

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S EMERGENCY MEETING
March 21, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 pm VIA zoom on Monday, March 21, 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, Police Chief Kevin Foss, Fire Chief Dan Defosses, and EMD Karl Kelly.

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 3:30 pm. There were several members of the public present VIA zoom.

Establish Quorum: The Selectmen did a roll call vote to determine a quorum. Selectman Donahue, Engel, and Boynton were present in person, and Selectmen Davis and Coates were via zoom. Being that there was a quorum, the meeting was started.

Status Update

Selectman Boynton: Upper Beech from the pavement to Turnpike and Turnpike Road have firmed up a bit and should be passable. The Crews are working north on Beech toward Bog Road. A crew is still working on Bog Road and is trying to make it up to the Pulsifers. There will be crushed stone going to Mason Road today. Mason Road is still very muddy at the hill. Stone is being brought to Perch Pond Road to help solidify the road to the last house on that road. Perch Pond Road has seen increased traffic as the Holderness side is unpassable and is open to local traffic only. We will look into getting signage up for this road. As soon as a crew is finished on their section, they will be heading to Lower Beech and

Windmill Roads. Finally, Eastern Corner Road is passable. Selectman Boynton also suggested to Ron to go back to updating Corey directly.

Town Administrator: Corey spoke with Ron since Selectman Boynton and had more of an update. Ron reiterated what Selectman Boynton said but is up to Richard Giehl's house on Beech Hill Road. They have dumped lots of stone on Perch Pond Road, and york raked it, and it is more passable. After they were done on Perch Pond Road, they moved over to Eastern Corner Road. There were sections on Eastern Corner that were in decent shape, but the spots have let go with the warm weather. Hogback Road is soft but not terrible.

Stone Availability: Mark Johnston has been cutting stone for Mason Road, and he has been working on rebuilding the road. Stone is coming from Ambrose and the Woodstock pit for the other road sections. The Board asked Corey to look into stone for the upcoming weekend. Selectman Coates wondered if there was any quality control being done on the stone that was being picked up. Based on what Ron has explained to the contractors, they are inspecting it as they get it but will talk to Ron further about it.

EMD Update: Karl had success in reaching out to the State about the FEMA funds and declaring an emergency. Karl expressed unfortunately that there is no protocol for mud season with FEMA. There may be other grants with mitigation with waterways or undersized culverts that are habitually causing issues. Karl will need to get with Ron to see if that is the case for these roads.

Financial Update: Selectman Davis spoke with Lisa Vincent, the finance director, and Lisa documented all the stone and finances. There is no number figure to give the Board because the town is still waiting on getting bills.

Police Chief Foss: Chief Foss went back through the log, and there was a total of seventeen calls between Thursday and Monday of cars being stuck. There have been no more calls for the day with more stuck vehicles.

Fire Chief Defosses: The department had two calls over the weekend on dirt roads, one call off Orchard and another in Thornton on a dirt road, both without issues. Chief Defosses explained how the department would be able to handle the calls, and there were people concerned that they won't be able to, and he wanted to reassure everyone that they would get to them.

Communications

Office Updates: Now that staff is back in the office, the updates have been done as the staff gets them. Corey wanted to let the Board know that he and Jade have been getting them on the website and Facebook. The email blast has a daily limit. The email blasts will need to be done once a day, and Corey's suggestion was at the end of the day and adding all the updates in one email. The Board liked the idea of doing the email at the end of the day.

The staff in the office will continue updates about the roads on social media and the website to keep things transparent and the line of communication open. Corey expressed that he has had positive feedback about the updates and agrees that we should continue it.

Engineer: The Town has an engineer that will help determine how to move forward with the issues the roads have in town and how to approach them the best.

Action Plan: Selectman Coates said he would be happy to provide an after-action draft. He will look into short and long-term plans. Selectman Coates suggested the Board thinks about going to a special town

meeting to be able to get more funds for significant repairs. The Board may have to include in that special meeting to raise funds to pay for this event.

Privilege of the Floor

Gino Infacelli: Gino stated that he had sent the Board a letter of complaint with suggestions on avoiding some of the issues they are addressing now. He asked the Board to look over the last three letters he had sent to them.

Paula Woodward: Paula broke her leg last Friday and had doctor's appointments she needed to get to, and she asked if Lower Beech is passable. Selectman Engel said he would check it out on his way home and give her an update.

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 4:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder