

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 28, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 5:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building on Monday, March 28, 2022. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Craig Engel, Dan Boynton, Mort Donahue, and Nik Coates were present. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport and Planning and Zoning Coordinator/Recorder Jade Hartsgrove.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Members of the Public present in person included Mary O'Brien, Vicki Miller, Sam Miller, Rita Sebastian, William Sebastian, Nancy Donahue, Kevin Miller, Susan Skinner, Sherrill Howard, Matt Yeaton, and Jessye Weinstein. Members of the public present via zoom included Matt D, Randall, Gale Johnk, Claire Denton, Ron Goggans, Dylan Fullerton, Anne Anniger, and Jason.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Boynton motioned to approve the minutes from March 14, 2022; as revised, Selectman Coates seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Library Study Committee – Architecture Proposals: Mary O'Brien, Chair of the Library Study Committee, explained that the Committee met and had a two-hour meeting to review each proposal thoroughly. The Committee looked for "green" credentials, a small-town feel, and creative ideas. The Committee would like to invite three companies in for an interview. They chose Alba Architects out of North Woodstock, SMP Architecture out of Concord, and Placemark out of Portsmouth. Corey will work on setting up interviews with these companies.

Climate Change Adaptation Report: Rita Sebastian introduced the Committee and gave an overview of what the Committee has worked hard on over the past two years. The Committee set up a resolution at the town meeting on March 11, 2020. Committee had eight members who are Campton residents with diverse and relevant professional backgrounds. They consulted with experts from Town, state, and businesses and submitted a report to the Town on January 3, 2021. The Committee went over different aspects of climate change and some history, along with some ideas on how the Town can make some changes. Selectman Coates made a motion to establish the Climate Change Committee as an official Committee, Selectman Boynton seconded, and the Board voted all in favor. After the presentation, the Board thanked them for all of their extensive research. The report and presentation will be added to the website.

Kevin & Vicki Miller Road Issues: The Millers have been fighting with their neighbor regarding access to their property. Kevin has done some research by going to the registry and pulling deeds and documents. He has also gone to the Town to go through some papers about Beebe River. Kevin stated that when the Town deeded the property, they also deeded the road. The roadway and easements were never addressed when the property was sold at a tax auction. Kevin's been told that this issue is between him and his neighbor. Kevin wishes the Selectmen to look at the copies of the research he has done so he can gain access to their parcel. The Board explained to Kevin and Vicki that the Board would do its research and get back to them on this issue. Kevin expressed his frustration but thanked the Board for its attention to this matter.

Privilege of the Floor

Jessye Weinstein: Jessye wanted to come to the Selectmen to speak about the town meeting. Jessye has some suggestions for the Board. The Selectmen explained to Jessye that the moderator is the one who

runs town meetings. Jessye stated that her propositions are more for before and after town meetings. The Board will read and review her suggestions and thanked her for coming.

New Business

CIP & Trustee of the Trust Fund Appointments: Karl Kelly has inquired about being appointed to the CIP. Karl has been on the Committee since it was established, and he understands how it works and what the Committee has been working on. After discussion, Selectman Davis suggested appointing Karl for a 3-year term on the CIP.

Selectman Coates motioned to have the CIP as a five-member committee not including a Selectman, Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

Selectman Coates motioned the alternates on the CIP to have a one-year term, Selectman Donahue seconded, and the Board voted all in favor.

Selectman Coates motioned full members for the CIP to have a three-year term and stagger the appointments over the next three years with two three-year terms, two two-year terms, and one one-year term, Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

Selectman Coates motioned to appoint Karl Kelly for a three-year term on the CIP, Selectman Boynton seconded, and the Board voted all in favor.

Selectman Davis expressed that she spoke with Donna Cass, and Donna did not realize that her term as a Trustee of the Trust Funds was up. There was one other inquiry for the open seat, and it happened to be one of the other trustee's wife. Selectman Davis suggested that the Board reappoint Donna for a two-year term. Selectman Boynton made a motion to reappoint Donna Cass for a two-year term for trustee of the trust funds, Selectman Coates seconded, and the Board voted all in favor.

Mud Season Emergency: Corey gave the Board an update on the roads. The Board would like to know the total cost regarding the road repairs over the last couple of weeks. There was a discussion on how the Town will pay for these unprecedented repairs. Lisa Vincent created a spreadsheet and filled it in as the invoices came in. Selectman Boynton would like a list of the contractors so he can call them and ask them to get their invoices in. The Town has a couple of options to pay for the repairs, use some funds from the undesignated fund balance, take out a TAN, or have a special town meeting. The Board authorized Corey to write a letter declaring an emergency situation, and they also gave Selectman Davis authority to sign it and send it to DRA to be able to use the undesignated fund balance.

Old Business

Road Engineering Company Update: The road engineering firm drove around the Town with the Road Agent and Town Administrator. They are drawing up a contract for services, and Corey stated that he is still waiting for it.

Office Copiers: Corey presented the Board with three final quotes for copiers. After reviewing, Cannon has the best rate. Selectman Boynton made a motion to pay for it out of the office technology fund, Selectman Engel seconded, and the Board voted all in favor.

Correspondence

Mary Durgin Celebration of Life: The office staff came together and wondered if the Board would allow the staff to attend Mary Durgin's celebration of life and close the office for a small amount of time.

The Board approved the office to close at noon for the rest of the day on April 8, 2022. The office staff will post it on the website and in the office.

Transfer Station Manager: Debra Shepard, Town Administrator of Thornton, and Donna O'Brien from Ellsworth met with Corey about the urgent need for a TS Manager. There are three applicants, and the Board reviewed the applications. The Board suggested keeping the position posted.

Selectman Coates made a motion to go into non-public according to RSA 91-A:3, II. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and Selectman Davis, Engel, Boynton, and Coates voted in favor.

The Board came out of a non-public session at 8:00 pm.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chair Davis adjourned the public meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove
Minutes Recorder