

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 14, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building on Monday, January 24, 2022. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Karl Kelly, Dan Boynton, and Bill Cheney were present. Selectman Coates was absent. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport, Planning and Zoning Coordinator/Recorder Jade Hartsgrove, Police Chief Kevin Foss, Road Agent Ron Farnsworth, Highway Crewman Ryan Erazo, Deputy TC/TX Karen Rienzo, HR/Finance Director Lisa Vincent, Town Attorney Shawn Tanguay, and TC/TX Hannah Joyce.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Members of the Public Present included Dan Werman, Richard Giehl, Craig Engel, Claire Desjardins, Gregory Jencks, Camryn Bain, Robert Bain, Ramon Acevedo-Perez, Kelley Joyce, Russell Allard, Michelle Manion, Mary McGrath, Mary O'Brien, Carolyn Hill, Nancy Donahue, Scott Bourcier, Alden Satas, Jack Head, Catherine Tartaglia, and Mark Alliegro.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Boynton motioned to approve all five sets of minutes as corrected, Selectman Cheney seconded the motion, Selectmen Davis, Kelly, Boynton, and voted in favor.

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

The Board came out of a non-public session at 3:42 pm.

New Business

Town Moderator Town Meeting Prep: The Selectman expressed their concern about what happened last year at Town Meeting. Last year, people put their ballots in the ballot box before the Moderator permitted them to. Dick thinks it is because of the meeting room setup; it was much different from in the past because of COVID. This year's Town Meeting is to be set up the way it used to be.

Citizen Complaint: Dan Werman requested a specific document from the Town Clerk and wrote a 91-A request using her language at her direction. When he received the wrong document, he put a stop payment on the check he paid with. He stated his concerns and would like the job description reviewed and thinks she should be held accountable. The Selectmen explained to Dan that the Town Clerk position is elected and governed by statute. After discussion, the Town Attorney, Shawn Tanguay, explained that it is a ballot issue and to run another candidate and not re-vote.

Beebe River Water System Grant: It was explained that there was a meeting with the Town and Pump Systems regarding the situation in Beebe River. The president of the Home Owners Association (HOA) has resigned and did not designate a successor. The State is looking for someone to sign on behalf of HOA to receive the grant money for systems improvements. Jack Head, a resident of Beebe, expressed his concern about the HOA and that one owner has several properties, so he has more than one vote and violates constitutional rights. The Board explained that the Town is just the manager and oversees the repairs and testing. Corey stated that the Board should decide whether to accept the grant money or not.

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

The Board came out of a non-public session at 4:43 pm.

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

Selectman Boynton made a motion to deny the acceptance of the grant as a sponsor or an owner because of the management and ownership issues of the former assets of the former Beebe River Village District. Selectman Kelly seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of the motion.

Selectman Boynton wanted to assure the residents of Beebe River that the Board is still concerned and not dropping the ball; many things still need to be sorted out. The Board will continue to work with the owners, the State and DES on the issues.

Privilege of the Floor

Ray Acevedo-Perez: Asked in the future if the Town will absorb Beebe River and the association to maintain the roads and systems? He expressed that they pay taxes, but as owners in Beebe, they are forced to deal with all of the issues. Selectman Davis suggested that he get on the Beebe River committee for future planning.

Robert Bain: Robert Bain had questions about a set on minutes from May 24, 2021, when Selectman Kelly motioned to appoint Ron Farnsworth as the Road Agent. His concern was about nepotism, and the Board explained to him the relation between the Selectman and Ron Farnsworth does not fall under the nepotism within the Town policy. Robert also stated that he thinks it was a slap in the face to Gregory Jencks not being reappointed for the Planning Board. The Selectboard explained that they thanked Mr. Jencks for serving on the Planning Board for many years.

Claire Desjardins: Asked if the warrant and the annual town report will be available online? Corey stated they would be online.

Old Business

Road Engineers Informational Review: The Board received GALE's and HEB's proposals for the roads and took a couple of weeks to review all of the information. Chair Davis thanked Craig Engel and Mary McGrath for reviewing the proposals and making their recommendations to the board. After some discussion, Selectman Kelly made a motion to approve HEB's proposal, and Selectman Boynton seconded the motion. Selectman Davis, Kelly, and Boynton voted all in favor. Selectman Cheney did not vote in favor.

RFPs for Library Study Committee

Corey opened all of the RFPs the Town received to design a municipal library. The companies that sent proposals are Alba Architects, Oden Ello, SNP Architects, and TGAS. The Board reviewed them quickly and then gave them to the members of the Library study Committee to evaluate. In response to an inquiry from the audience, Mary O'Brien, Chair of the Committee, gave a brief overview of what the committee has worked on and said the goal is to bring a proposal to the Town Meeting in 2023 for the construction of a new public library.

Tracking Report

The Board asked Corey to review and update the target dates on the report. Selectman Boynton stated that he would like to see the office switching over to office 365 at the end of the year. The Board discussed the headache bar at Blair Bridge. Corey will contact the State about adding box car signs.

Correspondence

Transfer Station: The Town of Thornton forwarded a set of proposed rules and regulations for the transfer station. The Board tabled this until the next meeting.

JS Adams Contracts: JS Adams did two quotes for added security cameras at the highway department and one for the police department. After discussing where there need to be more cameras, Corey will talk to the Road Agent and JS Adams and get back to the Board.

Police Department Grant: Chief Foss forwarded the Board a memo advising that the department was awarded \$14,000.00 for body-worn cameras. Chief Foss stated he desires to begin the project in 2022 with the passing of a warrant article to fund the equipment.

Abatements: Two new homeowners in the Foothill Estates trailer park would like the back taxes abated as they have completed their purchases and completed the property improvements as required. The park's new owner came in last year and asked about the process. The Board said they agreed that once the trailers were renovated, that the new owners are to provide the Selectmen's office with the information and a copy of the deed, that the Selectmen would abate the back taxes. The Town Administrator was authorized the proceed with the abatement paperwork.

Formal Complaint: A resident filed a formal complaint about the sand pile near the highway department. He stated that he could not get to the pile as there were too many trucks and trailers parked for the snowmobile trail. The highway crew has put out signs, and the police are aware.

Accounts Payable and Payroll Documents Policy: The new policy will replace the old accounts payable policy. Selectman Boynton made a motion to approve the new policy and replace the old accounts payable policy, Selectman Kelly seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

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

The Board came out of a non-public session at 5:46 pm.

Selectman Boynton made a motion to seal the non-public minutes, and Selectman Cheney seconded the motion; Selectman Davis, Kelly, Boynton, and Cheney voted all in favor.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chair Davis adjourned the public meeting at 5:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder