

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
December 13, 2021

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 5:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building on Monday, December 13, 2021. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Karl Kelly, Dan Boynton, and Nik Coates were present. Thornton Board of Selectmen Peter Laufenberg, Brad Benton, Joe Monti, Marianne Peabody, and Roy Sabourn were present. Ellsworth Board of Selectmen present, Mike O'Brien and Steve Taves. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport, Thornton Town Administrator Debra Shepard, Ellsworth Town Administrator Donna O'Brien, Minutes Recorder Jade Hartsgrove, Fire Chief Dan Defosses, and Deputy Fire Chief Ian Halm.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members of the Public Present included Craig Engel, Jane Kellogg, Jim Butler, Ron Goggans, Gary Rough, Katrina Johnk, and Alfred Lewis.

Joint Meeting with Thornton and Ellsworth

Intergovernmental Agreement: The Boards discussed the language in the agreement, whether they should have a majority vote or unanimous. The Boards stated their concerns and stances. Some believe if they have a unanimous vote, it is protected and won't hold them to a decision they disagree with. Others believe that things can get resolved faster than being dragged out if they go with a majority. The Boards discussed the process if they were not unanimous. After the discussion, Selectman Coates motioned a "unanimous vote" in the language for both agreements between Campton, Thornton, and Ellsworth. The motion was seconded, with a roll call vote: Selectman Cheney, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Coates, aye; Selectman Kelly, nay; and Selectman Boynton, aye, the motion passes. Thornton and Ellsworth Selectmen made the motion and voted in favor. Selectman Boynton made a motion to approve both intergovernmental agreements as amended, and Selectman Davis seconded, the Board voted all in favor. After the Board approved the language and the agreements, they all agreed to have town council review before the Board of Selectmen signed them.

Transfer Station Budget Review: Debra Shepard, Thornton Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget. Debra stated that the Thornton Board approved a 3% COLA. Selectman Davis encouraged the Thornton Board to go with a 6%. There were a couple of line items reduced by \$500. Debra explained that some repairs needed to be made due to safety. If there is a surplus leftover, it will be distributed to the Boards based on their percentage. Selectman Davis explained she wishes the Thornton Board would reconsider the COLA because it's the right thing to do. Selectman Boynton made a motion to approve the TS budget and pre-approve an increase in COLA up to 6%. Selectman Kelly seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

Selectman Monti made a motion to approve the TS budget as presented, Selectman Laufenberg seconded, with a roll call vote: Selectman Peabody, aye; Selectman Benton, aye; Selectman Laufenberg, aye; Selectman Sabourn, nay; and Selectman Boynton, aye, the motion passes.

Selectman Taves stated he was not comfortable deciding on this, and he would rather at least see a 4% COLA. After discussing, Selectman O'Brien made a motion to approve the TS budget and give the Thornton BOS the ability to raise the COLA to 6%. Selectman Taves seconded, and the motion passed.

Fire Department Budget Review: Fire Chief Defosses informed the Boards that he had made some changes as some percentages were off. He adjusted the health insurance line. Overall, the budget is down about \$8,000.00 from the first draft. There was discussion on the salaries, and Chief Defosses explained the increases to all three Boards. There will be some purchases that have been approved that will be encumbered for 2022. Selectman Coates made a motion to approve the Fire Department budget, Selectman Kelly seconded, and the Board voted all in favor. Both Thornton and Ellsworth Boards made the same motion and passed the budget.

Capital Improvement Plans: The Selectmen discussed the CIP for each town. They do not line up for the transfer station or the fire department. After discussion, the Boards decided that there needs to be more communication, and the CIP committees need to meet. Selectmen Kelly will contact Thornton and Ellsworth to set up a time to meet.

Budget Work Session

Library: The Board reviewed the budget, including a few changes. Overall, the budget was up less than 2%. The Board had no questions or concerns.

Tracking Report

Corey indicated that he added the Planning and Zoning Coordinator search and security cameras for the highway department to the report and will update as needed.

Correspondence

Eversource: Eversource sent a waiver that allows them to travel over town roads that they would like the Board to sign. They indicated this would be for emergency purposes only. Selectman Davis stated she would sign the waiver on behalf of the Board.

Highway Update: Ron got a figure from Ambrose Brothers on the sand for delivery and pick-up price. The final pricing was \$10.75/ cubic yard for pick up, and for delivery, it was \$15.00.

In the public session, Selectman Kelly made a motion to go into non-public according to RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Selectman Coates seconded the motion, Selectman Davis, Kelly, and Coates voted all in favor.

The Board came out of a non-public session at 7:31 p.m.

Selectman Kelly made a motion to allow the Police Department to roll over 40 hours, and anything additional will be paid out up to 40 hours, Selectman Coates seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chair Davis adjourned the public meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder