

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S EMERGENCY MEETING
March 19, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 1:00 pm VIA zoom on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Per NH RSA 91-A:2, III (b). Selectmen Sharon Davis, Craig Engel, Dan Boynton, Mort Donahue, and Nik Coates were present. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport, Planning and Zoning Coordinator/ Recorder Jade Hartsgrrove, Police Chief Kevin Foss, Fire Chief Dan Defosses, and HR Director Lisa Vincent.

Per NH RSA 91-A:2, II, an emergency meeting of the Select Board can be called when an emergency is determined by the Chair or presiding officer of the Select Board. After consulting with Road Agent Ron Farnsworth, Select Board Chair Sharon Davis determined an emergency meeting was needed to address the sudden deteriorated status of several Town gravel roads.

Citation: *An emergency shall mean a situation where immediate undelayed action is deemed to be imperative by the chairman or presiding officer of the public body, who shall post a notice of the time and place of such meeting as soon as practicable, and shall employ whatever further means are reasonably available to inform the public that a meeting is to be held. The minutes of the meeting shall clearly spell out the need for the emergency meeting.*

Per NH RSA 91-A:2, III (b), the Select Board can call an emergency meeting without a quorum being physically present in one location. Due to the status of the roads and the need for immediate action, Select Board Chair Sharon Davis determined that a meeting of the Select Board via Zoom was appropriated.

Citation: *(b) Except in an emergency, a quorum of the public body shall be physically present at the location specified in the meeting notice as the location of the meeting. For purposes of this subparagraph, an "emergency" means that immediate action is imperative and the physical presence of a quorum is not reasonably practical within the period of time requiring action. The determination that an emergency exists shall be made by the chairman or presiding officer of the public body, and the facts upon which that determination is based shall be included in the minutes of the meeting.*

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. There were several members of the public present VIA zoom.

Establish Quorum: The Selectmen did a roll call vote to determine a quorum. All Selectmen were present on the zoom call.

Status Update

Selectman Davis: Selectman Davis stated that she spoke with Ron earlier in the morning. The current road conditions are beyond Ron's ability to repair without help, and he needs to hire contractors to help with the workload. Mark Johnston is crushing stone for the roads though it is larger than the Town typically uses.

Selectman Boynton: Selectman Boynton stated that he spoke with Ron before the meeting started, and there is a total of three subcontractors working on Mason Road, Bog Road, and Beech Hill Road. The

fourth contractor can help on Monday to haul the stone. The cars that were abandoned on Beech Hill have since been moved. Selectman Boynton wondered if the Town could declare an emergency and try to get FEMA funds to help pay for the road repairs. Selectman Boynton has reached out to the State representative to fill him in and was advised to call the Governor's office. The Woodstock pit has opened up for the contractors to get the bigger stone.

Selectman Donahue: Selectman Donahue expressed he didn't have much more to add as the roads he has been on were in pretty rough shape. Selectman Donahue spoke with a resident who had some vehicle damage.

Selectman Davis stated that Karl Kelly is the EMD and he needs to be included; she did reach out to Karl and left a message.

Selectman Engel: Selectman Engel made some phone calls to get materials and was unsuccessful. Selectman Engel has gotten some updates from his neighbors and expressed that this is a difficult situation.

Fire Chief Defosses: The Fire Chiefs update was the same as everyone else said. He informed the Board that the department had a call on Lower Beech Hill / Turnpike, and they could get there without incident.

Police Chief Foss: The Police Chief informed the Board that the department has gotten many calls about the roads and being stuck. There are lots of good neighbors helping each other out. The Police Chief stated that the department has 4WD, and if there is an emergency, he assures all that they will get there.

EMD Tasks & Needs: Selectman Davis mentioned earlier she had reached out but hadn't heard back. She will reach out to Karl again and see what he needs and if the Town can declare this an emergency. She will also ask Karl if he knows any contractors.

Next Steps

Road Closures: The Town can close/post roads to local residents only, with a "Pass at your own risk" disclosure. After discussion, the Board asked the Police and Fire chiefs their thoughts on the road closures. They both thought it was a good idea but stressed: "pass at your own risk.". The Town will work with the bus company about the roads. Selectman Engel will call some sign shops for printing to be able to post on the roads.

Communications Plan

Selectman Coates asked who has access to the website and the Facebook page. Corey explained that he and Jade both do, and Jade typically does the email blasts. Selectman Coates would like to see as soon as any road update comes in, it gets posted to the Town's website, facebook, and an email blast to go out. Selectman Boynton will be the one to stay in contact with Ron, and then he will let Corey know the updates. Selectman Coates asked that everyone share and let their family, friends, and neighbors know the updates.

Complaints: Complaints should be filtered through Corey. This way, it will allow Ron to do what he needs to, and then Corey can inform Ron.

Other: Selectman Engel wanted to take a moment and thank the community and the employees for all of the hard work and support.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Selectman Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded with a roll call vote: Selectman Davis-aye, Selectman Coates- aye, Selectman Donahue- aye, Selectman Boynton-aye, Selectman Engel-aye; the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder