

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
April 11, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building on Monday, April 11, 2022. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Craig Engel, Mort Donahue, and Nik Coates were present. Selectman Boynton was attending, but he would be a little late. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport and Planning, Zoning Coordinator/Recorder Jade Hartsgrove, and Road Agent Ron Farnsworth.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Members of the Public present in person included Neal & Diane Yeatman, Karl Kelly, Claire Desjardins, and Ron Goggans.

Approval of Minutes: Selectman Davis stated that the Board has five sets of minutes to approve, three sets from the emergency meetings, one public set revised, and one non-public set of minutes. Selectman Coates motioned to approve five sets of minutes as mentioned, Selectman Donahue seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Selectman Davis announced that the agenda had been restructured in an attempt to make the meetings more efficient and prioritized. Corey will have thirty minutes to update the Board at the beginning of the meeting; the month's first meeting will include the tracking report, and the financial review will be included in the last meeting of the month.

Town Administrator Update

Building Update: The outside lights have power but must be wired correctly. The alarms in the building haven't been working correctly, and Corey is working with the alarm company to fix the issue.

Personnel: The Police Department is fully staffed, there are two officers about to graduate from the academy, and there is one officer left to go to the academy. The highway department is still looking for some crewmen, and the positions are posted. The Selectmen's office is still accepting applications for the administrative assistant. The fire department is still down one staff member.

Financial Update: Corey informed the Board of the cash on hand amount. The bills for the roads are still coming in, and he doesn't know the final number for the emergency road repairs yet.

Road Update: Ron Farnsworth was at the meeting to give the Board the road update. Ron thanked the Board for all of the help they have provided the department with. Ron stated that they finished Mason and Quimby Road by Tuesday. He still needs to feather into driveways, but overall everything is looking good at the moment. Corey stated that once all of the invoices are in, he and Ron will sit down and look at the budget to see where things can be shaved. After they get the final numbers, Ron suggested if there is any room to pave any road, it should be Livermore Road. Ron stated that the Town should have all of the invoices by Friday.

Selectman Boynton entered the meeting at 3:44 pm.

Corey and Ron also wanted to bring to the Board's attention that the contractors had been inquiring about when they would be paid for the emergency repair work. After the discussion, the Board advised Corey to get as many of the bills paid that is feasible, contact DRA, and get back to them with DRA's guidance.

Diane & Neal Yeatman: The Yeatmans are concerned with the roads and stated their concerns about not being able to get into their driveway. They expressed that the road is too high and is a foot taller than their

parking pad. They went over the history of their troubles and provided pictures to the Board. Diane stated that she did not care what the budget was and wanted her driveway repaired ASAP. Diane asked Selectman Davis if Beech Hill is on the list to be paved, and Selectman Davis indicated that no, it is not and likely will never be paved. The Board asked Ron to look and see if there was anything he could do to help fix the situation.

Karl Kelly: Karl Kelly stated that he commends the highway department and all of the contractors that have been hired for the roads over the past couple of weeks. However, Karl would like to know the methodology, and he believes there are alternatives without putting financial constraints on the Town. Karl explained the roads have been worse than they have been this year and wondered where the money would come from to pay for the roads. Selectman Davis stated that residents couldn't get in or out of their residences this year, and they had to do something. Selectman Davis thanked Karl for his input.

Correspondence

Tracking Report: Corey touched briefly on the tracking report and indicated that he has taken off the climate change committee now that the Board had accepted the Committee's report and the Board has voted to make it a town committee. Corey added the road engineering to the tracking report.

Water Precinct: A resident who lives on Pond Road would like to be taken out of the Campton Village Precinct as he gets no services and pays taxes as if he receives the benefits. The Board indicated that the resident needs to make a formal request.

Juneteenth: Corey informed the Board that a department head reached out to him and asked if the Board decided to make Juneteenth a holiday the Town has off. After discussion, the Board requested Corey to see what other towns in the area were doing and get back to them.

Radio Tower Grant: Corey brought to the Select Board the radio tower project he has been working on. The Town got confirmation that it would get federal funding, and Corey was looking for direction if they would like him to apply to the Northern Borders grant to offset the costs. The Select Board authorized Corey to move forward with the Northern Borders grant application.

Privilege of the Floor

Claire Desjardins: Claire asked if the Board could provide the public with copies of the tracking report or have them available on the nights where they discuss it.

New Business

SB 17 Dog Ordinance: An individual from Owls Nest wanted to know if the Board would enact an ordinance about dogs in outdoor areas of brew pubs. The Board stated that they didn't have to adopt an ordinance. This law gives brew pubs the right to if they want.

Old Business

Veteran Memorial: Paul Yelle, Carol Lenahan, and Arthur Joyce presented the Board with a photo with dimensions of what the memorial will look like. Carol stated that it could take 6-8 weeks to finish it. The Board gave them their blessing on the design and thanked them for all their work. Selectman Coates made a motion to fund this project out of the Durgin Fund up to \$6600.00, Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

Abatement Request: Wayne Charron provided the Board with the documents they requested. After discussion, the Board agreed that the documents were sufficient. Selectman Engel motioned to abate the taxes, Selectman Donahue seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

Board Concerns and Directives

Agenda Process: Selectman Davis suggested that the rest of the Board contact Corey no later than Wednesday before the next meeting if something needs to be added to the agenda. The Chair will review the schedule before it is posted. After discussion, the Board would like to restructure the agenda by having a work session first, then a non-public, and then the regular session.

Transfer Station: Selectman Coates informed the Board that a Thornton Selectman asked Selectman Coates to step down during the interview process because one of the applicants works for the Town of Bristol. Selectman Coates did not see it as an issue because he would be impartial and fair in the interview process. But, since there had been the question, it was agreed that Selectman Engel would represent the Board in the interview process.

Administrative Assistant Position: Corey updated the Board about the administrative assistant position. There were a couple of applicants and one interview. The position is still vacant and has one more applicant. The Board advised the Town Administrator to get the applicant in for an interview, and see how it goes. They would like to see the position filled.

Selectman Coates made a motion to go into non-public according to RSA 91-A:3, II. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, with a roll call vote: Davis aye; Engel aye; Boynton, aye; Donahue, aye and Coates, aye..

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