

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July, 19 2021

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 19, 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 and Deputy Fire Chief Ian Halm. During the work session, the Board signed the manifests, reviewed the bills, signed 2 building permits, 3 driveway permits, and a betterment note.

Call to Order: Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Members of the public present included Craig Engel, Willis Merrill, Mary Edith Heise, Joe Heise, George Cranshaw, Gerald Boyle, and Gordon Rowley. Ellsworth Board of Selectmen, Mike O'Brien, and Steve Taves, and Donna O'Brien assistant to the Board. Thornton Board of Selectmen, Peter Laufenberg, Roy Sabourn, Brad Benton, Marianne Peabody, Joe Monti, Town Administrator, Debra Shepard.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Coates made a motion to approve the amended minutes from July 6, 2021, both Public and Non-Public Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, Selectmen Davis, Boynton, Cheney, Kelly, and Coates voted in favor.

Joint Meeting with Thornton and Ellsworth

Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Schedule: The Selectmen from Thornton and Ellsworth came for a joint meeting for Fire Chief Dan Defosses to discuss the department's fleet and replacement schedule. Fire Chief Dan went over the background and explained the far areas out of town and the insurance class they are according to the ISO (Insurance Services Office). There was discussion whether it would be beneficial to reduce the fleet, and sub-stations that are open, or to add vehicles and keep them open. There was suggestion on replacing a big engine with something nimbler rather than reducing the fleet. Due to the lack of applicants, there is not enough man power to run the apparatus we have on hand as it is, and more often than not, these applicants do not possess a CDL. After a lengthy discussion no decisions were made as there is a need to better understand the different fleet replacement options.

Selectman Coates had to leave the meeting early.

Transfer Station Ordinance: The three Boards had a discussion on the Transfer Station Ordinance on whether to have a Joint Public Hearing this fall or to bring the proposed ordinance to the voters at Town Meetings next March. After Discussion, Thornton and Ellsworth would like to have a public hearing to adopt the ordinance. The Thornton Board expressed that after some research they found that this does not have to go to Town Meeting and it can be done in a public hearing. Thornton Town Administrator, Deb Shepard expressed that if it is done at Town Meetings the ordinance cannot be amended and with a public hearing it can be. Selectman Cheney stated that historically the Town of Campton likes to do their business at Town Meeting. Chairman Davis informed the other Boards that the Campton Selectmen will make a decision on this at their next meeting when they have the full Board present. The Campton Board of Selectmen thanked the Fire Chief, Thornton and Ellsworth Boards for their time.

New Business

Citizen Concern: Page Hill Community Association: Some residents and members of the Page Hill Community Association wanted to come talk to the Board about their concerns of their roads. Gerald Boyle introduced himself as the President of the association and informed the Board that 3 years ago they were told by the former Road Agent that Merrill Road was scheduled to be paved. The residents each took a turn to express their concerns. Deacon Willey and a portion of Merrill were done. Gerald explained that there are frost heaves that are dangerous, and that there is a sink hole that was filled with cold patch however, it needs to be addressed again as it is sinking again. The association was told the reason why the project did not get completed was because Comcast didn't bury the cable lines deep enough and there were serious issues the Town ran into when digging up the road. There is also a failed culvert that needs to be replaced. Chairman Davis explained that the Road Agent is aware of the issue and that culvert is on the schedule to be replaced next year. Selectman Kelly informed the association it seems as if they were given misinformation as far as the schedule for the paving of those roads. Selectman Kelly will work with the Road Agent to check the ditches and see what can be done to help remedy some of the road issues in the meantime.

2nd Quarter Financial Report: Overall everything is right on target; budgets are at 50% give or take a little bit. There was discussion on the Fire Department percentages, Chairman Davis explained that it is normal where the numbers are at for this time of year given that a lot of the Fire department's expenses are paid early in the budgeting year.

Correspondence

Conservation Commission: Carina informed the Board that Jane Kellogg forwarded an update on the Miller land purchase. The new target date for closing is August 31st. The easement is currently being looked over by the Town Attorney.

Noise Ordinance: Carina received conformation from the Attorneys at NHMA that a Noise Ordinance must be voted upon at Town Meeting.

Committee Updates

Road Committee: Selectman Kelly gave an update that GMI thinks that the work on Stickney Road needs to be ground first, which will add \$14,000.00 to the total price. After discussion, Selectman Kelly suggests to just shim and overlay for now, Selectmen Cheney agreed and the Road Agent will go along with the Board of Selectmen. Mark Johnston is doing the culvert work on Bootjack before the paving begins, and the measurements he was given for a culvert were short. Accordingly, the bid is going up by \$300.00. Since it is within the bond amount it will be fine and not over expended.

CIP: Selectman Kelly met with Levell Joyce of LWJ Construction and received a quote for building the stair access to the storage loft in the highway department, which came in at \$2500.00. After discussion Selectman Cheney made a motion to accept the quote for the stairs at the highway garage for \$2500.00, Selectman Kelly seconded, and the Board voted all in favor.

The next quote that Levell submitted was to fix the doors on the storage shed at the highway department. The quote came in at \$1500.00. After discussion, Selectman Kelly recommends that this gets done due to the safety hazards. Selectman Cheney made a motion to accept the quote for the shed to be fixed at the highway department for \$1500.00, Selectman Kelly seconded the motion and the Board voted all in favor.

Selectman Kelly informed the Board he and Levell also spoke about the stairwell going to the second floor in the municipal building. They would have to go in Corey's office, and the stairwell would be enclosed with a door at the bottom per fire code regulations. It was suggested that if there are drawings to be done for the car port, why not make the stairs to the second floor outside, under the carport.

At the last CIP meeting it was brought up about impact fees. The planning Board will be coming to speak to the Board of Selectmen in regards to impact fees, and roads issues within the Town.

Board Concerns & Directives

-none-

Privilege of the Floor

Craig Engel: Wanted a follow up from the research and information he forwarded to the Board on the roads. Selectman Cheney said the Beta report shows deficiencies but not what to do with those. Talked about the possibility of hiring an engineer to follow what their suggestions are. Chairman Davis added that the Town has a road work plan and what Craig forwarded to the Board was used in developing the work plan. Craig also asked if the Town plans on putting out the Beta report to the Towns people. Carina said that it is public information, and if someone would like to see it, they can have it, but the Town is not advertising that this is what is going to happen according to this report. It is used for a guideline. Selectman Boynton added, they have come up with a 5-year plan and to utilize all of the reports and research that has been done, and moving forward would like to present options.

Joe Heise: Asked what the issue in Campton is to not budget the money for the Roads, is it because taxes will go up? Selectman Boynton expressed that it is a multitude of things. Carina added that in the past the Town has been reactive, and now with the plans, reports and research in place, the Town is being proactive.

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; Selectman Kelly, aye; and Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of non-public session at 5:50pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Davis adjourned the public meeting at 5:55p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder