

Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
August 8, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 pm in the Campton Town Hall Community Room, Monday, August 8, 2022. Chair Sharon Davis, Vice Chair Dan Boynton, Selectman Craig Engel, Selectman Nik Coates, and Selectman Mort Donahue were present. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport, Minutes Recorder Natasha Egger, and the Planning and Zoning Coordinator Jade Hartsgrove.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Town Attorney Shawn Tanguay met with the Select Board from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm for a legal consultation.

Selectmen's Work Session

Approval of the Minutes- Selectman Engel discussed the correction on the classification of roads in the minutes for July 25, 2022. Selectman Engel made a motion to approve the corrected minutes from July 25, 2022, and all other minutes as written. Selectman Boynton seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Update

-Planning & Zoning Coordinator Update Jade explained to the Board that when land comes out of or no longer qualifies for current use, the Town has 18 months to generate a tax on it. Once it comes to our attention, the information gets forwarded to CNP, the Town's assessing company. From there, the assessors come up with the value of the land that has come out of current use in order to determine the tax amount due, and then an A5W form is completed and forwarded to the Tax Collector. CNP failed to comply with the deadline on some of the LUCT forms. To date, the Town has lost revenue on about five properties due to this. Chair Davis asked Corey to write a letter to CNP and to copy DRA on this discovery. The Board wants to remind CNP that they have broken the contract, and therefore the Selectmen are requesting the lost revenue in return. The Town may cancel and withdraw from the General Assessing contract if they do not reply.

Voting in Volunteers for Boards or Town Services- Next on Jade's agenda was the procedure for appointing volunteers for any Town Boards or committees. Jade made note of the lack of information on a new applicant process. She had asked if, in the future, we could have a procedure in place to make sure they are a full-time resident in Campton. The Board advised Jade to reach out to the NHMA to see if the Board can ask if the volunteers are full-time residents. **Town Administrator.**

General Updates

Cash on Hand- Corey reported cash on hand was 3 ½ million

Staffing- Chief Foss still has two applicants, but there is no update on the hiring process. The Fire Department is still down one employee.

Primex (Insurance Company)- Primex had notified the Town that they have a program that the Town can opt into. Corey explained that it would be capping annual increases up to or at 9%. If the increase in costs is below 9% then the increase would be lower

Grants- Fire Chief, Dan Defosses was approved for grant monies to improve equipment only. This grant money is not approved for any building modifications. The Board explained they will hold a public meeting to discuss the disbursement of the grant funds when they are received. The approved funding is \$150,000, and each town included (Ellsworth, Thornton, and Campton) will receive \$50,000.

The Campton Village t Precinct Corey explained to the Board that the Village Precinct needs to vote upon the removal of any resident from the Precinct for it to legally be approved. The Board asked Corey to contact the Precinct Commissioners.

Tracking Report- The Board went over a few items and discussed future issues that they would like to work on soon. The items discussed were involving a list and policy for fire ponds and cisterns, Corey indicated he would discuss this with the Fire Chief. Corey informed the Board he would bring in an email that addressed number 12, regarding installing high restrictor bars at the entrances of Blair Bridge. Corey also updated the Board on the progress of cleaning up a town-owned property. The Board expressed that they would like to start crossing some projects off their list.

Correspondence & Other Items

FD Vehicle- The Fire Department vehicle, car 2 (the Tahoe) was taken to the shop for some issues. It was determined the frame is rotting and it shouldn't be used anymore. The vehicle is currently used for towing equipment when needed and is also used as the primary vehicle for training.

Mud Season- Corey received a request from a citizen who wants the Town to pay for a towing bill that happened during mud season. The Board confirmed that the Town does not pay for towing bills. Discussion ensued about signage and the liability during mud season.

Transfer Station Manager Update- Corey emailed Desiree, Thornton Assistant, about the Transfer Station Manager position and the TSM employment status. Thornton was working on the details of that as a hybrid position, which Mr. Magoon wanted to split the Transfer Station Manager position and the Code Enforcement position. Desiree said that they would get back to the Town when they have solidified all the details.

Department Head Proposed Budget Meeting Dates and Times- Selectman Coates recommended a backup date and time for certain winter storms as needed. Selectman Coates mentioned including a spot for public hearing dates and times as well. Chair Davis asked to present those changes in the next meeting.

Climate Change Charter- The Selectmen reviewed the revised charter and changes that were voted on and accepted by the Climate Action Committee. Selectman Boynton made a motion to accept the revised charter, Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and all were in favor, Selectman Boynton aye, Selectman Engel, Aye, Selectman Coates, Aye, Selectman Donahue Aye, and Chair Davis, Aye.

Future Plans for the Municipal Campus

Chair Davis asked Selectman Engel if this discussion could be moved to the next meeting. Selectman Engel agreed.

Committee Updates, Board Concerns, and Directives

Tax Collector Tax Deeding Report- the Board asked for a spreadsheet with more information on tax delinquent properties, Corey will work with Natasha to prepare a spreadsheet for the next meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

None

The Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Natasha Egger
Minutes Recorder