

MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
April 25, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 5:30 pm at the Campton Municipal Building on Monday, April 25, 2022. Selectmen Craig Engel, Dan Boynton, Mort Donahue, and Nik Coates were present in person and Selectman Sharon Davis via zoom. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport and Road Agent Ron Farnsworth. Planning and Zoning Coordinator/Recorder Jade Hartsgrove was present via zoom.

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Boynton called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Members of the Public present in person included Rita Sebastian, William Sebastian, Susan Skinner, Rebecca Steeves, Jim Butler, Glenn Rummeler, Sam Miller, Jake Tuck, Jessica Halm, Jane Kellogg, Jessica Bartlett, Claire Desjardins, and Charles Wheeler. Members of the public present via zoom included Gale Johnk and Ron Goggans.

**Approval of Minutes:** Selectman Engel motioned to approve the minutes from April 6, 2022, and April 11, 2022; as revised, Selectman Coates seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**Selectmen's Work Session**

**Alarm Issues:** The Town Administrator informed the Board that the alarm issues at the Municipal Building had been fixed.

**Personnel:** The Highway Department is still down two workers. The Fire Department is down one, and the Selectmen's office is also down an employee.

**Financial Update:** Corey gave the cash on hand amount to the Board; \$1,851,084.56.

**Highway Equipment:** The Road Agent asked the Board for permission to send the boss plow and the loader to Concord for the White Farm auction. After discussion, the amount it will cost the Town to pay to have the loader trucked down to the auction will be made up with the proceeds. Selectman Davis made a motion to allow Ron to have the loader and boss plow trucked to the white farm auction. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

**EMD Request:** The EMD, Karl Kelly, requested a key to get into the building as it is the Town's emergency response center. Selectman Davis explained that the community room is equipped with technology that allows a direct connection with the state's Emergency Management office. Selectman Davis suggested that he also has access to an iPad to fulfill his duties and the training necessary for the position. After Board discussion, Selectman Davis motioned to give Karl Kelly, EMD, a key to the community room and an iPad. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

**Emergency Road Construction Payment Proposal:** Corey presented the Selectmen with a couple of different payment options that best fit the current budget. Corey and Ron worked together to look at the highway budget and see where things could be trimmed down. Corey reached out to Northway bank and collected information about taking out a Tax Anticipation Note. The Town would only pay interest on what is used. Selectman Boynton explained why the Board is looking to take out a line of credit. The purpose is to pay the contractors for the emergency road repairs. Selectman Davis made a motion for

Corey to start the process of the Town taking out a tax anticipation note of \$500,000.00 with an interest rate of .08%. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

Selectman Coates made a motion to pay all costs of the emergency repairs from the undesignated fund balance. Selectman Boynton seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

### **New Business**

**Swearing-In Committee Members:** Selectman Boynton swore in Charles Wheeler for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Selectman Boynton swore in Jane Kellogg for the Conservation Commission. Selectman Boynton swore in Jessica Halm for the Conservation Commission.

**Committee Appointments:** Corey provided the Selectmen with letters of interest from residents to be appointed for the various open seats for the Boards and committees the Town has.

**CIP:** The Board discussed how many members were on the CIP and who was currently serving on the committee. The Board listened to a couple of current members' continued interest and reviewed an email from another. Selectman Coates made a motion to nominate Jim Butler for a three-year term on the CIP. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor. Selectman Coates made a motion to nominate Bill Frye and Claire Desjardins for a two-year term on the CIP. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

**Conservation Commission:** After hearing and reviewing the interested citizen's Selectman Davis motioned to nominate Rebecca Steeves for a three-year term on the CCC. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor. Selectman Coates motioned to appoint Glenn Rummier as an alternate for the CCC. Selectman Boynton seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

**Library Study Committee:** The Library Study Committee would like Brooke Sullivan appointed for a three-year term. Selectman Davis stated that the Library Study Committee is not a standing committee; it is an ad hoc committee so there is no need for a term limit. Selectman Davis made a motion to appoint Brooke Sullivan to the Library Study Committee. Selectman Coates seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

**Climate Change Committee:** The candidates stated their names, interest, and if they had experience. The Board decided to discuss the appointments further, and they would get back to the candidates.

**Planning Board:** Floyd Wilkie has been on the Board and would like to continue serving, but he could not attend the meeting. The Chair of the Planning Board sent the Selectmen a letter of recommendation to re-appoint Floyd Wilkie as the full-time member. Jake Tuck was at the meeting and informed the Selectmen of his interest, and the Selectmen asked him for fairness to submit a letter of interest.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** Alicia LaDouceur has served as an alternate on the Board and would like to be a full-time member. The ZBA submit a letter of recommendation in support. After discussion, Selectman Davis motioned to appoint Alicia LaDouceur as a full-time member of the ZBA for the available term. Selectman Donahue seconded and the Board voted all in favor.

Selectman Davis thanked everyone for their interest. In years past, it has been difficult getting citizens to volunteer.

### Correspondence

**Jessica Bartlett:** Jessica asked the Select Board if they had a chance to look over her letters about the town meeting and the formation of the climate change committee. The Board explained the town meeting process and that the Town has no flexibility to move the deliberative session of town meeting to a different day as the Town voted on the day and time many years ago. The Board realizes that there does need to be more involvement and feedback. Jess stated that she would send an email with some ideas. Each year, Selectman Davis informed Jess that the Historical Society holds an "Old Home Day" in August that provides a great community gathering opportunity.

**Grounds Maintenance Contract:** The former maintenance company inquired about a new contract, and Corey was seeking guidance on how the Board would like to move forward. Historically, the process had been to put out an RFP sealed bid. After discussion, Selectman Boynton motioned to put out an RFP for a three-year ground maintenance contract. Selectman Coates seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

**Chief Defosses:** Chief Defosses informed the Board about the locality equipment purchase grant program. Chief Defosses talked about the program, and each Town is eligible for \$50,000.00. Dan confirmed with the state that the department covers three towns and that they are eligible for \$150,000.00 in total. Chief Defosses asked the Board if they would allow him to pay for the Town match through the fire department and the other towns would receive the grant. The Board stated they had no issues with that. The money needs to be used for COVID-19-related issues.

**Capital Funds:** Corey gave the Board a list of the capital reserve funds as of March 15, 2022. He explained that it does not reflect the proposal on paying for the emergency road repairs.

**Transfer Station Hopper Quote:** The Town of Thornton forwarded a couple of quotes for the new hopper at the transfer station. The Thornton Select Board suggested approving the quote received from Keeney Welding. Selectman Coates made a motion to approve the quote from Keeney Welding. Selectman Davis seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

### Privilege of the Floor

-None-

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 8:07 pm.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Vice Chair Boynton adjourned the public meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrove  
Minutes Recorder