

MINUTES
JOINT SELECTMEN'S MEETING
16 Merrill Access Road, Thornton, NH 03285
November 7, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 p.m. at 16 Merrill Access Road, Thornton, NH 03285 on Monday, December 13, 2021. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Mort Donahue, Dan Boynton, Craig Engel, and Nik Coates were present. Thornton Board of Selectmen Peter Laufenberg, Brad Benton, Joe Monti, Marianne Peabody, and Roy Sabourn were present. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport, Thornton Acting Town Administrator Desiree Mahurin, Fire Chief Dan Defosses, and Deputy Fire Chief Ian Halm.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Joint Meeting with Thornton

Capital Improvement Plan: The meeting started by discussing the reason that the Select Boards were meeting. There was a discrepancy between the Campton and Thornton CIP schedules, and the Boards agreed to meet to come to an agreed schedule. The Boards talked to Chief Defosses about how we came to have different plans. Chief Defosses told the Board that some suggested changes were approved by one town, but not the other. The conversation revolved around Engines Three and Four. Thornton Select Board made the case that a fourth truck might not be necessary, considering its lack of use. The Campton Board said that they would be open to operational changes with the proper data to back up the decisions. The Campton Board talked about the need to get the CIP schedules aligned. The Thornton Board agreed to a schedule if Campton would consider removing an engine in the future. Campton agreed to gather more data and potentially remove the engine in the future. Selectman Coates made a motion to alter the Campton CIP as follows: Engine 2 replacement in 2023, Engine 3 replacement in 2025, Engine 4 replacement in 2027, and Engine 1 replacement in 2029. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and the Campton Select Board voted unanimously in favor.

Fire Department Discussion: The Boards started a general discussion about the fire apparatus and fire department buildings. The discussions centered around the two substations in both Campton and Thornton. The Board discussed the usage of these buildings and their impact on the department. The Boards also discussed the substations and their impact on insurance ratings. Chief Defosses told the Boards that the substations help keep fire insurance ratings down for individual households. The Boards were interested in getting more information to make more informed decisions. They indicated that they wanted a study done to help determine the number of fire engines needed and substations. The report would look at fire rating and cost to help determine the most cost-effective strategy. The Board discussed what organization should do the study. MRI was thrown out as a possibility, but the discussion of getting input from an insurance company would also help with the fire rating information. The Boards asked Chief Defosses and Town Administrator Davenport to try and get a consultant cost estimate before the next joint meeting on December 12th.

Transfer Station Discussion: Town Administrator Davenport quickly brought up another discrepancy in the CIPs regarding the Transfer Station. The Campton Board looked at the two items that are on the Thornton CIP. They indicated that both were placeholders and were unsure exactly when each project would start. The Thornton Board talked about their desire to have the new Transfer Station Manager be

involved with various projects at the Transfer Station. The idea was to hold off on large projects like paving until outbuildings and other site changes are made. The Campton Board agreed to the logic behind this and instructed Administrator Davenport to place the Transfer Station projects on the CIP.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Chair Davis adjourned the public meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Corey Davenport
Town Administrator