

CAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 15, 2024

Board Attendees: Dan Boynton, Karl Kelly, Craig Engel, Mort Donahue

Town Employees: Kate O'Connor, Michelle McCaleb (recorder)

Public Attendees: Ted Davis, Chris Whitcher, Steven Hines, Rita Sebastian, Bill Sebastian, Janet Lucas, Sherrill Howard, Timothy Scanlon, Jim Butler, Ron Goggans, Ron Farnsworth, Matt Abear, Jake Tuck, Kevin Foss, Cynthia Vascak

Zoom Attendees: Simon Thorsten, Jade Hartsgrove, Jane Kellogg, Carol Lenahan

Call to Order: Chair Boynton opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen presented Chief Kevin Foss with an appreciation award for the work he did as Interim Town Administrator.

Selectman Donahue made a motion to go into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 4:33 p.m. Selectman Engel seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye.

The Board came out of non-public at 4:55 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Selectman Kelly and seconded by Selectman Engel, the Board unanimously voted to seal the non-public minutes.

C.M. Whitcher

Chris Whitcher, Owner of C.M. Whitcher Rubbish Removal, LLC, requested a partial exemption during the winter months. He is looking for an agreement between his company and the Town of Campton to service residential and commercial accounts on posted roads. Ron Farnsworth stated that roads are normally posted on March 1. Due to weather circumstances, it was the last week of February this past year. The Board stated it will be discussed at the next Road Committee meeting. Chair Boynton asked about bonds, but it was responded that bonds are not a viable option.

Boy Scouts – Town Wide Yard Sale

Steven Hines spoke regarding a brief overview of the proposition and specifics for the yard sale. Selectman Engel asked if Campton, Thornton, and Waterville Valley would be included and Mr.

Hines clarified that it is only Campton and Thornton. Selectman Engel made a motion to approve the allowance of a Town-Wide Yard Sale to raise funds for Campton Elementary School during 2024. Selectman Donahue seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Community Power Contract Review

Bill Sebastian gave an overview and updated the Board regarding the process and experiences with other towns he has gone through this process with. He stated the Board will have to make a motion to authorize someone to sign the contract on behalf of the Board. This will essentially approve the contract to go with Community Power. It was decided that Mr. Sebastian will work with TA O'Connor to get everything ready for the next Board of Selectman meeting. Chair Boynton stated that the Board didn't have a lot of time to review the supporting documents, so they will review the documents in their own time in preparation.

Consent Agenda

Selectman Donahue made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Selectman Kelly seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

TA's Report

Chair Boynton overviewed the reports received from the Department Heads of Fire, Police, Highway, and Recreation. TA O'Connor stated she would like to eventually start posting the meeting packets online. Any personal information in these packets would be redacted from the public's view.

Correspondence and Other Items

Selectman Kelly summarized the latest CIP meeting. Chair Boynton gave a brief overview of the latest Roads Committee meeting and pointed out that the main focus was getting out gravel RFPs.

Cameras and Audio Discussion

J.S. Adams, the Town's current camera company, allows for more cameras and there are some blind spots both in the building and outside. Chair Boynton is in favor of filling those blind spots, especially since the company allows for it. Selectman Engel asked if the cameras include audio. TA O'Connor and Chair Boynton agree that audio on cameras holds a lot of liability for the Town so it is not doable.

Campus Design and Charrette Program Discussion

Selectman Engel was unaware this topic was on the agenda for the April 15th meeting, and therefore, was unprepared. It was decided that this discussion will be moved to the May 6th meeting.

Board/ Committee/ Commission Appointments

- a. Conservation Commission

Selectman Kelly made motion to appoint Jessica Halm for a 3 year term. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

b. Planning Board

Selectman Kelly made a motion to appoint Jack Letvinchuk, Tim Scanlon, Jake Tuck, and Sherrill Howard as full time members, and Ted Davis and Cynthia Vascak as alternates. No one seconded the motion. Selectman Engel made a motion to appoint Jake Tuck and Sherrill Howard for a 3 year term as full time members, Ted Davis and Tim Scanlon for a 2 year term as full time members, Stuart Pitts for a 1 year term as a full time member, and Cynthia Vascak as an alternate member. Selectman Donahue seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Kelly, nay. The motion passed. The Board chose to not reappoint Jack because he is also on the CIP Committee and they plan to make him a full time member of the Committee.

c. Zoning Board of Adjustment

Selectman Donahue made a motion to appoint Charles Wheeler and Lee Williams for a 3 year term as full time members, and Janet Lucas and Margaret Sweeney for a 2 year term as full time members. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

d. CIP Committee

Selectman Kelly made a motion to appoint Jack Letvinchuk and Bill Frye for a 3 year term as full time members, and Laura Chapman and David Plummer for a 2 year term as full time members. Selectman Engel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. There will be a Board of Selectmen Ex-Officio and a Planning Board Ex-Officio on the Committee as well.

e. Climate Advisory Commission

Selectman Engel made a motion to appoint Rita Monestersky-Sebastian and Sherrill Howard for a 3 year term as full time members, and Gale Johnk and Stephanie Osbourne for a 2 year term as full time members. Selectman Donahue seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Compliance/ Health Officer Job Description

TA O'Connor stated she will work on it and bring it to the Board for review in the next meeting.

Privilege of the Floor

Simon Thorsten asked through Zoom Chat for the Board to repeat the appointed Planning Board members. Tim Scanlon stated he was disappointed that the Board didn't allow for the public to contribute during the Board/ Committee/ Commission Appointments. He also stated that a member can serve on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board at the same time. Simon Thorsten, through Zoom Chat, asked if everyone sent in their letters by the deadline of April 8th, including Jack Letvinchuk. Chair Boynton responded not everyone did, but not someone that replaced Mr.

Letvinchuk. He continued to say that the Board has never held anyone to the deadline, it is more of a guideline, so they can have time to review the letters prior to the meeting.

Board Concerns, Committee Updates & Directives

Chair Boynton would like the “Committee Updates” removed from this section of the meeting, since it has been moved to the “Correspondence and Other Items” section. Selectman Donahue wanted to follow up on department walk-throughs and TA O’Connor stated that CIP is already doing those in the coming months. She suggested the Board merging their walk-throughs with CIP in an attempt to combine efforts. Chair Boynton wanted to confirm that they will be discussing priorities at the next meeting.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle McCaleb, Recorder