

Campton Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 1, 2023

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

Selectman Mort Donahue was absent from this meeting.

On Zoom: Selectman Nik Coates joined the meeting at 5:20 pm, and Jeff Twarog from R & D Paving joined the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Public Attendees: Ron Farnsworth, Highway Department, Sherrill Howard, Janet Lucas, Ian Halm, Deputy Fire Chief and Dan Defosses, Fire Chief.

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

A motion was made to go into a Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (A) at 4:30 pm by Selectman Engel. The motion was seconded by Selectman Boynton. The roll call vote was as follows: Selectman Boynton, aye, Selectman Engel, aye, and Selectman Davis, Aye.

The Board came out of the Non-Public meeting at 4:37 pm.

Road Work Session

Paved Road Bid Discussion: Corey and Ron presented to the Board the paving bids. Four companies offered their services with a two-year contract. First was Pike Industries coming in at \$436,978.00, Second was GMI Asphalt and Paving Specialists at \$341,678.00 (Does not include inflation rates), the third was R & D Paving coming in at \$347,159.85, and Bryant Paving came in at \$355,214 for two years. Selectman Boynton motioned to accept the company R & D Paving to do the paving work. Selectman Engel seconded that motion. The Select Board voted unanimously in favor.

Road/Highway Update: Ron went over updates on the rental equipment and 10-wheel truck contractor for the road ditching and gravel projects this summer. Corey explained that the highway department has been primarily working on Lower Beech. The excavator and the 10-wheeler truck are making good progress. Ron explained that he is doing roughly 800 feet a day. Ron went over how he and his crew were doing with the Jobber app. He said that it's slow learning. The app is not compatible with the type of work that the highway does but they are managing it. The Jobber app works off of Wi-Fi and most of the town does not have that. The highway crew is currently writing down what they do for work throughout the day, and at the end of the shift, they put aside 15-20 minutes to implement that information into the app. Selectman Boynton asked Corey for a login so that he can review the app. Ron also went over the culvert bid that is currently out still. Priority roads are King Road and Perch Pond

Road. King Road is first on the list. Corey went over the RFP for Gravel & Fabric. Corey spoke with Eric from HEB and Eric explained that it looks good. A few recommendations from the insurance company are to be taken into account. Selectman Boynton asked Corey to review the budget and implement what has been spent already and what is left to spend. Selectman Boynton asked Corey to bring that budget to the next meeting.

Administrative Tasks

The Board reviewed manifests, signed permits & warrants

Consent Agenda: The Board approved the public Selectmen Minutes as well as the Non-Public Minutes from April 17, 2023. Selectman Boynton motioned to accept both sets of minutes.. Selectman Engel seconded that motion. All were in favor.

Town Administrator Update: Corey wanted to notify the Board that the Town of Thornton plans on using their portion of the \$50,000.00 ARPA Fund toward a new cruiser for their town. Corey had recommended to Thornton that the additional grant funds could be used to offset the cost of the new fire truck.

Hydrant Update: Corey updated the Board on the unusable hydrants throughout town. Corey had talked to John Whitney from the Village Precinct and John indicated that four hydrants have already been fixed. John explained that the issue is getting the parts for the hydrants. He also explained to Corey that they have prioritized hydrants to spread out the coverage throughout the precinct

BRICK Grants: Corey mentioned that Bill and Rita Sebastian of the Climate Advisory Committee have found another grant named Brick Grant. That grant is about \$350,000.00 and the Town would only be responsible for one-third of the grant. Rita did explain that she does need the Emergency Management Plan to be updated and will need to start to work with different departments such as the Fire Department, EMD, Highway Department, and Police Department. The Board asked Corey to reach out to Rita and Bill to let them know that they are good to proceed and Corey will reach out to the different departments to update them on this.

Climate Advisory Committee: Corey advised the Board that he was not aware that member, Gale Johnk was still interested in continuing her service on the Climate Advisory Committee for 2023. He explained that he never heard back from Gale until after the Board had appointed members. Selectman Engel made a motion to appoint Gale Johnk as a voting member of the Climate Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Selectman Boynton. The Board voted unanimously in favor. Corey will reach out to Gail to notify her of this.

