

Campton Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Minutes

November 28, 2022

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 pm Monday, November 28, 2022. Present were Chair Sharon Davis, Selectman Mort Donahue, Selectman Nik Coates and Selectman Craig Engel. Other members of the Town present were the Campton Library Trustee, Shelley Thompson, Thornton Transfer Station Manager, Jamin Levasseur, and Conservation Committee, Shannon Garnsey. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport and Minutes Recorder, Natasha Egger.

Call to Order: Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. The Board went into a Non-Public meeting in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (A). Selectman Engel Motioned and Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. The roll call vote was as follows, Selectman Engel, Aye, Selectman Coates, Aye, Selectman Donahue, Aye, and Chair Davis, Aye.

Selectman Coates motioned to come out of the non-public at 4:00 pm, and Selectman Engel seconded that motion. The roll call vote was as follows, Selectman Engel, Aye, Selectman Coates, Aye, Selectman Donahue, Aye, and Chair Davis, Aye.

Budget Work Session

Conservation Committee- Member Shannon Garnsey explained that the only change in the budget was under property management. They had asked for \$100 more this year due to the cost of everything going up. Shannon thanked the Board for all of their work regarding the purchase of the Miller Property. The Board did not have any questions for Shannon.

Campton Library- Shelley Thompson went over the budget and explained that the library is up by \$2,500.00. When the pandemic hit, they had a stockpile of supplies and didn't have to order any. But once the library opened up to the public, they had to re-stock supplies, and items are higher priced than pre-pandemic.

Thornton Transfer Station- New Manager Jamin Levasseur reviewed the budget to the best of his knowledge. Mr. Levasseur has been in the position for around a month. The budget was set up mostly before he was hired. He explained that one employee is retiring, so the cost of uniforms is down. Bulk debris, solid waste, and the cost-of-living increases have made everything go up. Casella's fuel rates have increased, so there will be an additional cost for dumpster pickup. Mr. Levasseur learned of this increase just a few days ago, so the cost of waste disposal needs to reflect that change. The total cost is up by \$40,000 this year. Jamin also explained that he sees many private contractors trying to dispose of large amounts of debris at the dump instead of renting their own dumpster. Jamin told the Board that the Transfer Station will be purchasing jersey barriers to prevent anyone from illegally dumping. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with all the towns on December 12, 2022. Jamin explained that the

Thornton Board just had a meeting with Pemi Baker Solid Waste to renew their contract for three years. Chair Davis asked Corey to request to be part of the mailing list so he can attend future meetings.

Consent Agenda

Public Minutes for November 7, and 14, 2022-The Board went over minutes for the dates of November 7, 2022, and November 14, 2022. Selectman Donahue motioned to approve the amended minutes, and Selectman Engel seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Intergovernmental Agreement for Prosecutor- This agreement has been updated with a new cost breakdown. It was determined that Lincoln has a more extensive caseload than they initially expected. Their portion was increased to match North Woodstock (a \$2,000 increase). The only other changes to the agreements were to update the dates for the next three years.

Selectmen Work Session

Town Administrator- Corey advised that the cash on hand is just above \$1M. Tax Bills are scheduled to go out around December 6, 2022, with a due date of January 6, 2023.

General Updates-The Town has recently received health insurance estimates based on the current plans we have. We are looking to move dental and eye insurance plans. The employees pay a percentage based on the plan they choose (7% or 15%). Lisa (Human Resources/Finance Officer) has mentioned that the Town has absorbed some of that increase in the past. Chair Davis recommended that everything could stay the same, with no need for the Town to cover the increased cost since the employees will receive an 8% Cost-of-living increase.

Correspondence- Corey went over health and dental insurance for next year. Anthem seems to be the best option again for 2023. In terms of dental, Corey presented the best price plan, and what would benefit employees the best would be Anthem Life instead of Ameritas. The Board will review and get back to Corey in the next meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

There was none

Committee Updates, Board Concerns, and Directives

Selectman Engel wanted to know if anyone reviewed the latest HEB Report from the last meeting. Several board members had indicated they had not had a chance to read through the whole report. Selectman Engel requested that Eric from HEB attend the upcoming meeting on December 19, 2022. Selectman Engel will send out a reminder email to the Selectmen that Eric from HEB will be at meeting to go over the HEB report.

Chair Davis asked Corey about adding a Professional Development training budget line under Executive Administration. Corey explained that the Executive Administration section has a training budget that is often underutilized. The line has around \$2,000 in it. He explained that about \$200 had been used so far this year. Chair Davis would like to rename that to Professional Development Training under Executive

Administration. Chair Davis advised Corey that hopefully the training budget will be utilized more in the future.

Capital Reserve Fees- Corey informed the Board that around \$8,000 was set aside to pay the fees associated with the capital reserve accounts. The old investment company would send a bill with the year-end fees to the Town. The money in this line would pay for the annual fees. The new company does not charge yearly fees; they are just taken right out of the accounts. Chair Davis indicated that the Board would like to investigate this further to make sure the monthly fees are not draining accounts. If it is determined that the structure that is currently in place is not detrimental to the long-term health of the accounts, the Board will look to reduce that line item.

Selectman Donahue motioned to go into a Non-Public meeting in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (E) at 4:47 pm. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor

Selectman Engel motioned to come out of the non-public meeting at 4:53 pm Selectman Donahue seconded the motion, and the Board voted all in favor.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natasha Egger
Minutes Recorder