

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
November 8, 2021

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building on Monday, November 8, 2021. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Karl Kelly, Bill Cheney, and Nik Coates were present. Also present were Town Administrator Carina Park, Minutes Recorder Jade Hartsgrove, Road Agent Ron Farnsworth, Park, and Rec Director Lisa Ash, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Corey Davenport and Town Clerk Tax Collector Hannah Joyce. Several people in the audience were here in support of the new officer being sworn in. The Board signed the manifests during the work session, reviewed the bills, and signed two zoning compliance applications, three LUCT, a pole license, and an appointment.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Members of the Public were Craig Engel, Claire Desjardins, and Mary McGrath.

**Approval of Minutes:** Selectman Kelly motioned to approve the revised regular and non-public minutes from October 25, 2021, and November 1, 2021. Selectman Cheney seconded the motion, Selectmen Davis, Kelly, Boynton, Cheney, and Coates voted in favor.

**New Business**

**Swearing-in Ceremony:** Police Chief Kevin Foss opened the ceremony off by saying, "Tonight we will be swearing in Jordan Pellowe, who is our newest police officer." Chairman Davis swore her in, and her badge was pinned to her uniform by her parents.

**Budget Work Session**

**Park & Rec:** Lisa Ash, the Park & Rec program director, expressed that the department was hit hard with summer camp registration. She said that revenues are up about \$4,000.00. She added a 4% COLA for the employees. There is a slight increase, but revenues should set it off. The Board asked Lisa if she, too, has been having a hard time with staffing? Lisa said she is very fortunate because she has had to turn people away actually. The Board thanked Lisa.

**Highway:** Ron started the conversation off by stating that the department is down to four winter sub-contractors, and they used to have five. Ron expressed that he would like to get back to the five. There was a discussion on adding money for culverts. The sand has been put out for bid this week. Ron explained that he would like to cover the sand pile as it gets rock solid when freezes. The Board reviewed the rest of the budget.

Ron also brought up that there are a few roads in town for the warrant this year that really should be discontinued as a town road. Fifield, Miclon, Wise, Siberia, Plaisted, and Cox Roads. Ron said these roads are not safe for the crew to plow for various reasons. There will need to be a public hearing and formal noticing. The Boards direction was to move it up on the tracking report. The Board will think about how to approach and construct the warrant article.

**Town Clerk / Tax Collector:** Hannah stated that there are not many changes from her first submission. She is unsure about what the health insurance and dental will be. There are three elections in the upcoming year. Hannah said she's presenting the supervisors of the checklist budget as she got it. Nancy

Donahue was on zoom and said the supervisors agreed on a \$7,300.00 budget. Hannah and the Board made the adjustments. Hannah requested the Board to go into a non-public session.

Selectman Boynton arrived at 4:35 p.m.

In Public Session, a motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a-i). The motion was seconded with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye; Selectman Cheney, aye; Selectman Coates, aye; and Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of a non-public session at 4:43 p.m.

### Correspondence

**GFOA:** Carina handed out a lost revenue calculator. She explained that it has a 4.1% increase year over year. There is a house bill that will allow for it to be used for roads and bridges. Campton was awarded \$50,000.00 to be used for public safety. Discussion ensued.

### Joint meeting w/ Thornton & Ellsworth

The Thornton and Ellsworth Boards came for a joint meeting to discuss the transfer station ordinance and the vacant manager position. There were two public hearings, and there were tons of good feedback on the ordinance. There was a discussion on waiting to get a new manager before implementing anything. After the three Boards discussed, Selectman Coates motioned to create a new committee consisting of one BOS member from each town and two members of the past TS Advisory Committee to streamline the ordinance so there could be another public hearing and move forward on the ordinance. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor. Thornton and Ellsworth also made this motion, and all three Boards agreed. Steve Babin expressed some concerns and said he felt this meeting was not noticed well enough. Carina stated that Campton had it posted correctly.

In Public Session, a motion was made to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a-i). The motion was seconded with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye; Selectman Cheney, aye; Selectman Coates, aye; and Selectman Boynton, aye. The Board came out of a non-public session at 5:49 p.m.

Selectman Kelly made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, Selectman Coates seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

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**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Chair Davis adjourned the public meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove  
Minutes Recorder