

Town of Canterbury
Selectmen's Meeting
March 14, 2022

Selectmen Present: Cheryl Gordon
Robert Steenson
Kent Ruesswick

Town Administrator: Ken Folsom

The meeting was called to order at 4:57 PM.

Administrative

Cheryl made a motion to nominate Bob Steenson as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Kent seconded the motion. Bob accepted the nomination.

The Board signed appointment slips for various boards and committees.

Minutes

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the March 7, 2022, Selectmen's meeting. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

New Business

Ken had received a letter from the Tax Collector Sam Papps regarding property tax payments on 112 West Road, stating that the payments made were applied to a more recent tax bill, leaving the 2017 taxes qualified to be included in the deeding process. Sam has sent several notices and has not received any response. Sam is asking the Selectmen to approve adding this property to the deeding list. The Board agreed that Sam should go forward and include this property.

Ken updated the Selectmen on the migration of the town email and web address from .org to .gov.

Appointments

Resident Nate Bragdon attended the meeting to discuss the mask mandate. Nate expressed his concerns about masks being required in town buildings and asked that the requirement of masks in all town buildings be dropped immediately. Nate discussed alternate ways, such as portable air filtration stations. Bob explained that the Selectmen plan on re-visiting the mask mandate at the end of the month, but, until then, the mandate will stay in place. Cheryl asked Nate to forward the information on the air filtrations station.

Nate also wanted to discuss the broadband situation. He explained that there was another satellite company that the Selectmen could check into. The company is Starlink; the initial cost to purchase the dish is \$500 with a monthly fee of \$99. He suggested that the Town consider purchasing one for research and try out at several different areas of town to determine the adequacy of the satellite signal and use this as an option for hard wired Broadband. Bob

explained that they are waiting to see how the State will be distributing the ARPA funds before any decisions will be made, but it's highly doubtful that town funds could be spent on private purposes.

The Board thanked Nate for attending.

Property owner Walter Komisarik wanted to discuss the denial of a Class VI Road Waiver he had submitted for Mountain Road.

Mr. Komisarik explained that he would be willing to take out some of the pitch from the road and put in a turnaround if needed. He also said he would build 200 feet up the road if the setbacks could be met. He is willing to upgrade any portion of Mountain Road and or Harmony Lane. Bob explained that Mountain Road is not a town road; it's a right-of-way off of a private road, and extending the road to further development would not be in the town's best interest. The Selectmen feel that that property is unsuitable for development and stand by their decision.

The Board thanked Mr. Komisarik for attending the meeting.

Resident Carolyn Peterson-Henry attended to discuss the warrant article that passed at the town meeting that charged the Selectmen to set up a committee and initiate a review of the feasibility and suitability for the Town to explore withdrawing from Shaker Regional School District. Carolyn and the Selectmen reviewed the outlines of how the committee would be formed and the procedure to go forward; the committee must include Selectmen from Canterbury and Belmont and school board members of each town. Carolyn said she would like to meet every few weeks to keep the committee up to speed.

Bob explained that the Selectmen would reach out to the Belmont Selectmen and School Board Members.

The Board thanked Carolyn for attending.

The Selectmen discussed filing an appeal to the Zoning Board about their decision of a recent ZBA hearing. Cheryl suggested that Town Counsel review the process. Bob stated that he would contact Bart Mayer of Upton & Hatfield. Ken explained that he had already forwarded some of the information to Bart.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on April 4, 2022, at 5:00 at the Meetinghouse.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Cheryl seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stout
Administrative Assistant