

## TOWN OF CAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 22, 2024

Board Attendees: Karl Kelly, Dan Boynton, Sharon Davis, Craig Engel

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

Public Attendees: Shawn Tanguay (Town's Council), Charles Wheeler, Hannah Joyce, Jane Kellogg, Barbara Mullen, Richard Osbourne, Stephanie Osbourne, Patrick Miller, Lisa Vincent, Linda Molinaro, Jade Hartsgrove, Ellen Broderick, Judith Shaffer, Mary O'Brien, Ron Goggans, Joe Heise, Susan Skinner, Mary Kovach- Heise, Kelly Weiser

Call to Order: Chair Boynton opened the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

#### **Public Hearing**

Selectman Davis made a motion to open the public hearing under RSA 31:5(b). The motion was seconded by Selectman Engel and it was unanimously approved. Shawn Tanguay gave a brief overview of the purpose of holding a Special Town Meeting and explained the technical defects. Attorney Tanguay explained that the only purpose of Special Town Meeting is to cure the defect that occurred when a specifically formatted budget to be posted to the DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) was missed.

Stephanie Osbourne asked what happens if the Warrant Article doesn't get passed and the defect is not cured. Attorney Tanguay responded that the Town would have to confer with the DRA and pursue action with the Superior Court to get the vote authorized. He stated that it is going to cost exponentially more money for the Town if the Town refuses to cure the defect and matters have to be taken to the Superior Court.

Mary O'Brien stated that as she understands it, the defect has been putting a hold on some of the budget items and asked the Board to explain that further. Chair Boynton explained that any adjustments made from COLA or employee raises cannot be paid out until the defect is cured.

Ron Goggans asked if the Warrant is subject to amendment by voters in any way and Attorney Tanguay answered no. Mr. Goggans also asked if voters will be able to petition for a Secret Ballot and Attorney Tanguay answered yes.

Susan Skinner asked if there is a set number of residents that need to attend for the vote to pass. Attorney Tanguay responded that there is no requirement on the amount of people to attend and the majority vote rules.

Ellen Broderick asked when the vote is happening and Attorney Tanguay responded that the vote is happening at Special Town Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>. She also asked about the delay at the Town Meeting in March, but Chair Boynton responded that he wants to keep questions pertaining to the Special Town Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Heise wanted to clarify that the actual vote is on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Board answered yes. The Special Town Meeting is taking place at the Campton Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Heise also asked if there is a ballot. Selectman Davis responded that there is no ballot, residents have to be present at Special Town Meeting to be able to vote on the Warrant.

Barbara Mullen asked where the Notice for Special Town Meeting is posted and TA O'Connor responded that it is posted on the Town's website, at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Bulletin Board in the Selectmen's Office, the Campton Elementary School, and a few other places around the Town. It was also emailed to residents subscribed to the Town's emailing list. Chair Boynton discussed the reasoning for choosing a time and place for Special Town Meeting.

Ellen Broderick asked if people can ask questions at Special Town Meeting and Chair Boynton responded that will be at the discretion of the Moderator, Paula Woodward, and he clarified that there is only one Warrant Article up for discussion.

Selectman Davis made a motion to close the public hearing at 4:43 p.m. Selectman Engel seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle McCaleb, Recorder