

**Minutes**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**August 22, 2022**

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 5:30 pm Monday, August 22, 2022. Selectmen Sharon Davis, Dan Boynton, Craig Engel, and Nik Coates were present. Also present was Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport. Selectman Mort Donahue was absent from the meeting.

Members of the public that were present were Tom Hoyt, Mary O'Brien, Carolyn Hill, Lee Williams, Bill Harrington, Jim Horner, and John Whitney.

**Call to Order:** Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The Board worked on signing permits and other paperwork.

At 5:32 pm Selectman Boynton made a motion to enter into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,11 (C) at 5:35 pm. Selectman Engel seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows Selectman Boynton Aye, Chair Davis, Aye, Selectman Engel, Aye, Selectman Coates, Aye

**Approval of Minutes**

Selectman Boynton made a motion to approve the minutes from August 8, 2022. Selectman Engel seconded the motion. All were in favor

**Town Administrator**

**General Updates:** There are no staffing updates. Several pieces of the Highway's heavy equipment are still out of commission due to repair shops waiting on parts. The Police radar trailer is being repaired, and the company that supplied the camera in the radar trailer will cover the cost of the repair. HEB Engineering has been out assessing the gravel roads. They were out doing Eastern Corners Road, and weather permitting they will be out again to do more. Cash on hand is at \$3.1 million +/-.

**Correspondence & Other Items**

**Tyler Way Fence:** Mr. Petrycki has reached out and was looking to get the fence in his yard replaced. This fence was put up during the construction of the Deer Run Dam. Selectman Boynton suggested reaching out to the fence company to see if the repair costs would be covered through the warranty but Chair Davis believes the damage occurred during the dam construction. Selectman Boynton made a motion to approve the repair of the fence using Deer Run Dam Capital Reserves if the warranty will not cover the damage. Selectman Engel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Updated Sign Permit:** Jade and Natasha worked on updating the sign permit. Looking for any suggestions on the draft provided. The Selectmen made some recommendations and Corey will give them to Natasha. Selectman Coates made the motion to approve the new sign permit with the changes suggested. Selectman Engel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Fire Chief Grant Letter:** Chief Defosses has sent in a letter that is detailing the grants that he has received from each of the three towns and which items he is going to be purchasing. Corey will be bringing the grant checks to the public hearings as they are received. These checks will come in the form of reimbursements. Chief Defosses asked the Board what they wished to do with car two which has a rotten frame. Dan asked if the board wished to sell it privately or bring it to an auction. Selectman Coates recommended bringing it to Gilpatric Metal Recycling in Bristol for scrap metal. Selectman Coates felt that would be the highest value for the vehicle. Chair Davis and Selectman Engel agreed.

### **Future plans for the Municipal Campus**

Corey presented some conceptual designs for the proposed library. Mary O'Brien and Carolyn Hill from the Library Study Committee were present at the meeting. Out of five locations for the library, four were acceptable within the land boundaries. Another correction on the proposed plans was to show the name of the Durgin Building. The Board was concerned about the conceptual redesign of Gearty Way on several of the options and its interference with the Highway Department. Selectman Davis also expressed concern that the new parking might be encroaching on the railroad's right of way.

### **Health Officer Appointment**

Corey received an email from Sophia Johnson at the NH DHHS letting the Town know that our Health Officer's term has expired. Corey is recommending that we reappoint Chief Defosses to continue to serve as our Health Officer. Corey has filled out the form that will need to be signed and sent to the State. Selectman Coates made a motion to reappoint Chief Defosses. Selectman Boynton seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Height Restrictor Bar Discussion**

Corey received an email from Alan Hanscom who is the district engineer for NHDOT. Mr. Hanscom is asking for a letter from the Board addressing his two concerns of liability to vehicles hitting the height restrictor bar and the ability to move it for road work. Corey is asking the Select Board for input on this matter. The Board stated that Corey should proceed with presenting a letter to Mr. Hanscom to get the ball rolling.

### **Committee Updates, Board Concerns, and Directives**

Selectman Coates brought up Hogback Road and the boulder removal. Corey still has not heard back from any construction company that he reached out to. The Board suggested a few more companies to reach out to. Selectman Engel expressed the need to discuss the municipal campus as a whole and relayed Chief Foss and Chief Defosses's need for more room. Chair Davis explained we need to form a committee to discuss different departments' needs. Selectman Boynton brought up the idea to replace the grass on the banking in the back of the Municipal Building into a pollinator garden, filled with different wildflowers instead of mowing. He mentioned that he would help spearhead this project.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

Tom Hoyt, a resident of Campton explained that he is running for State Representative. Tom presented his ideas and what he could do for the Town to the Board. Mr. Hoyt expressed his position on several topics. The Board thanked him for coming in to address them.

### John Whitney Water Discussion

Mr. Whitney came to speak to the Board about his concerns about the development of Rising Ridge Road. Corey did express to Mr. Whitney that The Town is not liable if the plans presented a show where the septic's and wells are located. Mr. Whitney is concerned that the wells will be outrageously expensive or might not be able to get water. Selectman Boynton did explain that he is an Ex-Officio on the Planning Board, and he will bring this concern up to the Planning Board. Selectman Coates advised Mr. Whitney that this subject was under the jurisdiction of this Planning Board and the Select Board should not be involved with this matter.

### Grant Writing Applicant

Rita and William Sebastian came to speak to the Board about potential grant writing for the Town. One area that they looked into was FEMA for grants for severe weather and roads. They went over the process and what FEMA expects from towns in order to get grants. Selectman Coates wants to update the Hazard Mitigation Program and integrate climate into it, then wants to prioritize items that the Town needs. Chair Davis will get back to Rita and William Sebastian once the Board works on getting a list of priorities. Chair Davis asked that a discussion of priorities be put on the next agenda.

### Public Hearing

Selectman Coates made a motion to open a public hearing at 7:02 pm with regards to A One Time Highway Payment in accordance with Senate Bill 401 for maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of Class IV and V highways. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Senate Bill 401:** The Town received payment from the State due to the approval of Senate Bill 401. The total amount is \$110,246.48 and is to be used for the maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of class IV and V roads. Corey recommends that \$55,000 of the grant pay for our engineer road assessment by HEB. The remainder can be used how the Board or Road Agent Farnsworth feels fit. Ron requested the remaining funds to be used to stockpile winter sand and be able to be used for equipment maintenance. Selectman Engel made a motion to accept the funds, and Selectman Coates seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Selectman Engel made a motion to close the public session at 7:13 pm, Selectman Boynton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

Corey received a request from the Daughters of the American Revolution for the Board to sign a proclamation to make September 17-23 Constitution week. The Board unanimously and respectfully declined the request. The Board felt the request is more on a federal level and not a town level.

At 7:16 pm Selectman Boynton made a motion to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (C) Selectman Engel seconded the motion. All in favor, Selectman Coates, Aye, Davis, Aye, Selectman Engel, Aye and Selectman Boynton, Aye.

At 7:31 pm Selectman Coates made a motion to come out of the non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (C). Selectman Boynton seconded the motion. All in favor, Chair Davis, Aye, Selectman Engel, Aye, Selectman Boynton, Aye, Selectman Coates, Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Minutes Recorder

Natasha Egger