

Joint Meeting
Selectmen and Planning Board
Minutes
March 24, 2023

The Campton Board of Selectmen and Planning Board met at 10:00 am Friday, March 24, 2023. Selectman Dan Boynton, Selectman Mort Donahue, Vice-Chair Craig Engel and Selectman Nik Coates were present. Also present were Planning Board Chair Jack Letvinchuk, Vice-Chair Stuart Pitts, Alternates Jake Tuck, and Sherrill Howard. Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Coordinator, Jade Hartsgrove. Carol Lenahan, Rita Sebastian, and Donna Hiltz. Members from Plan NH, Brian Pratt, and Tiffany McNamara.

Call to Order: Selectman Coates called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Introductions

Selectman Coates started the meeting by having everyone do introductions. Tiffany is the Director from Plan NH, and Brian would be the Charette leader. Rita sits on the climate advisory committee. Carol is in the garden club. Donna is on the School Board. Stuart is the Vice-Chair for the Planning Board, Sherrill and Jake are both alternates, and Jack Letvinchuk is the Chair. Dan, Craig, Mort, and Nik are all Selectmen. Jade is the Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Coordinator.

Application Review, Process, Town History, Goals, ETC.

Application Review: Brian explained what a charrette is and the process. After the application is submitted, they meet with the Town on a smaller scale, such as this meeting, to determine the needs and goals of the Town. They also like to get a history of the town. After today, Tiffany will go back for formal approval. At the town meeting, the residents approved a \$10,000.00 warrant article for the charrette with the understanding that the Selectmen would be applying for a grant. If the grant does not go through or happen, the money would be there to fall back on.

Process: If the application is approved, the charrette is a two-day extensive brainstorming with 10-15 custom-picked professionals. Day one is information gathering with town leaders and stakeholders. Later that afternoon, there is a public listening session to hear from residents and community members. The team breaks for dinner and then meets back for another public listening session. This project relies on community engagement. There will be someone taking notes diligently. Day two will have additional members from the public, such as business owners, committees, and board members. At that time, people break into smaller functional work groups and develop some plans. After lunch, the group will wrap up the work to present to the community.

Town History: Selectman Coates shared some information about the Town with Brian and Tiffany. Selectman Coates explained that the Campton Village Precinct provides water to those in the precinct zone. The precinct is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks and streetlights; Selectman Boynton stated it might be a good time to take over the responsibility as it has been brought up in the past. Discussion ensued.

Goals and Focus Area: After a brief history of the Town, it was time to discuss the focus area and the overall goals for the charrette. The intersection of RT 49/175 is the focus area. After pulling it up on the map so everyone could see, several ideas were mentioned. Some would like to see from the Sunset Grill

all the way to the intersection at Dam be tied in together. The main corridor of RT 49 has several businesses, and then along 175, there are several. After a deep discussion, the scope sounds too large. After discussion, it was determined that there are two focal points; the intersection near the dam and then the connectivity of the corridor. A point was brought up that DOT will need to be a part of the planning process as they have the ROW through the corridor.

Expectations: Brian explained what the expectations are from the town. The town must provide lodging, snacks, drinks, and meals. Brian requested to have Jade send the site plans from the focus area. There will need to be some office staff present as the printer, GIS software, and other office equipment will need to be accessed. There should be advertising between all the Boards and Committees for the town. Newspaper, Facebook, and the town website. There was a discussion on sending postcards in the mail to inform the residents.

Tentative Date: A few times were discussed; ultimately, September 15th and 16th were picked. The dates are likely in November if the grant process takes a little longer.

Tour subject area: Several people attending the meeting met at the subject area. The group walked from the Dam to the Dole Mill and went inside for a visit. After the dole mill, the group returned to the dam and then to the Dam Brewhouse. Along the walk, more history was explained to Brian and Tiffany. After the walk, everyone met at the woodpecker building and went their separate ways.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jade Hartsgrrove
Planning, Zoning, and Assessing Coordinator