

Campton Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 17, 2023

Board Attendees: Chair Sharon Davis, Selectman Craig Engel, Selectman Mort Donahue, Selectman Nik Coates, Selectman Dan Boynton, Corey Davenport, Town Administrator and Natasha Egger, Minutes Recorder.

On Zoom: no one was on Zoom

Public Attendees: Ron Farnsworth, Highway Department

Call to Order: Chair Davis opened the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Road Work Session

Building Walk-Through: The Board of Selectmen walked through the Durgin Building, Fire Department, Highway Department, and the Town Hall. The Selectmen discussed possible repairs, improvements, and future ideas. They will be compiling a list and meetings with the Department heads soon to discuss their findings. The Board resumed their meeting at 5:30 pm.

Road Work Discussion: Road Agent Ron Farnsworth reviewed the maintenance of our paved roads and which ones he felt could use crack sealing. The Board requested Ron receive a price to do all of the worthwhile roads in Campton. Ron also mentioned chip sealing which is a crushed rock and tar product that is essentially a top coat put over paved roads. This product is much cheaper but can be rough for the first year. Chip sealing adds up to ten years to the usage of paved roads. Selectman Coates suggested that it sounds like the right avenue to try on the paved roads. Ron explained that he would like to use calcium chloride on all dirt roads throughout town. Calcium chloride forms a hard layer on all dirt roads and is cheaper than gravel. Chair Davis felt that is worth the money and asked Ron to get pricing for the chip sealing for the next meeting. Selectman Boynton mentioned that educating the residents on these products and what they can do for the town roads would be beneficial. Selectman Coates wanted to work on a ten-year plan for road funding. He thinks it should be \$500,000 per year instead of \$250,000 per year since the price is always increasing. Selectman Coates motioned to allow Ron to apply calcium chloride to all dirt roads, and Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Equipment Summary: Ryan from the Highway Department sent the Board pictures and pricing on an excavator and a dump truck. The excavator rental for two months would cost \$18,200, and for a ten-wheeler truck, \$125.00 per hour, \$20,000 for one month. Chair Davis asked Ron to explain the difference between a ten-wheel and a six-wheel truck. Ron explained that the ten-wheel truck would haul much more than a six-wheel and save him time. Selectman Coates motioned to accept a rental for

two-month for an excavator and a rental for a ten-wheel truck for two months. Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Administrative Tasks

Consent Agenda: The Board reviewed manifests, signed permits & warrants. The Board reviewed the Charrette minutes from March 24, 2023, Public Selectmen Minutes and Non-Public Minutes from March 27, and Public Selectmen Minutes and Sealed Non-Public Minutes for April 3, 2023. Selectman Engel motioned to accept and Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Timber and Excavation Intent: - Corey explained that he was just informed of changes on any timber or excavation intents. He explained to the Board that any intents must be noticed to the public if they are signed in the office or approved during a Select Board meeting. Corey explained that going forward, he will include all intents in the consent agenda.

Quarterly Budget: Corey explained that the quarterly budget is looking good overall. There are no significant areas of concern. He explained that the Board should see more expenditures related to road work in the second quarter.

Software Update: Corey went over the update on the 365 G3 software from Lakes Region Computer. It would cost an additional \$9.50 per user per month, which came out to \$1,300 per year. Selectman Coates urged the use of this software. He explained that it protects against cyber-attacks which the Town's current software does not protect. He was concerned about a costly attack that the Town would not be prepared for if it did happen. Selectman Coates felt that all full-time employees should have individual accounts. The Board agreed to continue with the G3 implementation as it provided the best security possible.

Camera Installation: Corey brought up the camera installation at the Highway Department. He told the rest of the Board that Chair Davis had suggested considering using the Durgin Fund to pay for the cameras. Chair Davis indicated that the fund was designated for projects such as those. Selectman Boynton made a motion to pay for the camera system out of the Durgin Fund. Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Privilege of the Floor

none

Committee Updates, Board Concerns, and Directives

Jobber App: Corey explained to the Board that all the Town roads, paved and dirt are now on the Jobber App. There are two iPads ready to go for the Highway Department.

Selectman Donahue: He asked Corey if there were any updates on the non-working hydrants in the Village Precinct. Corey explained that some were leaking and some were due to vandalism. Chief DeFosses was talking to John Whitney. Corey will get an update for the next meeting.

Selectman Engel: He updated the Board on the CCDC Committee. He said that the new members bring good ideas to the committee. Craig feels that they are making good progress.

Chair Davis: She asked Corey about Mica Landscaping. She wondered if he had yet heard from them for spring clean-up. Corey explained that he has not, but will reach out to them.

To Do Tasks:

- Look into Mica Landscaping
- Get an update from Chief Defosses on hydrants at the Village Precinct.

Selectman Boynton motioned to go into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (C & B). Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. Roll Count was as follows: Dan Boynton, aye, Sharon Davis, aye, Craig Engel, aye, Mort Donahue, aye, and Nik Coates, aye.

Selectman Engels motioned to come out of the non-public session at 6:55 pm and selectman Donahue seconded that motion. Roll Count is as follows: Nik Coates, aye, Sharon Davis, aye, Dan Boynton, aye, Mort Donahue, aye, Craig Engel, aye.

The Board discussed appointing an additional member to the Recreation Commission. Selectman Boynton motioned to appoint Dave Hamnett, Principal of Campton Elementary School, to the Recreation Commission, and Selectman Donahue seconded that motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natasha Egger

Minutes Recorder