Fire Station Roof Leak: Corey mentioned that Chief Defosses found a water leak in the roof of the Fire Station. The Board questioned why it was leaking since it's only five years old and it is a metal roof. The Board recommended that Corey and Dan reach out to the company that put the roof on and hold them accountable. The Board also asked Corey to look into filing an insurance claim. .

Fire Truck Review: Chief Defosses presented his four picks for fire trucks to the Board. Each truck was broken down by pros and cons. Dan highlighted things that are a priority and what were not. Dan also went over items that the department needs to outfit the fire truck. The first truck was the E-One brand,

which did come with shelves already installed and the metal frame would be already red so no additional painting is needed. That price came in at the lowest of \$760,504.00. The second truck was the Smeal brand. This truck gave some of what is needed for the department. The cost was \$775,128.00. The third truck was the Alexis brand, coming in at \$791,930.00. The fourth truck was the 4 Guys brand, priced at \$798,943.00. The final truck was Pierce brand, but Dan is still waiting on pricing. Corey had suggested to the Board, to utilize the \$50,000.00 from the ARPA Funds to put toward the purchase of equipment to outfit the truck. Chief Defosses did explain that he is under a deadline of two weeks. Corey explained to the Board that he plans on setting up a Joint Meeting with Ellsworth and Thornton to discuss the decision on the fire truck. Chair Davis suggested doing a joint meeting next Monday, May 8, 2023, at 4:30 pm. The Board considered all the recommendations and concluded that the E-One Truck would be what they recommend to purchase. The Board also agreed to put the remaining \$50,000.00 of the ARPA funds to purchase the recommended equipment to outfit the fire truck. A final decision will be determined on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Building Tour Review: Corey presented to the Board the compiled and organized information on the walk-through of the municipality campus. Each building was broken down with priority vs recommendation. The Board will review this and bring up their questions or comments in the next meeting. The Board asked Natasha to put the walk-through of the municipality campus into an Excel format so that the Board can review it more easily. After the next meeting, then the Board will disperse the revised version to all the different department heads. Chair Davis had recommended that the fire department building be a priority for repairs and upkeep. Selectman Boynton had also recommended that each department have a monthly maintenance schedule or safety to-do list posted for their furnaces, boilers, floors, etc. By having a maintenance schedule it can be managed by all staff.

Public Session

Concerned Citizen Letter: Corey received a letter on Thursday, April 27, 2023, directing the Select Board's Attention to the state of the Blair Cemetery. The Board reviewed the letter, and unfortunately, the concerned citizen did reveal who they were. The Board advised Corey that this matter should be directed to the Sexton of the Cemetery. One of the comments was about the flags and how they look tired and haggard. The Board did agree that those should be replaced yearly. Corey will work with the Scout Master on the flags.

A motion was made to go into a Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (C) at 6:25 pm by Selectman Coates. The motion was seconded by Selectman Engel. The roll call vote was as follows: Selectman Engel, aye, Selectman Boynton, aye, Selectman Boynton, aye, Selectman Coates, aye and Chair Davis, aye.

The Board came out of the Non-Public session at 6:58 pm.

Selectman Boynton motioned to seal the minutes and Selectman Engel seconded that motion. The roll count vote was as follows: Selectman Engel, Aye, Selectman Boynton, Aye, Chair Davis, Aye, and Selectman Coates, Aye.

Selectman Boynton voted to take M/L 1/2/6/MH for violation of their tax agreement. The motion was seconded by Selectman Coates. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

To Do Tasks:

- Get Selectman Boynton a Log In for the Jobber App.
- Corey to bring in an updated budget for next week's meeting
- Joint meeting for Monday, May 8, 2023
- Selectmen to email Corey their recommendations from the Building Tour Review

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natasha Egger

Minutes Recorder