

CAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 20, 2024

Board Attendees: Dan Boynton, Sharon Davis (Zoom), Karl Kelly, Mort Donahue, Craig Engel

Town Employees: Kate O'Connor, Lisa Vincent, Kevin Foss, Michelle McCaleb (recorder)

Public Attendees: Ron Goggans, Bobby Leroux

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

Selectman Engel made a motion to go into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 4:31 p.m. Selectman Donahue seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye.

The Board came out of non-public at 4:52 p.m.

Motion made by Selectman Engel and seconded by Selectman Kelly.

Roll call vote: Selectmen Davis, aye; Selectmen Donahue, aye; Selectmen Engel, aye; Selectmen Kelly, aye; Selectmen Boynton, aye.

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NONE

TA and Department Heads Reports

TA O'Connor went over HB-1069, a new Right-To-Know Law that is set to pass, which means "citizens" would be inclusive of everyone around the world, not limited to the State. Furthermore, towns would not be able to require someone to come in person and documents could also be sent electronically. The Board authorized TA O'Connor to file a letter with Senator Lang opposing HB-1069.

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid is asking Selectboards for their help in signing a document asking the State of New Hampshire to keep their office in its current location. The Board signed the letter supporting Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid.

TA O'Connor updated the Board of Selectmen on hiring another laborer for the Highway Department. She is recommending that the Board authorizes the Highway Department to hire two (2) laborers instead of one (1). TA O'Connor stated there is an employee going on medical leave for 3-4 weeks and employees should be able to use their vacation time. Without enough help, there's

not enough people to cover and get the work done. There are also many projects that needs to be completed and hiring more help would be effective in getting more work done faster. TA O'Connor points out that there is enough money in the budget for hiring two (2) employees. However, there is currently only one (1) opening, which is why TA O'Connor is seeking the Board's approval. Discussion took place regarding the benefits and concerns about hiring a second Highway Laborer. Selectman Davis expressed her opinion that the Highway Department has been short-staffed for quite awhile and employees have been unable to use their accrued vacation time.

Selectman Davis made a motion to support TA O'Connor's proposal in hiring two (2) highway laborers. Selectman Donahue seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye.

The Board discussed a comment in TA O'Connor's report stating NHMA suggests Board members switch seats at every meeting. Selectman Davis commented on her appreciation for Kelsey Bouchard's (Recreation Director) hard work and dedication she put into her monthly update to the Board.

Board Topics and Committee Updates

TA O'Connor gave a brief overview on a statement being released by the Board. See attachment A.

After a discussion regarding an amendment, Selectman Engel made a motion to approve the statement as amended. Selectman Donahue seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye.

Selectman Engel stated that the Planning Board is starting to prepare for the Master Plan. Selectman Kelly updated the Board on the CIP walkthrough of the Highway Department.

Consent Agenda

Selectman Engel made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Selectman Donahue seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye.

Ambrose Roads RFP

Selectman Donahue made a motion to approve using Ambrose Bros Inc. for the Campton Road Reconstruction RFP. Selectman Engel seconded the motion.

TA O'Connor stated that Ambrose Bros will also be doing Ryder Road. Chair Boynton would like the Road spreadsheet updated before the next Road Committee meeting.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye.

Police Department Cruiser

Selectman Donahue made a motion to approve supporting the purchase of a new (to us) police cruiser. Selectman Engel seconded the motion.

Police Chief Kevin Foss gave a brief presentation on his plan and the reasoning behind his request.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye.

Committees

Selectman Kelly made a motion to appoint Laura Chapman as an Alternate for 1 year on the Planning Board. Selectman Engel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye.

Chair Boynton resigned from the Roads Committee, so there will not be an issue of a Board of Selectmen quorum any longer.

TA O'Connor recommended combining the CIP and Roads Committees, combining the Charette Program and the Lights and Sidewalks Committee and adding Campus Design to one of those two groups. There was a discussion regarding the different ways to combine the committees. Chair Boynton proposed leaving the Roads Committee separate, as well as the CIP Committee, and combining the Charette Program, Lights and Sidewalks Committee and Campus Design to make the LSCCD Committee.

Selectman Davis made a motion to combine the Lights and Sidewalks Committee, Charette Program and Campus Design. Selectman Donahue seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, aye; Selectman Kelly, aye.

The Board decided to wait to set the number of members on the LSCCD Committee.

Community Power

Selectman Donahue made a motion to approve that the Campton Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the Town Administrator to enter into the Cost Sharing Agreement and Member Services Contract for the Complete Service Bundle with the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH) with Bill Sebastian as the Authorized Officer and with elections in Exhibit C Article VIII Section 2 of the Agreement being a) " No ", b) " No" and c) " No"; and BE IT FURTHER MOVED, that the Campton Board of Selectmen hereby approves CPCNH's Data Security and Privacy, Energy Portfolio Risk Management, Rates, and Financial Reserves Policies.

Selectman Engel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Engel, aye; Selectman Donahue, aye; Selectman Boynton, aye; Selectman Davis, abstained; Selectman Kelly, aye.

Town Meeting Date Change

TA O'Connor read a statement from Shawn Tanguay, the town's attorney. TA O'Connor summarized that the decision is up to the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Engel expressed his opinion regarding the subject. The Board agreed to put out a survey to the public requesting their feedback.

Selectman Davis also thinks it would be a good idea to make sure the school doesn't have any events scheduled for the second Saturday in March.

Audit Review

TA O'Connor and Lisa Vincent, Finance Coordinator, reviewed the annual audit report. TA O'Connor pointed out a difficulty with the MS-9 and MS-10 forms and noted a couple of changes that were made to the forms, in terms of presentation. TA O'Connor also stated the town doesn't have municipal software and expressed a need for it.

Cemetery Trustees

TA O'Connor reviewed the process given to her by Attorney Tanguay. Chair Boynton asked if the Sexton of the Cemetery has the ability to subcontract work and TA O'Connor will look into it.

NHMA Volunteer Manual

TA O'Connor received the NHMA Volunteer Manual at a recent conference, which can be a great resource for those volunteering on committees. The manual will be sent to committee members to be used as a guideline and resource for them, and also posted on the town's website.

Privilege of the Floor

NONE

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle McCaleb, Recorder

ATTACHMENT A:

In March of 2024, an email was sent out to the community from a then current Board member that represented their opinions and viewpoints. This correspondence was sent out as an individual, unfortunately the then member did sign off noting their Board member status. It is the position of the Board of Selectmen that no single Board member can represent the entire Board when posting statements publicly whether in print form or online, and as such, the Board of Selectmen did not condone or approve the information disseminated out to the community. The Board does honor everyone's first amendment rights of free speech, including when they are campaigning for a position on the Select Board. In the future any public statements made by a single Board member will note in the statement that they are doing so as an individual and not as a board member.