

CAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 5, 2024

Board Attendees: Sharon Davis, Craig Engel, Dan Boynton, Mort Donahue, Nik Coates

Selectman Coates joined the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Employees: Lisa Vincent, Jade Hartsgrove and Michelle McCaleb (recorder)

Public Attendees: Paula Woodward, Marilyn Woodward, Gail Johnk (on zoom) and Schlyer Jones (on zoom).

Call to Order: Chair Davis opened the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Administrative Tasks:

1. Consent Agenda

Selectman Donahue made a motion to approve January 29, 2024 Regular Public Meeting and Budget Hearing minutes and January 29, 2024 Non-public Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded Selectman Engel and unanimously approved.

Selectman Boynton made a motion to seal the non-public meeting minutes from January 8, 2024. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Administrative:

1. Updates

Chairperson Davis stated that she had received an email from Cindy Perkins from the assessment office of Commerford Nieder Perkins with regards to the revaluation completion schedule as follows: 2020-2023 data verification & callbacks, etc. by 08/02/2024; Sales Analysis by 09/06/24; Complete field reviews by 10/18/24 and Finalized values to Board of Selectmen by 11/01/24.

The Auditor's report will not be included in the 2024 Town Report as it is incomplete. Information from the Trustees of Trust Funds is still needed to make the report complete. A statement will be included in the Town Report such as, "The Auditor's report is incomplete at the time of publication."

Campton will not continue proceeding with the "Northern Borders" grant. Selectman Donahue made a motion to notify the grantor that Campton will not pursue the grant and authorized Chief Dan

Defosses to sign the notification. The motion was seconded by Selectman Engel and unanimously approved.

2. IT RFPs

Selectman Boynton reviewed each of the IT companies and brought up specific factors for consideration: Office 365 licenses included, on-site costs, and replacing hardware offered. He also went over the location and cost of each company. Selectman Boynton made a recommendation to continue receiving services from Lakes Region Computer Selectman Coates motioned to continue working with LRC and Selectman Donahue seconded. All were in favor.

3. Budget Discussion

Selectman Boynton proposed lowering the budget for the Health and Compliance Officer's salary and keeping track of requests (how many were done / not done vs. number of requests). Selectman Coates asked about the position and budget from previous years as a comparison. Selectman Boynton thinks combining the Health and Compliance officers positions is a good idea, however, he doesn't think the Board should jump to a \$44,000.00 salary without any data to back it up. There was a discussion between the Board members about salary and what makes sense for the position and budget. Selectman Boynton also wanted to reduce the Town Administrator's budget to \$100,000.00, but Selectman Coates did not agree. The Board agreed to reduce the budget for the Health and Compliance Officer from \$44,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Selectman Boynton motioned to approve the budget change and Selectman Engel seconded. All were in favor.

4. Review Annual Town Meeting Warrant Draft

Selectmen voted on the warrant articles as follows:

Article 2. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 3. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 4. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 5. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 6. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 7. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 8. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 9. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 10. 1 aye, 4 nay

Article 11. 0 aye, 5 nay

Article 12. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 13. 1 aye, 4 nay

Article 14. 0 aye, 5 nay

Article 15. 0 aye, 5 nay

Article 16. 5 aye, 0 nay

Article 17. 5 aye, 0 nay

The Board agreed it would be beneficial to switch Articles 11 and 12 as they appear in the warrant.

Public Session:

1. Privilege of the Floor

Nik Coates, as a resident of Campton and not acting as a member of the Board, said that he had been hearing rumors of encouragement of violence via social media. He exhorted those present to “tamp down” any such persuasion of violence. In addition, Mr. Coates wished to address the comments of “unethical behavior” made about Selectman Boynton during the last BOS meeting. Mr. Coates stated that Selectman Boynton had recused himself fully from any BOS discussion regarding telecommunication contracts. Selectman Engel commented that the BOS had also done the ethical thing by choosing Stratus and saving the Town thousands of dollars by doing so. Mr. Coates wished to remind the public that the many individuals who serve the town on committees do so to the best of their ability.

2. Committee Updates, Board Concerns, and Directives

Selectman Engel thanked Chairperson Davis, and town employees, for their hard work, especially during this time without a Town Administrator.

Chair Davis mentioned that the Deer Run Dam design came in and Jade told the Board that the designs are printed and in each of the board member’s mailboxes. The Board also decided that it was a good time to start mailing out reassignments.

Selectman Boynton stated that it was time to send out RFPs for road gravel.

Jade Hartsgrove reminded the Board that it was time to advertise committee vacancies/expiring terms so the Board would be in a position to make appointments at its organizational meeting after Town Meeting. The Board authorized advertising and mailings to existing committee members whose terms were expiring.

In public session, a motion was duly made at 4:48 p.m. to go into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3,II(a), (b), (c), and (e). The motion was seconded and a roll call taken: Boynton aye, Coates aye, Donahue aye, Engel aye, Chairperson Davis aye.

The Board came out of a non-public session at 6:45 p.m.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to seal the non-public minutes.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle McCaleb, Recorder