposed change is to have the Compliance Officer perform his task as normal but to stop short of giving a full approval. The Compliance Officer would give the applicant the parameters of how to build the driveway and the Road Agent would be responsible to check in during construction and would give final approval of the driveway when it is finished. There is a section on the permit underlined and bolded that puts the responsibility on the owner or their representative. If an applicant, does it incorrectly the Town will have the ability to not give them an approved permit. Corey has talked with the Road Agent about this, and he said he is willing to check the driveways to give final approval. The Board agreed to the changes to be implemented immediately.

**Transfer Station Ordinance Update:** The Thornton Board of Selectmen made revisions to the proposed ordinance, and they would like to hold a joint public hearing to adopt it within the next month. After the Board discussed the revisions and the ordinance as a whole, the Campton Board decided that they want this to go to Town Meeting.

**NHEC Broadband:** Sent plans on their broadband infrastructure. They are also encouraging towns to reserve their ARPA funds to invest into broadband.

**Deposit & Investment Policy:** Chairman Davis advised that once a year the Board is required to review the policy. There are no changes. Selectman Coates made a motion to accept the policy, Selectman Boynton seconded, the Board voted all in favor.

**Noise Complaints:** Carina informed the Board that the Town has received a few noise complaints as of late due to logging operations and wanted to make the Board aware. Chairman Davis also brought up about home shooting ranges. There was discussion on a noise ordinance. Historically, it has gone on the town meeting ballot before and did not pass. Selectman Kelly stated he would rather see it go on a ballot, because not many people show up to a public hearing.

**Intent to Cut:** The town has received an Intent to Cut from a taxpayer who owes back taxes. A bond must be in place due to back taxes. This will ensure that the Town gets paid for the timber tax. The estimated tax is based on the timber to be cut. The cut is scheduled to happen in October of this year.

## Tracking Report

The Transfer Station item on the tracking report that was completed, and the Campton Village Precinct was originally coming in to meet with the Board in July, but it has been pushed back to August as the Board has a joint meeting with Thornton and Ellsworth on July 19, which is the Board's last meeting in July.

### **Committee Updates**

**Road Committee:** Vice Chairman Kelly stated that he and Bill Cheney will be getting together with the Road Agent to go over the 5-year work plan. He also brought to the Boards attention that the Town needs to get a roller as it was voted in favor at Town Meeting. Next week they are going to look at a couple of them, and since the last time they were priced out, they have gone up in price. Selectman Boynton made a motion to authorize the committee to spend up to \$40,000.00 on a roller, Vice Chairman Kelly seconded the motion, the Board voted all in favor.

### **Board Concerns & Directives**

**Dan Boynton:** Last year, Selectman Boynton was asked to work on the TC/TX website, in that process he basically demoted the TC/TX to just an editor and she is unable to fix or change the layout and she would like to make changes. After discussion, the Board agreed that for those changes, she can submit a request to Carina and Selectman Boynton will get it done in a timely manner.

**Selectman Coates:** Informed the Board that he received an email requesting for the climate change report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Davis adjourned the public meeting at 5:16p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove  
Minutes Recorder