

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 31, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 5:30 p.m. at the Campton Municipal Building on Monday, January 31, 2022. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Karl Kelly, Nik Coates, Bill Cheney, and Dan Boynton were present. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport, Minutes Recorder Jade Hartsgrove, Road Agent Ron Farnsworth, HR/Finance Coordinator Lisa Vincent, Police Chief Kevin Foss, Fire Chief Dan Defosses, and TC/TX Hannah Joyce.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members of the Public Present included Claire & Dan Desjardins, Craig Engel, Danny Desrosiers, Donna Hiltz, Robert Bain, Camryn Bain, Mary O'Brien, Ann Nichols, Harry Bertino, Nancy Donahue, Mort Donahue, Daniel Werman, and Mary McGrath.

Selectman Boynton made a motion to open the Public Budget Hearing, Selectman Coates seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor. The Hearing opened at 5:35 p.m.

Budget Hearing

2021 Tax Rate: Corey went over the pie charts for the tax rate. The tax rate is \$24.97. From 2017-to 2021, the town portion of the tax rate has stayed within a dollar of each other. There is a breakdown by the departments based on a \$200,000.00 tax assessment. Corey asked if anyone had questions, and there were none.

2021 Proposed Budget

Selectmen: There are no changes.

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector: The changes reflected a 6% COLA. The new hire started in July and went from part-time to full-time.

Executive Administration: There have been personnel changes. The Planning and Zoning Coordinator position needs to be filled, and it is being budgeted to account for it. Health insurance and retirement have gone up. Overall, the increase is 6.25%.

Assessing: There are no changes.

Legal Expenses: There have been a few legal cases where the Town needs to utilize legal counsel more each year. The Board felt it was necessary to increase the budget.

Personnel Administration: Insurance has gone up, along with payroll taxes. The Board increased the merit pay line.

Planning Board: The bottom line is the same, but there have been changes within the budget.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: There are no changes.

Town Mapping: There are no changes.

General Government Buildings: Yard care was put out to bid, and they all came back higher than what was budgeted for. The Town deeded a property off of Hogback road that needs cleaning.

Cemetery: The only increase is the COLA.

Insurance: Insurance is for incidents and liability. Workmans Comp went down a little.

Advertising & Regional Assoc.: There was an increase from CADY. Zeroed the line for chamber dues. Transport Central helps many residents within the Town, and this was a new request.

Other General Government: There was an RFQ posted to obtain a new trust management company. The Town chose the best-suited company.

Police Department: Not all salaries got a 6% due to personnel changes. Currently, there are two officers in the academy. Robert Bain asked the Police Chief how many officers have the department lost in the last three years? The Chief answered that two officers have moved to Waterville Valley, one retired, and one has left the profession altogether.

Fire Department: All of the significant changes are due to staffing. There was a reduction in pay differential and the call company because the department is on the clock 24/7.

Emergency Management: Signs and posts went up a little bit due to missing signs and needing replacing.

Highway Department: There have been some personnel changes within the department. The overtime line went over as the department was understaffed for a while. Two culvert projects will be subbed out this spring/summer. The equipment and maintenance repair line went over as there was much-needed overdue maintenance for some of the fleet. Winter subcontractors have gone up. There has been money added to the gravel line. There is an added line for calcium treatment

Hydrant Rental: There are no changes.

Solid Waste & Landfill Admin.: Dues to Pemi-Baker have gone up.

Beebe River Utilities: There are no changes.

Health Agencies: Gone up slightly, the request goes by the percentage of the people they help within the Town.

Town Welfare: Went down, the welfare director has been managing well, and there are many other resources for people to use.

Park and Rec: The department has faced real challenges since the pandemic. The director and staff have kept the children in the community happy and safe. Revenues offset this budget.

Library: The budget is up only by \$525.00.

Patriotic Purposes: There are no changes.

Conservation Commission: The budget is down by \$25.00.

Long Term Debt – Principal: These are the principal payments on the loans we have taken out. The betterments get paid back by the homeowners on those roads.

Long Term Debt- Interest: These are the interest payments on the loans we have taken out. TAN is in case the Town needs to borrow money.

Capital Reserves Funds: \$60,000.00 was to the road infrastructure improvement line. There was an increase in the highway heavy equipment line, which will be raised by general taxation.

Capital Reserve Funds funded by undesignated fund balance: This will be funded by the undesignated fund balance from the prior year; the budget has gone up by \$3,000.00.

2022 Individual Warrant Articles

Body Worn Cameras: This warrant article enters into a long-term lease agreement for seven body-worn cameras for the police department. For the total amount of \$34,000.00 payable over five years with the sum of \$6,800.00 to be raised for the first year's payment. The amount will be offset by up to \$14,000.00 from the SSRT body-worn camera grant. This is to be raised by general taxation.

2022 Police Cruiser: Police Chief Kevin Foss stated that this cruiser would be replacing one that has 114,000 miles on it. Next year the department won't need a cruiser. The undesignated fund balance is funding the cruiser.

Petitioned Warrant Article

Library Construction: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the library capital reserve fund.

Estimated Revenues

Corey explained that Carina had worked on these before she moved on. The state recalculated rooms and meals tax, and it is up about \$100,000.00. The Town had an auction and sold several properties.

Selectman Davis explained what the unanticipated fund balance is. Danny Desrosiers, Chair of the School Board informed everyone of the Schools budget hearing, and encouraged people to come.

Selectman Kelly made a motion to close the public hearing, Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor. The Board closed the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

Other Business

CNP Assessing: Corey presented the Board with a contract for CNP Assessing services. The current contract the Town has is expiring and needs to enter into a new one. Selectman Coates made a motion to accept the contract, Selectman Boynton seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chair Davis adjourned the public meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder