

Campton Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 06, 2023

The Campton Board of Selectmen met at 3:30 pm Monday, February 06, 2023. Present were Chair Sharon Davis, Selectman Mort Donahue, and Selectman Craig Engel. Also present were Campton Town Administrator Corey Davenport and Minutes Recorder Natasha Egger.

Selectman Nik Coates was present on Zoom. Vice Chair Dan Boynton was unable to attend the meeting.

Members of the NH DOT present were David Scott, Project Manager/Bridge Designer, and Paul Lovely, Bridge Engineers.

Members of the public-Ron Goggans, Janet Lucas, Sherrill Howard, Gale Johnk, Karl Kelly Jr., Dan Defosses, Jade Hartsgrove, Jack Letvinchuk, Mary O'Brien, Ron Farnsworth, Ryan Erazo, Lisa Ash, Nancy Donahue, Jane Kellogg, and James Butler.

Chair Davis started the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Selectman Engel motioned to go into a non-public session at 3:30 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (b). Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. The roll call vote was as follows, Selectman Engel, Aye, Selectman Coates, Aye, Selectman Donahue, Aye, Chair Davis, Aye.

The Select Board came out of non-public session at 3:39 pm.Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed minutes from the following:

Public Minutes of January 24, 2023

Non-Public Minutes 1 of January 24, 2023

Non-Public Minutes 2 of January 24, 2023

Selectman Engel motioned to approve the consent agenda, and Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Planning & Zoning Coordinator Update

Timber: Planning and Zoning Coordinator Jade Hartsgrove came in to update the Board on research done on the Intent to Cut timber issue under RSA 79:1, II. The Board was concerned about some of the gravel roads and the warm weather that the Town has been seeing. Jade found that the Town can require a bond, but the bond requirement needs to be weight related. Meaning that all vehicles above the decided weight limit need to be bonded (dump trucks, garbage trucks, etc.) The only exempt vehicle to this rule is fuel delivery trucks, and they are considered a priority. Jade also mentioned that once an intent is received, the Board has only 15 days to sign it. Road Agent Ron Farnsworth explained that the limit on roads is a 6-ton limit. Selectman Coates mentioned that he would have to look into any

examples of other towns that have notified the landowners and loggers of such bonds and how those towns went about it.

Code Enforcement: Jade also wanted to update The Board on the Code Enforcement Officer Position. She recommends appointing Karl Kelly as the deputy with plans to take over for Bill Cheney when he decides to retire. Karl Kelly is well-known in the town and is very familiar with the zoning regulations. He would be training and shadowing Mr. Cheney through this process until Mr. Cheney's retirement. The Board felt that Karl Kelly is a good fit to fill that position when ready. Selectman Donahue made the motion to appoint Karl Kelly as the Deputy Code Enforcement Officer, seconded by Selectman Engel. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Snowplowing Subcontractor Discussion

Road Agent Farnsworth wanted to discuss the possibility of doing a small weekly pay stipend or a bonus for the snowplowing subcontractors. Ron explained that he has difficulty competing with other towns and keeping his subcontractors due to the insurance requirements. He had asked the Board to allow him to retroactively pay the subcontractors \$100.00 per week starting in January 2023. Ron explained that he does the funds in his budget to cover the weekly stipend. Selectman Coates said that Ron has to amend the contract with the contractors to state the amount and start date. The Board recommended not calling it a stipend. Corey said he would create the addendum and figure out the proper terminology.

Snowmobile Parking Issue: Ron had mentioned that the snowmobiles are parking on both sides of Gearty Way. It is making it dangerous for motor vehicles to pass and also tearing up the pavement. Chief Foss mentioned that they contacted the Snowmobile Club. Ron suggested to the Board that he would like to put up no parking signs to deter parking on both sides and allow the police to ticket vehicles if they disobey the signage. The Board unanimously agreed that more signs could help eliminate the ongoing issue. Ron said he would draft the sign language and have the signs made.

Recreation Department Town Meeting Hand Out

Parks and Rec department head Lisa Ash wanted to get some feedback and permission to do a handout for the upcoming town meeting. With some editing, the Board unanimously agreed that it was a good idea and that they felt that the public would better understand the need for a full-time Parks and Recreation Department Director. Lisa also mentioned that she got an invitation to apply for a grant that could be used in the years to come. She suggested that it would be an excellent opportunity for the new full time director. Chair Davis also mentioned different parcels of land the Conservation Commission owns as an option for the public and kids to do walk, hike, etc. Lisa thanked the Board for the information. Lisa asked for input on a timeline for hiring the full-time director that she was working on with Corey. Lisa mentioned three to four weeks to advertise for the director position. Her concern was that the summer programs would start soon, and the new director would not have enough time to get up to speed. The Board told Lisa that they would not do any more than three weeks and to bring them any qualified candidates for review. The Board explained that they would give Lisa the support she may need.

Town Administrator

CCDC Member Appointments: Corey presented two public members interested in joining the CCDC committee to the Board. Sherrill Howard & Mary O'Brien both submitted letters of interest to the Board. They both explained to the Board what they could bring to the committee and what their experiences could do to better the committee. Corey also mentioned that this allows him to step down from his position on the committee and focus on other items. Selectman Engel motioned to appoint Mary O'Brien and Sherrill Howard as members of the CCDC, and Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Time Management Training Update: Corey described the time management course that he had recently taken. He told the Board several techniques he wants to implement in the office. He said he would slowly start implementing them with the staff. Corey updated the Board on his progress on specific tasks and future plans to complete others.

Warrant Article Review

Selectmen voted on the warrant articles as follows:

Article 03. 4 aye, 0 nay	Article 12. 4 aye, 0 nay
Article 04. 4 aye, 0 nay	Article 13. 4 aye, 0 nay
Article 05. 4 aye, 0 nay	Article 14. 4 aye, 0 nay
Article 06. 4 aye, 0 nay	Article 15. 4 aye, 0 nay
Article 07. 4 aye, 0 nay	Article 16. 4 aye, 0 nay
Article 08. 4 aye, 0 nay	
Article 09. 4 aye, 0 nay	
Article 10. 4 aye, 0 nay	
Article 11. 4 aye, 0 nay	

Vice Chair Boynton was not present for voting on the articles. However, Corey will contact Vice Chair Boynton and add his voting to the tallies.

Public Session

DOT Bridge Repair: David Scott, DOT Bridge Designer/Project Manager, and Paul Lovely, DOT Bridge Engineer, were at the Select Board meeting to present a bridge repair project on one of Campton's bridges. This bridge is on Route 49, going over the Pemi River. They predict to start the bridge project design work in 2023, but they have many things to accomplish first. The presentation focused on their repair findings, timeline, and potential options for repair. Several other public hearings will be scheduled over the next few years to gather public input. They explained that a bridge is red-listed when a part of the bridge is rated between zero to four. Zero is rated as the worst and will trigger an immediate bridge closure. There are three different categories they consider when rating a bridge. The bridge over the Pemi had one category rated a 4, which means this bridge was put on the red-list. The State reiterated that it is safe to use, as DOT checks this bridge every six months for safety concerns. The bridge likely

can't be done in phases, and it won't be able to have one working lane for traffic. The DOT is looking at many factors: the surrounding power lines, local businesses that will be affected, the snowmobile season, the summer season, etc. The detour routes would be to the North, exit 29, and to the South, Exit 27. The Board informed the State that exit 29 does flood from time to time, so that could be an issue for an alternate route. The Board was concerned about traffic on Blair Bridge at exit 27 as an alternate route.

Here is the timeline that the DOT proposes:

Project Schedule

- **Select Preferred Alternatives and Develop Preliminary Plans – 2023-2026**
- **Present at Public Informational Meeting – Fall 2023**
- **Complete the NEPA process (National Environmental Policy Act) – 2026-2027**
- **Final Design – 2027-2028**
- **Advertising for Bid – January 2029**
- **Construction – 2030 Season**

Privilege of the Floor

There was none

Committee updates, Board Concerns, and Directives

Sally Port Update: Chief Foss reviewed with the Board the architectural design of the sally port. He explained that it would have a men's & women's locker rooms, more storage space, and secure holding cells without access to any offices. We also could park some vehicles in there as well. The Board was unanimously in favor of the sally port design. Chief Foss explained that the next step would be receiving an estimated cost of construction, and that he would be back when he had the cost estimate.

HEB Meeting: Selectman Engel reminded everyone about the work session meeting with HEB on February 15, 2023, at 6 pm. Jack Letvinchuk asked the Board if the Planning Board could be included in that meeting. The Board was in favor of having the Planning Board attend. Corey said he would talk to Jade to get the word to the Planning Board.

Selectman Donahue motioned to go into a second non-public session at 5:02 pm in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (L). Selectman Engel seconded that motion. The roll call vote was as follows, Selectman Engel, Aye, Selectman Coates, Aye, Selectman Donahue, Aye, Chair Davis, Aye.

The Select Board came out of non-public session at 5:27 pm. (L).

Selectman Donahue motioned to seal those minutes, and Selectman Engel seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor. The minutes were sealed at 5:28 pm.

Tasks Required:

- Meet with Lisa Ash to help her to set up for Town Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Natasha Egger

Minutes Recorder